

# CANINE Adoption Information, Procedures and Application Form

## THE LUCKY LUCY FOUNDATION

*Don't Confiscate and Euthanize, Educate and Sterilize!*

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**Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescue furkid instead of buying from a backyard breeder. Adopting a puppy or adult from a shelter is a responsible choice, changing the life of that furkid as well as the one that fill his/her place again at the shelter! Please take the time to read the information provided below before making the commitment of adopting a furkid.**

**Please do understand, adopting a dog is for life. It's a 10-15 + year commitment, not a few days, weeks or months. Make sure you are ready for this commitment.**

**A furkid is FOR LIFE!**

### 1. Things to know before adopting

#### 1.1 Do you have the time to love and care for an animal?

This includes play, training and simply spending time with him/her. Dogs are social animals and do not do well for long periods alone. They can develop behavioral problems if neglected or not trained. Rescued dogs may or may not have had basic training thus they must be afforded the time and understanding with special help to help with issues like separation anxiety or previous abuse.

#### 1.2 Can you afford a dog?

It's not just the cost of adoption and food to consider, there are vet fees, medication, flea treatments, emergency vet care etc. There are no guarantees what other type of long term care may be needed i.e. diabetes, cancer or other conditions.

#### 1.3 Are you able to properly home a dog?

Individuals in rental accommodations should verify if their landlords accept pets and ensure they have written permission to own a pet in the home. Consideration should be made before adopting a rescue dog/cat to where it will be allowed in your home and whether there is proper space inside with the family.

### 2. Additional information on adopting a furkid

#### 2.1 Puppies

- 2.1.1 Puppies can't be adopted if they will be left alone at home with no form of human companionship or that of another animal or for more than 4 hours a day. Puppies up to 6 months need to be fed 3 times a day.
- 2.1.2 If you have a pool it has to be enclosed, covered or fenced in to ensure the puppy doesn't fall in and drown, when puppy is around the pool there must be supervision
- 2.1.3 Puppies have to go to puppy classes as well as socialization classes, obedience training etc. Doing this they may never develop behavioral problems or aggression toward other dogs, people and children.
- 2.1.4 All All puppies that are adopted under the age of 6 months must be returned on their due date when 6 months old to be sterilized. Should you choose to have this done by your private vet, proof of sterilization must be send to [adoption@luckylucy.org](mailto:adoption@luckylucy.org).
- 2.1.5 You must ensure that their vaccinations, de-worming and flea treatments are kept up to date.

#### 2.2 Adult Dogs

- 2.2.1 Dogs cannot be adopted as guard dogs. Our rescue dogs are made for families filled with love and affection not cold nights alone barking profusely at strangers to protect your property.
- 2.2.2 Generally we prefer all dogs to become a part of the family and be seen as a family member and thus we can't see some of our dogs being outside dogs. We do have dogs who independently choose to sleep outside and this is fine but if the dog(s) you choose will sleep outside it has to be in a covered, warm kennel, but they must be allowed inside to bond and be a part of their new family. On thunder storm evenings and when firecrackers are shot or it's extremely cold outside we prefer them to be inside with you.
- 2.2.3 Adopt only if you can cater for that dog's specific needs i.e. very energetic and needs to be exercised, walked and run every day, dogs with physical disabilities, health problem etc.

### 3. Adoption Terms and Conditions

- 3.1 In order to be considered for an adoption, you must:
  - ✓ Be at least 18 years of age.
  - ✓ Have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in your household.
  - ✓ Have the landlord's consent to bring an animal onto the property.
- 3.2 Puppy or adult has to be given a 14 days chance to settle and get to know their new family, their new boundaries, new home and environment and new ways. They will be unsettled and consider their Haven their home so when moved they are unsure, become stressed and need reassuring thus a 14 days chance will give them the time to adapt.
- 3.3 We don't allow dogs or pups to be adopted to homes with unsterilized pets. It contradicts to our belief of the importance of sterilization, not only from a breeding perspective but also for all the health benefits of having your pets sterilized.

- 3.4 **When the animal is no longer wanted they have to be returned to us**, as you are their adoptive family but they still belong to THE LUCKY LUCY FOUNDATION and therefore cannot be handed down to family members or friends, or sold, or given away to other organizations including SPCA or just any person.
- 3.5 All our animals do not get adopted on a "whoever chooses the pet first will get it" but it is rather the best home for that animal that will be chosen.
- 3.6 Animals can't be adopted as gifts for others. Children are only allowed pets as long as their parents remain responsible until the child is old enough.
- 3.7 Should the furkid die, notify us on [adoption@luckylucy.org](mailto:adoption@luckylucy.org)
- 3.8 We reserve the right at any time during the adoption process to decline an application, without explanation.
- 3.9 The Lucky Lucy Foundation permission may do follow-up home checks for the lifetime of the adopted animal. The Lucky Lucy Foundation is also granted permission to remove the adopted dog from your premises if we determine that the animal is not receiving appropriate care or if you have violated this agreement. Such entry onto your property shall not constitute trespass upon the premises occupied.

#### 4. Adoption Procedure

- 4.1 If you have thought about it and are ready to adopt, you need to decide which of our rescues you would like to adopt. Pictures of our furkids up for adoption are on [www.luckylucy.org](http://www.luckylucy.org) or our Facebook page. Additional pictures can be sent upon your request.
- 4.2 Choose and/or meet your future fur'end. You may visit us during our OPEN hours: Saturdays 09h00 – 14h00 and Sundays 09h00-12h00. If you would like to make an appointment for an adoption visit, please email [adoption@luckylucy.org](mailto:adoption@luckylucy.org) so that we can arrange for somebody to be available and attend to your visit at the farm. For appointments during the week please phone our Farm Manager on 072 779 7424 after you have e-mailed us on [adoption@luckylucy.org](mailto:adoption@luckylucy.org)
- 4.3 Once you have made your choice, we will only consider your home for adoption after we receive an application. For this reason we ask you to fill in the Canine Adoption Application Form (below in this same document), initial each page, sign on the last page and email it to [adoption@luckylucy.org](mailto:adoption@luckylucy.org).
- 4.4 Once the Adoption Application Form is approved, a site visit is then organized, as we want to ensure that the future home is set up for the same energy levels or medical needs that your future pet may or may not have (i.e. a dog that can't climb stairs, dog that jumps walls, open pool etc.) and that in general your home will be the best fit for your future companion.
- 4.5 Once the site visit is approved, and all are happy with the information provided, an appointment is arranged for you to collect your fur'end.

**Although it sounds like a lot of steps, the adoption process generally won't take anything longer than 5-7 days. Please understand that these steps are important in ensuring that we are finding the proper home for the pet to be, FURever!**

#### 5. Adoption Costs

**All our adoption fees are not for profit but rather to recover some of the vet, care and rescuing costs.**

##### 5.1 **Adult Dogs (>6months) Male/Female - Adoption fee is R700 and includes:**

- Up to date vaccinations when leaving the shelter
- Up to date deworming when leaving the shelter
- Sterilization
- Microchip

##### 5.2 **Puppies (<6months) Male/Female - Adoption fee is R700 and includes:**

- First two vaccinations. Should the pup leave our shelter before the second vaccination is due, you may bring the pup back for the second vaccination (included in the adoption fee) or you may opt to have this done at your private veterinary at YOUR OWN cost. Please inform us on [adoption@luckylucy.org](mailto:adoption@luckylucy.org) should you choose to do so.
- Up to date deworming when leaving the shelter
- Sterilization at 6 months of age. Make arrangements with us to have him/her sterilized at a vet clinic that we chose with no added costs to you. Should you opt to make use of your private veterinary that will be for YOUR OWN cost. Please inform us on [adoption@luckylucy.org](mailto:adoption@luckylucy.org) should you choose to do so and please provide proof of sterilization.
- Microchip

**All following treatments then become your responsibility and are at your own cost.**

**If you wish to adopt after the above read through, please fill in the Adoption Application Form below.**

**Thank you** for your interest in adopting a rescue furkid instead of buying from a backyard breeder.

Please read and fill in the form below, **initial ALL pages** and **sign the last page**.

Once completed, return the document to [adoption@luckylucy.org](mailto:adoption@luckylucy.org) or fax to 086 560 6775



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**SMS LUCY to 48899 to donate R10** 

Cost is R10 to subscribers. Network and admin fees apply.



# Canine Adoption Application Form

I am delighted that you want to take me home! But first, the people here would like to know more about you and the kind of life we'll have together. The questions on this application are not a test. They'll simply help The Lucky Lucy Foundation make sure you'll take care of me.

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of furkid(s) you want to adopt \_\_\_\_\_  
Why are you looking to adopt and why have you chosen this furkid? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Section 1 - Getting to Know You

*I want to know all about you. Tell me more about yourself.*

Full name and surname \_\_\_\_\_  
ID number \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

References: (Please provide references of 2 people who have known you for a while. They should not stay at the same address as the adopter.)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2 - Tell Me More About My New Family and Home

*I'd like to get to know all about the members of my new family and my new home.*

1. Where do you live?  house  apartment  complex  Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you?  own  rent
3. If renting, provide details. E-mail or letter from landlord required to confirm that pets are allowed.  
Landlords name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long have you lived at this residence? \_\_\_\_\_
5. With whom do you live?  Spouse/Partner  Kids under 5 years  Alone  Parents  Other
6. How many children? \_\_\_\_\_ What are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many adults (over 18)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you planning to immigrate or move soon and what will happen to your pets when you immigrate?  yes  no
9. What will happen to your pets when you immigrate?  Surrender  Put to sleep  Take with  Rehome them
10. If you are in a relationship/married, what would happen to your animals if you decide to split up or get a divorce?  
 Surrender  Put to sleep  Rehome  I will take them  My partner will take them
11. Is the yard fenced or walled in?  Fully  Partially  Will be fenced soon
12. Type of fencing and height? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Yard size? \_\_\_\_\_ m<sup>2</sup>
14. Is your home?  Suburban  Rural  Urban  Agricultural

## Section 3 - Tell Me More About Your Vets

1. Who will be my vet? Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Practice Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Previous Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Practice Name \_\_\_\_\_

Initials:

## Section 4 - Tell Me More About The Furry Members of My New Family

I'd like to get to know all about my new fur'iends and the ones before them.

- Do you currently have other pets?  yes  no
- If yes, please provide information about all the animals alive and currently living in your household.

	Pet #1	Pet #2	Pet #3	Pet #4	Pet #5
Name					
Type. E.g. Dog					
Age					
Breed					
Sterilized					
Vaccinated/Dewormed					
Additional info					

- Please give us information about your pets that you no longer have (deceased or otherwise).

	Pet #1	Pet #2	Pet #3
Name			
Type. E.G. Dog			
What happened to the furkid? If deceased, how?			

## Section 5 - My Role in the Family and My Future

I have some basic requirements that you may not have thought about yet. The purpose of this section is not to test you, but get you thinking about your responsibilities as a guardian. After you complete this section you might have some questions about caring for me. An adoption officer will be happy to answer them for you.

- Who will be the main caregiver? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you familiar with local by-laws?  yes  no
- Where will the dog live?  Living inside  Living outside  Both
- Where will the dog sleep?  Inside  Outside
- Typically how long will the furkid be left alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_
- How will you exercise the animal?  Leash walk daily  Free to run in fenced yard  Off leash walks
- What type of food (include brand name) will you feed this pet? \_\_\_\_\_
- Caring for dogs is expensive. Costs include but are not limited to medical expenses, training, boarding, food etc. Are you financially able to spend this kind of money on this dog?  yes  no  maybe  sometimes
- Dogs can live 15 years or longer. Can you commit that long?  yes  no
- Is any household member allergic to animals?  yes  no  
If yes, how will you deal with reactions to this pet? \_\_\_\_\_
- What will you do with the dog/puppy if you have a baby?  Keep furkid(s)  Rehome  Surrender  Put to sleep
- What will you do with the dog/puppy if you have to move?  Keep furkid(s)  Rehome  Surrender  Put to sleep
- How would you discipline your dog?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What would you do if your dog ruins something valuable?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Would you provide the animal with a 14 days chance to settle in? (notified us if you need help)  yes  no
- Will you be taking your furkid for training?  yes  no
- Are you willing to house train your dog/puppy if not already trained?  yes  no
- How would you train your furkid(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- List types of behaviour problems you consider not acceptable (meaning you wouldn't be willing to work on or keep the dog)?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What circumstances do you justify getting rid of your animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- At what point would you consider euthanasia? (put to sleep) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Additional information you would like to provide about yourself, your family and/or the animal you would like to adopt.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## The Lucky Lucy Foundation Canine Adoption Agreement Contract

1	By checking yes, I agree that I have read, understand and will adhere to everything noted in the first two pages.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
2	By checking yes, I agree that I understand the importance of sterilization and that he/she will must be sterilized at 6 months of age (for a puppy) as well as well as my other pets if they are not already.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
3	By checking yes, I agree that the animal will not be used in any illegal activities.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
4	By checking yes, I agree that the dog will be kept as a house pet and part of my family.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
5	By checking yes, I agree that if I ever need to relinquish the animal during its life, I will contact Lucky Lucy Foundation for the surrender, as the animal cannot be sold, given away or handed down to another individual or organization.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
6	By checking yes, I acknowledge that the adoption fee will not be refunded should the animal be returned to the care of Lucky Lucy.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
7	By checking yes, I acknowledge that the animal will be given a fair chance to settle in during a 14 day period.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
8	By checking yes, I agree that I will be responsible for ALL medical expenses. This includes emergencies, routine procedures, annual check-ups, vaccinations and ALL other medical expenses that might be occurred upon signing this document.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
9	By checking yes, I agree that I will keep the vaccinations and deworming of my companion animals always up to date.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
10	By checking yes, I agree to inform the Lucky Lucy Foundation of any change of contact details including physical address.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
11	By checking yes, I agree to allow the Lucky Lucy Foundation permission to do follow-up home checks for the lifetime of the adopted animal.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
12	By checking yes to all the above I am entering not only into an application but a legally binding contract if approved for adoption.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
13	By checking yes, I agree to allow the Lucky Lucy Foundation to use the photo taken with me (us) and our adopted furkid in their media	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
14	By checking yes, I agree to receive the Lucky Lucy newsletter. I can unsubscribe at any point in time should I wish to.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
15	By checking yes, I agree to care for this animal in a humane and responsible manner and to provide clean water, appropriate shelter, food, water, exercise, companionship, emotionally stimulation and veterinary care.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
16	By checking yes, I understand that The Lucky Lucy Foundation takes every precaution to assure the health of its adoptable animals, but can make no guarantee of any kind regarding the health and/or temperament of the animal I have adopted.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
17	By signing this document I am entering not only into an application but a legally binding contract if approved for adoption.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
 hereby, confirm that I understand the above said and the  
 information provided is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE

Please return the ENTIRE document via e-mail to  
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*Thank You*

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