



Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescue from Survivor Tails Animal Rescue! We are committed to matching the animal to the right family. Because of this, our adoption process includes an adoption application, phone interview, vet and personal references, home visit, adoption fee, and adoption contract. Our adoption fees for dogs are \$500. Cats are \$200, or \$300 if you are adopting two cats. We reserve the right to deny any application for any reason if we feel the adoption is not in the best interest of the animal. You must be 21 years of age and living within New England. We can only adopt in the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Please complete this application fully, as incomplete applications may not be considered. Please allow up to one week for processing. If you have any questions, please feel free to call (617) 383-PETS or email [adoptions@survivortails.org](mailto:adoptions@survivortails.org) Thank you for helping us create another survivor tale!

### ***Applicant info:***

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

When is the best time to reach you?: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***General Questions:***

*(Answering the following questions helps us better understand what you are looking for in an animal so we can appropriately match you)*

How did you hear about Survivor Tails?: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you choosing to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think you would make a good parent to a rescue pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you looking to adopt a dog or cat? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your top three animals you are considering for adoption in order of preference; most desired first. *(Our animals often get multiple applications and your application/preference order doesn't guarantee you will be able to adopt the animal you're applying for)* \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently applying for other dogs/cats to adopt that are not in the Survivor Tails rescue program?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred energy level? (Low, Medium, High): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred size? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider a special needs animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider taking a bonded pair that have been together their whole lives?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pet ownership could be a 15–20 year commitment. Are you ready to make that commitment?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is this animal a gift for someone? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the animal primarily for? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will have the responsibility of walks, exercise, training, cleaning the litter box, etc?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How will you exercise your dog/cat? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog/cat be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog/cat be kept while your not at home? \_\_\_\_\_

If crating, how long will dog be crated? \_\_\_\_\_

If longer than 6 hours, do you plan on having a dog walker come in? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog be allowed inside the house? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, does the dog have the run of the house or blocked off from certain areas? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Will the dog be kept outside? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog be tied up or put on a runner outside? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog have freedom of the entire backyard? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog have the freedom to run outside of a fenced-in yard? \_\_\_\_\_

In order to bond with your new dog and set the rules of the house, we strongly suggest signing up for dog obedience classes. Will you be willing to go to training classes?  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have to move, what will you do with your pets? \_\_\_\_\_

For what reasons would you justify surrendering your pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dog/cat habits I won't tolerate: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet care can cost upwards of \$500 a year for yearly vetting, food, etc. Are you willing to spend that kind of money on your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency vet care is expensive and can cost anywhere from \$200-\$1,000, would you be willing to spend that kind of money on your animal if needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever sold, surrendered, or given away an animal? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Household information:**

Please list the names, date of birth, and occupations of all members of your household:

*(If non family members reside with you, please provide their full names)*

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Do we have your permission to do a background check on you? (question applies to every household member)

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Do you have a criminal background? Note: A criminal background will not necessarily prevent you from adopting, but it's important we know as much as possible.

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Have you even been charged or convicted of a violent offense? If so, please explain.

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Current Dogs (Name, Age, Breed, Gender, Altered, Comfortable with other dogs, cats?) Say "None" if Not

Applicable:

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Current Cats (Name, Age, Gender, Altered, Comfortable with cats, dogs? Say "None" if Not

Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

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Any other types of pets?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all current pets fixed? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a kennel license \_\_\_\_\_

If you do have a kennel license, please email it to [adoptions@survivortails.org](mailto:adoptions@survivortails.org)

Have you ever owned a cat or dog before?

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If yes, what happened to them? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of issues, if any, have you worked on with dogs you've had? \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have children living in the home, will your dog come into regular contact with children under 12? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how often and what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have allergies or asthma? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or rent your home? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at current residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your landlord given you permission to have an animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's name and telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you own your own home, do you plan on getting necessary town dog license? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you verified with your homeowner's insurance policy that you have no breed/size restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fully fenced in yard? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe the fence (Type, Height, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

If not, would you be willing to install one? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a swimming pool? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, is it blocked off? If not, what kind of safety precautions would be used to prevent dog from having access? \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

**Veterinary:**

Name of Veterinarian (Please contact your vet to preauthorize them to speak to our Application Processors.

Vet references are required for application to be considered): \_\_\_\_\_

Address and phone number of vet? \_\_\_\_\_

If you haven't used this vet for animal's entire life, please list names, addresses, and phone numbers for previous vets: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal References (Please provide 3 references, two of which should be non-family.):**

REFERENCE #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best time to contact them? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known them? \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCE #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best time to contact them? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known them? \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCE #3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best time to contact them? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known them? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children under 10 years old? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list children's names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

Which of your non personal references can attest to each child's character and handling of animals?

(example: Ref #1, Ref #3) \_\_\_\_\_

***Landlord (You can skip this section if you own your home/apartment.):***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to have pets?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement:**

*I/We attest that I/we understand that Survivor Tails Animal Rescue (STAR) makes no guarantees or statements regarding any animal's age, breed, health, or temperament. While STAR has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of all of the animals, STAR is not able to guarantee any animal's age, breed, medical status or history, behavior or disposition. I/We hereby release STAR and its directors, members and representatives of any and all possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by any animal met or adopted by me/us to any person or property or relating to the health or temperament of the animal, including any expenses related thereto. I/We attest that the Terms and Conditions of Adoption as stated in the Adoption Contract have been read in full by me/us and I/we understand that this is part of the adoption process and will be enforced. I/We attest that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We attest that a submission of this application does not guarantee adoption of a Rescue animal. I/We agree to provide STAR with a non-refundable \$100 puppy deposit once my application is approved, to hold the dog. I then agree to pay the remainder of the adoption fee before receiving the animal. STAR has the right to reclaim at any time any animal they suspect is being treated improperly. If for any reason I can no longer care for the animal that I am adopting from STAR, I agree to return the animal ONLY to STAR. If filling out the application electronically, your name below substitutes for a signature. Please include the last four digits of your social security number.*

Applicant's signature (Name + last 4 digits of SSN): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant's signature (Name + last 4 digits of SSN): \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_