Before surrendering your pet, allow one of our trained volunteers or staff to help! Please contact our FREE Pet Help Line first. You can get FREE behavior help, information on pet friendly housing, food banks, lower cost vet services and clinics, referrals and much more!

Call (502) 509-4PET (4738) • Go to www.kyhumane.org/help

Thank you for contacting the Kentucky Humane Society about surrendering your pet. Attached is our owner surrender form. Please complete this form and return to us.

Once we have reviewed the completed form, a Pet Help Line staff member will contact you regarding a surrender appointment.

As a private, nonprofit agency, KHS has made a commitment to save every healthy, behaviorally sound pet who comes through our doors and to never euthanize a pet because of lack of space. Because of this commitment, there may times when we are unable to accept every pet due to space limitations. When this occurs, we will schedule an appointment for the next available opening or do our best to help owners find alternative solutions.

There are some circumstances where animals cannot be placed up for adoption. These include:

- When animals show signs of aggression or severe behavior issues that cannot be treated through our Behavior Modification Program and/or are a danger to humans or other pets. Please be aware that an animal that is friendly in your home may react differently towards strangers in the stressful shelter environment.

- When a veterinarian, after examination, determines the animal is too ill to be adopted.

In cases when pets are deemed unadoptable, the owner or finder can choose to be notified and can pick up the pet within 24 hours.

Surrendering your pet to a sheltering agency should be considered a last resort. Please consider all available alternatives. This may include rehoming your animal, behavior training or support for medical care. Our Pet Help Line staff would be happy to discuss alternatives that might keep your pet in the home. They can be reached at 502-509-4738 or helpline@kyhumane.org.

Owner Name: __________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: _________________________________ Alternate Phone: _________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Home Address: _________________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _________________________________________________________________________________
Dog Owner Questionnaire

No one knows and loves your dog the way you do! In order to find the most appropriate home for your dog, please provide as much detail as possible about history, past veterinary care, likes, dislikes, and quirks of your canine friend.

Has your dog bitten anyone or any animal in the last ten (10) days? ________________________________________

Has your dog ever bitten anyone or another animal and drawn blood? _________________________________

General Information

Shelter Arrival Date: ___________________________ Dog’s age or approximate age:____________________

Dog’s Name: _________________________________ Dog’s Breed ____________________________________

Dog’s Sex □ Male  □ Female  0 Unsure  Is dog spayed/neutered? □ Yes  □ No  □ Unsure

Is dog Microchipped? □ Yes  □ No  □ Unsure

History

Why are you surrendering your dog? ______________________________________________________________

If surrender reason is behavioral, please explain: __________________________________________________

If we could help you resolve this issue would you be interested in keeping the dog? _________________

Have you tried to find a home for this dog on your own? □ Yes  □ No

If so, how did you go about this? ______________________________________________________________

How long have you owned your dog? _____________________________________________________________

Including yours, how many homes has this dog had? _________________________________________________

Have you contacted any breed-specific rescue groups for help in re-homing your dog? □ Yes  □ No

Where did you acquire this dog?

□ From KHS □ Another shelter  □ Breeder  □ Found as a stray  □ Newspaper Ad

□ Friend/Relative □ Pet Store  □ Born in my home

□ Other (please explain) _____________________________________________________________

Lifestyle and Home Life

Has your dog ever bitten/injured another animal? □ Yes  □ No

If yes, please explain: __________________________________________________________________________

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Please check all the animals that the dog has lived with: (check all that apply)

□ Male dogs □ Female dogs  □ Small animals (what kind?) ________________________________

□ Male cats □ Female cats  □ Farm animals (what kind?) ________________________________

□ Other ________________________________
Dog Owner Questionnaire

How does your dog behave around other dogs? _____________________________________________________
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Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with other dogs? □ Yes □ No
If no, please explain? _______________________________________________________________________

Describe the dog’s behavior around cats: _________________________________________________________
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Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with cats? □ Yes □ No
If no, please explain? _______________________________________________________________________

Where was the dog when no human members of the family were at home?
□ Free run of the house □ Crated □ In fenced yard
□ In garage or basement □ Confined to kitchen/bathroom
□ Outside on a chain or runner □ Electric fence
□ Other (please explain):___________________________________________________________

Did you crate train your dog? □ Yes □ No
If yes, does he enjoy spending time in his crate? _____________________________________________________

Is the dog destructive if left alone inside the home? □ Yes □ No (If yes, check all that apply)
□ Chews woodwork/ walls □ Chews furniture □ Chews plants
□ Chews clothing/shoes □ Chews on windows/doors □ Chews toys/stuffed animals
□ Other (please explain) _______________________________________________________________________

How many hours a day was the dog kept outside?
□ Lived Indoors/Potty breaks only □ 1-2 hours □ 3-4 hours
□ 5 hours or more □ Lived Outdoors □ Allowed inside only at night
□ Other _____________________________________________________________

Explain how your dog was confined to your property when outside:
□ Fenced yard □ Electric fence □ Tied out, chain or runner
□ Kennel or enclosure □ Other _____________________________________________________________
**Manners and Training**

Has your dog ever been to a training class? If so, what did he learn?
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How does your dog behave with members of your family?
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Has your dog ever growled, snapped at, or bitten a member of your family?  □ Yes  □ No
If yes, please describe the circumstances __________________________________________________________
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How does your dog behave with strangers?
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If your dog is shy or fearful about strangers, how long does it take to warm up and be friendly to new people
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Has your dog ever growled, snapped at, or bitten a stranger?  □ Yes  □ No
If yes, please describe the circumstances. __________________________________________________________
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How does your dog respond to people at the door? __________________________________________________
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Can you disturb your dog while he is sleeping? How does he respond? _________________________________
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Dog Owner Questionnaire

Can you disturb your dog while he is eating? How does he respond? ___________________________________
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Are there places on the dog’s body he/she does not like being touched, brushed or petted? □ Yes □ No
If yes, please explain: __________________________________________________________________________

Is this dog housetrained? □ Yes □ No □ Almost (started training)
If no, please check all that apply:
□ Dog urinates inside the home daily □ Urinates inside home occasionally
□ Defecates inside home daily □ Defecates in home occasionally

Does your dog’s housetraining accidents most often occur: (check all that apply)
□ When dog is not closely supervised □ When dog is not kept on a schedule
□ When dog is overexcited □ When dog signals to be let out and is ignored
□ When dog is sleeping □ Other (please explain _________________________

Please tell us about the desirable tricks and habits you have taught your dog to do: (check all that apply):
□ Basic obedience commands □ Come when called □ Play fetch
□ Walk on a loose leash □ Ride nicely in car □ Greet visitors politely
□ Shake or similar cute trick □ Take treats gently □ Wait for food
□ Get on and off furniture when asked
Other (please explain) __________________________________________________________________________

What words does your dog understand?: (please check all that apply):
□ Sit □ Stay □ Down □ Heel □ Come □ Leave it □ Drop □ Wait
□ Off □ Fetch □ Doesn’t know any commands
□ Other (please explain) _______________________________________________________________________

Describe the dog’s behavior in the car:
□ Loves it □ Hates it □ Tolerates it □ Nervous
□ Afraid, but OK □ Calm □ Car sick □ Protective of car
□ Destructive □ Dog never rides in car
□ Other (please explain) __________________________________________________________________________

Is the dog protective or possessive of any of the following? (check all that apply)
□ Of food (to other pets) □ Of toys (to other pets) □ Of his/her body
□ Of food (to people) □ Of toys (to people) □ Of owner/family
□ Of property □ Other (please explain) __________________________________________________________________________
Please check all of the following that frighten this dog:

- Babies or toddlers
- School-age children
- Unpredictable children
- Thunder/lightening
- Fireworks/loud noises
- Babies or toddlers
- Men
- Women
- Teenagers
- School-age children
- Strangers/visitors
- Water
- Brooms
- Loud voices/yelling
- People in uniform
- Erratic or sudden movement
- Veterinarian/groomer

Are there any wonderful, special traits or habits that you would like his/her new family to know about?

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Health and Grooming

Did the dog see a veterinarian on a regular basis (at least once a year)? □ Yes □ No

How did the dog react to going to the vet? __________________________________________________________

Does the dog need to be muzzled at the vet? □ Yes □ No

Is your dog on heartworm preventative? □ Yes □ No

Has this dog ever been diagnosed or treated for any of the following by a veterinarian? (check all that apply)

- Heartworm disease  □ Lyme disease  □ Heart murmur  □ Tumors
- Epilepsy or seizures  □ Skin allergies  □ Thyroid disease  □ Arthritis
- Environmental allergies  □ Irritable bowel  □ Hip Dysplasia  □ Separation anxiety
- Chronic ear/eye infection  □ Lupus  □ Cancer  □ Cataracts
- Entropian/ectropian eye  □ Surgery (please explain) ________________________________________________
- Other illness/condition? (please explain) _________________________________________________________

Does your dog require any medication on a regular basis? ____________________________________________

Diet and Exercise

What brand of food did you feed? _________________________________________________________________

How often did you feed? _________________________________How Much? _________________________________

Did you use:  □ Dry  □ Wet  □ Combination of both

Does your dog have any allergies or sensitivities to any grains or common food ingredients? □ Yes □ No

If so, which grains or ingredients? __________________________________________________________________
What are the dog’s favorite kinds of toys? (check all that apply)

- [ ] Shows no interest in toys
- [ ] Frisbee
- [ ] Squeaky toys
- [ ] Plastic bottles
- [ ] Tennis ball/rubber ball
- [ ] Rope toys
- [ ] Shoes
- [ ] Rocks
- [ ] Plush/stuffed toys
- [ ] Sticks
- [ ] Children’s toys
- [ ] Other (please explain) ____________________________

How much exercise does your dog need? Are there any particular activities that he enjoys?

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Describe your dog’s play style with people. (check all that apply)

- [ ] Plays gently
- [ ] Plays roughly but stops when told
- [ ] Jumps and uses mouth in play
- [ ] Plays very physically
- [ ] Games quickly escalates out of control
- [ ] Prefers to chase
- [ ] Prefers fetch
- [ ] Just likes to hang out
- [ ] No interest in playing with people
- [ ] Tends to herd
- [ ] Respectful—understands that I am in control
- [ ] Other (please explain) ____________________________

Experiences with Children

Did your dog live with children in your home? □ Yes □ No

If so, what ages? ________________________________________________

Of so, how did your dog behave around children? ____________________________

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Would you recommend this dog live with children? □ Yes □ No

Describe why or why not? ____________________________________________
Are there any additional comments you would like to add about the dog that would be helpful to families considering adopting him or her?

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