Pet Guardianship Program: DOG BIOGRAPHY

Please fill out this form as completely as possible! No one knows and loves your dog the way you do. To help us find the best new home for your dog, please provide as much detail as possible about the likes, dislikes, quirks, history, and vet care of your canine friend. Behavioral and medical issues do not necessarily create problems, but failing to disclose them certainly does!

Our mission at Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is "To Save and Enhance Lives"!

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Day Phone: _________________________
City/State/Zip: ______________________ Evening Phone: _____________________
Today's Date: ________________________ Other Phone: ____________________

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR DOG and BASIC HISTORY

Dog’s Name: ___________________________ Age: ___________ Sex: □ Male □ Female □ Yes □ No
Breed: ___________________________ Does your dog have a microchip? □ No □ Yes
Color: ___________________________ Chip #: ___________________

Does your dog have a tendency to bite or snap bite? □ Yes □ No □ If yes, does it break skin? □ Yes □ No

If yes, under what circumstances:

How long have you owned your dog? ___________________________________________

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

Where did you get your dog from?

□ Breeder □ Friend or Relative □ HSSV (when did you adopt?):
□ Pet Store □ Advertisement □ Another Shelter / Rescue:
□ Born at home □ Found stray □ Other:

FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

Please describe the human family members that your dog has lived with (check all that apply):

□ Adult Men □ Adult Women □ Senior Citizens □ Children (what ages):

Did your home have children as visitors on a regular basis? □ Yes □ No

If yes, what were the ages of the children:

Describe your dog’s behavior around children (check all that apply):

□ Gentle □ Friendly/playful □ Nervous / frightened □ Unpredictable
□ Ignores or indifferent □ Roughhouses □ Too rough for children □ Snappy at times
□ Watches over children □ Too active □ Actively avoids children □ Never been around children

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Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with children?  □ Yes  □ No
If no, please explain:

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

- Male dogs
- Cats
- Birds
- Small Animals (what kind): ______________
- Female dogs
- Rabbits
- Reptiles
- Farm Animals (what kind): ______________
- Other:

Describe your dog’s behavior around other dogs (check all that apply):

- Never been around other dogs
- Ignores or indifferent
- Good with some dogs
- Other (please explain):

Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with other dogs?  □ Yes  □ No
If no, please explain:

Describe your dog’s behavior around cats (check all that apply):

- Never been around cats
- Ignores or indifferent
- Aggressive
- Other (please explain):

Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with cats?  □ Yes  □ No
If no, please explain:

**HOME ENVIRONMENT & MANNERS**

Where was your dog kept when no human members of your family were at home (check all that apply):

- Free run of home
- In garage
- Other (please explain):

Where does your dog sleep at night (check all that apply)?

- Loose in the home
- In crate
- In garage
- Outside in kennel enclosure
- Other (please explain):

How many hours of a typical day is your dog kept outside (check one):

- None, lives only indoors
- 5-10 hours
- Other (please explain):

How is your dog confined to your property when outside (check all that apply):

- Fenced yard
- Dog house
- Other (please explain):
**Does this dog jump fences?**
- Yes
- No

**How tall is your fence?** [ ] feet

**Has your dog ever escaped its confinement?**
- Yes
- No

If yes, where did your dog go?

**When your dog was outside, was s/he ever teased or bothered by people or other animals?**
- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain:

**If your dog was kept tied on a rope, chain or runner, did s/he ever do any of the following (check all that apply)?**
- Escape the rope, chain or runner
- Get tangled in rope or chain
- Seemed calm
- Pace
- Dig
- Bark, whine, howl or cry
- Annoy the neighbors
- Become protective of his/her space
- Was never tied or chained

**Is your dog housetrained?**
- Yes, never eliminates inside the home
- No, regularly eliminates inside
- Yes, but occasionally urinates inside
- Used to be housetrained, not now
- Yes, but occasionally defecates inside
- Dog was never inside the home

**If your dog does have housetraining accidents, they most often happen when (check all that apply):**
- When dog is not closely supervised
- When dog is not kept on a schedule
- When dog is overexcited
- When dog greets people
- When dog is sleeping
- Other:

**How have you dealt with housetraining problems (check all that apply):**
- Rubbed nose in it
- Confined dog inside
- Made dog feel guilty/acted “mad” at dog
- Yelled at the dog
- Kept dog outside
- Consulted vet or trainer
- Spanked/Swatted dog
- Other:

**Is your dog crate trained?**
- Yes
- No
- Tried, but dog didn’t like crate
- Tried, but dog escaped crate

If yes, how long does your dog spend in the crate each day?

**Can your dog be left alone in the home for 8 hours a day without issues?**
- Yes
- No
- Never tried

**Is your dog destructive when left alone (If yes, check all that apply)?**
- Chews woodwork/walls
- Chews on windows/doors
- Digs or destroys yard
- Chews furniture
- Chews clothing/shoes
- Chews/eats other inappropriate objects
- Is not left alone inside the home
- Other (please explain):

When left alone at home, does your dog annoy the neighbors?  
- Yes
- No

Is your dog allowed to sit and/or sleep on human furniture?  
- Yes
- No

Does your dog raid the trash or get into other similar mischief?  
- Yes
- No

**Does your dog “steal” unattended food and/or objects from tables/counters?**  
- Yes
- No

If yes, how have you dealt with this problem?

Does your dog beg at the table or in the kitchen?  
- Yes
- No

If yes, is this rewarded with food?  
- Yes
- No

**OBEDIENCE, EXERCISE, PLAY and BEHAVIOR**

**What kind of training does your dog have?**
- Home Training
- Board and Train
- Puppy classes
- Advanced Training (agility, flyball, etc.)
- Obedience classes
- No Training

Where & when:

**How often do you work with your dog on manners/training?**
- Daily
- Weekly
- Not since obedience class(es)
- Rarely
- Never

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
- Greet visitors politely
- Take treats gently
- Get on & off furniture when asked
- Other:

What words does your dog understand?
- Sit
- Stay
- Down
- Heel
- Come
- Drop
- Off
- Wait
- Other:

Can your dog be allowed off-leash and come when called?
- Yes
- No

Does your dog jump up on people when greeting them?
- Yes
- No

What type of exercise does your dog get on a regular basis (check all that apply)?
- Accompanies owner running / jogging
- Walking on leash
- Dog park
- Fetch
- Not enough exercise for my dog's needs
- Other:

What are your dog's favorite kinds of toys (check all that apply)?
- Tennis balls / rubber balls
- Rope toys
- Squeaky toys
- Shoes
- Other:

Describe your dog's play style with people (check all that apply)?
- Plays gently
- Enjoys tug of war
- Plays rough, but stops when told
- Enjoys wrestling
- Plays rough, doesn't stop when told
- Plays very physically
- No interest in playing with people
- Other:

Describe your dog's play style with other dogs (check all that apply)?
- Plays chase with little body contact
- Herds or nips others during play
- Plays hard with lots of body contact
- Plays with little body contact
- Shares toys and plays quietly
- Will not share toys
- Hangs out/gentle play with other dogs
- Barks constantly
- Has to be in charge during play
- Will play with all dogs
- Does not enjoy play with dogs
- Has never played with other dogs
- Other:

How does your dog react to being handled or corrected by the collar (check all that apply)?
- Acts calm and accepting
- Offers strong resistance
- Growls or barks
- Cowards or acts frightened
- Yelps or cries
- Snaps, mouths, or bites
- Lies down
- Never tried
- Other:

Please describe your dog's behavior in the car (check all that apply):
- Calm
- Nervous
- Gets car sick
- Protective of car
- Destructive
- Never rides in car

Is your dog protective or possessive of any of the following (check all that apply)?
- Of food (toward people)
- Of toys (toward people)
- Of his/her body
- Of food (only with other animals)
- Of toys (only with other animals)
- Of property; good guard dog
- Of owner/family
- Of bed, crate, or space
- Dog is not protective/possessive
- Other:

Please select all of the following that frighten your dog (check all that apply)?
- Men
- Women
- Babies or Toddlers
- Teenagers
- School-aged children
- Unpredictable Children
- Strangers / visitors
- People in uniform
- Veterinarian or groomer
- Erratic or sudden movement
- Loud voices / yelling
- Loud noises
- Thunder / lightening
- Fireworks
- Cars
- Vacuum
- Broom
- Bicycles / skateboards
- Other (please explain):

Please identify if your dog has ever done any of the following (check all that apply):

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- Other (please explain):
Adult family members
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

Children family members
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

Strangers at door
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

Visiting adults
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

Visiting children
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

Vet or groomer
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

People near his/her sleeping area
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

People near his / her food or treats
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

Pedestrians
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

People in uniform
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

Wildlife
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

Friends or neighbors pets
- Barked
- Growled
- Snapped
- Bitten

What does your dog do when it sees wild animals like squirrels, raccoons, opossums (check all that apply)?
- Ignores
- Barks or Growls
- Stalks
- Watches intently and/or silently
- Kills
- Never seen a wild animal
- Other (please explain):

Does your dog ever run after cars, bikes, skateboarders, or pedestrians?  
- Yes  
- No

If yes, please explain:

DIET, HEALTH and GROOMING

What brand of food does your dog eat?

How often does your dog eat?  
- Once a day
- Twice a day
- Always available
- Other:

Does your dog eat:  
- Wet food only
- Dry food only
- Combination

Does your dog receive “treats” on a regular basis?  
- Yes  
- No

Is your dog fed scraps from the table or “people food?”  
- Yes  
- No

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

If yes, what happens to your dog?

How does your dog react to seeing the veterinarian (check all that apply)?
- Loves it
- Tolerates it
- Hates it
- Nervous
- Needs to be muzzled for the vet
- Has never seen the vet

Name and location of your dog’s veterinarian:

Please indicate which vaccinations your dog has had and the date of the most recent vaccination:
- DHLPP:  
- Rabies:  
- Corona:  
- Bordatella:  
- Lyme:  
- Never been vaccinated

Has your dog ever been hit by a car or required surgery?  
- Yes  
- No

If yes, please explain:

Has your dog ever been diagnosed or treated for any of the following by a veterinarian (check all that apply):
- Heartworm disease
- Parvovirus
- Heart murmur
- Epilepsy or seizures
- Allergies
- Thyroid disease
- Arthritis or hip dysplasia
- Diabetes
- Separation Anxiety
- Chronic ear/eye infections
- Tumors
- Cancer
- Broken bone(s)
- Mange or other skin problems
- None, my dog has always been healthy
- Other illness / condition:

Does your dog require any medication on a regular basis?

Has your dog ever been professionally groomed or bathed?  
- Yes  
- No
If yes, how did your dog behave?

Does your dog allow you to bath him/her?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Never tried

Does your dog allow you to brush him/her?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Never tried

Does your dog allow you to clip his/her nails?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Never tried

Are there any places on your dog’s body that s/he does not like being touched, brushed or petted?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please explain?

Has your dog ever been kenneled/boarded at a:

☐ Private Boarding Kennel  ☐ Veterinarian  ☐ Animal Shelter  ☐ Never been boarded

If yes, how did your dog react to being kenneled / boarded?

OTHER

What makes your dog the happiest?

What upsets your dog the most?

What else should we know about your dog so we may find it the best home?

I confirm that I have named Humane Society Silicon Valley in my will or trust.

Signature:  
Date:

Please make a copy of this form for yourself, and mail the original to:

Humane Society Silicon Valley
Attn: Bridget Keenan
901 Ames Ave.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Please remember to:

• Keep your own copy of this profile with your will or trust.
• Identify two friends or family members as individuals who know that they are entrusted to deliver your pet(s) to HSSV in case of emergency.