



BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE

APPLICATION & CONTRACT TO ADOPT

www.bluemoonakitarescue.com

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please read the Information package, and then fill out and submit this application by email to karena@bluemoonakitarescue.com who will process the application and respond to you.
2. Please realize that many of our dogs came to us because they were mismatched with their former owners' personalities, facilities, and/or lifestyles. For the sake of both the dog and you, we need the following information. If you would like to add more information that you feel would help us find the best dog for you, please do so on a separate sheet of paper.
3. At the time you come to visit, you are asked to bring two (2) hard copies of this application, SIGNED BY ALL APPLICANTS. You may also attach your completed application to an e-mail and send it over to me at any time so that I can take care of your reference and home checks before you come to visit.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant _____

Co-Applicant _____ Driver's License # _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Email Address _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Applicant:
Employer _____ Occupation _____ Yrs _____
Address _____ Phone: _____

If less than one year, name and address of previous employer _____

Co-Applicant:

Employer _____ Occupation _____ Yrs _____

Address _____ Ph _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

How many people are in your household? _____

What relationship are they to you? _____

If there are any children, what are their ages and sex? _____

Who is home during the day? _____ Do you operate a home day care? _____

What are your work hours? _____ Co-Applicant _____

If you currently have animals, what kind (please list)? _____

What age(s)? _____ Sex(s)? _____ Neutered/Spayed? _____

If not neutered/spayed, why not? _____

NOTE: It is our policy that all household pets must be altered prior to the placement of a BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE orphan

If there are no children and/or other animals living in your home, are there foreseeable times when the Akita will have to spend visiting time with children or other animals? _____

Please Explain _____

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HOME

Do you own your home? _____ If renting, does your lease permit large dogs? (copy required) _____

How long have you lived there? _____ If less than two years, give previous address: _____

Do you plan on moving soon? If so, where and when? _____

What is your lot size? _____ Is it fenced? _____ How high? _____

What kind of fencing material? _____

NOTE: We do not adopt Akitas out to homes with any form of electronic/radio fencing

If NO fence, are you willing to provide a fenced area or kennel with a top? _____ By when? _____

If you are not permitted to build a fence, what type of leash walking regime will you implement for this Akita? _____

Keeping in mind the yearly costs of maintaining a large breed dog on high quality food, heartworm preventative, flea and tick preventative, vaccinations, parasite and heartworm checks along with possible

emergency care that may occur during your Akita's life, how much are you able to budget yearly towards the ownership and care of this dog? _____

PREFERENCES / AKITAS OF INTEREST

Remembering that same sex Akitas rarely co-exist peacefully, it is a Blue Moon policy that we only place orphans in homes where the resident dog is of the opposite sex of the new Blue Moon orphan, and that the majority of Rescue dogs are young adults, what sex and general age category do you have in mind to adopt? _____ Would you consider a long-coat? _____

Are you interested in any of our current rescue Akitas? _____

AKITA ACCOMMODATIONS

Where will the dog be during the day? _____ At night? _____

When you are away overnight (boarding, house sitter, etc.)? _____

How do you plan to confine the dog when you are away from your home daily? _____

Will there ever be a time when the Akita will be left outdoors when no one is home? _____

Please Explain _____

All Blue Moon orphans are crate trained, do you own a crate? _____

What type (airline/plastic OR metal/wire mesh)? _____

Do you need assistance in acquiring a crate? _____

Are there any unusual circumstances to which the Akita will have to adapt? _____

Please Explain _____

How long do you believe it will take for this new Akita to adapt to your lifestyle including when you are away from your home? _____

Are there any canine behaviors you are not willing to tolerate? _____

Please Explain _____

YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS ABOUT AKITA OWNERSHIP

Why do you want an Akita? _____

What are the negative aspects of Akita ownership (health & temperament): _____

What do you feel are disadvantages to pet ownership? _____

How can these disadvantages be managed in order to preserve the human-canine bond? _____

What do you feel are advantages to pet ownership? _____

Other comments _____

PREVIOUS OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Have you owned a large dog before? _____ Breed(s) _____

What happened to it? _____

Have you ever taken a dog through pet training class? _____ Where? _____

When? _____ How many levels? _____

Please describe the type of training that was utilized at the class you attended _____

What skills were taught? _____

Did you agree with the training methods utilized at the training class? _____

Please Explain _____

What type of equipment/collars were used and recommended? _____

If you have never taken a dog through pet training class, are you willing to? _____

Since Akitas DO NOT respond well to harsh corrections in training, are you willing to utilize positive reinforcement/behavior modification techniques and avoid using punishment or aversive methods in order to train your Blue Moon Rescue Akita? _____

Do you need assistance in finding a positive reinforcement pet trainer in your area? _____

NOTE: For those adopting an orphan that live in the Chicagoland or Central IL region, you will receive a certificate for their first one-hour session with one of our recommended trainers for free.

REFERENCES

Veterinarian

What Veterinary Clinic do you plan on taking the Akita to? _____

Dr. Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City, ST _____

Is this your current Veterinarian? _____

If you don't have a vet, do you need assistance in finding one that is familiar with Akitas? _____

Personal

Two (2) local individuals (not related and in addition to a veterinary reference) who knows or has known your other animals (if possible, one of which is a neighbor):

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

May we check your references to verify the information that you have provided? _____

May we visit your home? _____ When is a good time to visit? _____

REFERENCES (cont)

Have you ever submitted an application to any other animal rescue, if so what Rescue and did they conduct a home check? _____

Have you ever been charged with and/or convicted of any charge related to spousal, child, or animal abuse? _____ If so, explain _____

Has anyone in your household ever been charged with and/or convicted of any charge related to spousal, child, or animal abuse? _____ If so, explain _____

Contractual Agreement For ADOPTERS (applicant please read and initial)

___ I understand that this breed is very dominant and has a very high prey drive. I realize that it may be very aggressive toward other dogs, particularly those of the same sex. I further understand that the Akita may react to some animals as though it were a hunter finding its next meal! For these reasons, as well as the general health and welfare of the Akita, I promise to never let it off lead in an unenclosed area, and/or around other animals it does not know and like. I will work with this Akita to achieve basic obedience as needed.

___ I promise never to hit or otherwise abuse, terrorize or neglect this animal, and that BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON may check with me at any time to verify the Akita is happy and well cared for. BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON reserves the right to remove an Akita that is being abused or neglected at any time. The Akita's welfare is of the utmost importance at all times.

___ I agree that the Akita will NEVER be used for any fighting, scientific experimentation or laboratory work of any kind. I further agree to contact BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON if the Akita has a behavioral problem, or health problem I cannot solve, so that they may offer educational or consultation help to solve the difficulty and resolve the issue. BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON wants to continue to be a resource for both the owners and the Akita.

___ I promise I will never let Akita run loose in the neighborhood and that the Akita will wear tags including ID with phone and address on firm (not tight) collar at all times. I understand that I must license the Akita yearly, in accordance with local laws.

Contractual Agreement For ADOPTERS Only

DO YOU COMMIT TO CARE FOR THIS AKITA FOR ITS ENTIRE LIFETIME? YES NO (please circle one)

___ I understand that if for any reason the Akita cannot continue to live with me, that I will contact BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON IMMEDIATELY for directions on the surrender. BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON will evaluate the situation and try to determine what is best for the Akita (re-homing or euthanize if severe aggression or bite problems). When I contact BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON, I MAY RECOMMEND a new home for the Akita, but BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON reserves the option to approve of this home or find a new one. I will not abandon this Akita.

___ I will take the Akita to my Veterinarian for a check-up within one month of adopting the Akita, to establish a medical record there. I will take the Akita to my Veterinarian yearly for rabies shots, worm check, and basic check-ups. I understand that *HEARTWORMS CAN BE FATAL AND ARE PREVENTABLE*, and while it is a treatable condition, I agree to faithfully administer a Veterinarian prescribed heartworm preventive MONTHLY to this Akita, after testing determines heartworms are not present, and have the Akita retested annually.

___ I agree to provide fresh food and water, shelter, brushings and baths as needed to this Akita. I will provide a clean, safe environment where the Akita will not be subjected to teasing or abuse. I agree that this Akita will be a member of my family and I will care for this Akita for its entire lifetime. I take full responsibility for this animal.

___ Adoptions require a home check and home delivery by one of our volunteers. I/We agree to a home check and volunteer delivery of the Akita, and all applicable terms listed above.

Adopting an Akita is a life changing event for everyone in the home. It is important to remember that there will be an adjustment period for both you and the dog. Most of our dogs have been moved around and can be a bit confused by another move. Please be patient as they learn to trust their new home and family.

Akitas are very loyal dogs and it may take time for them to bond and adjust to their new surroundings. Once they do adjust, they will be an unparalleled companion. If you feel that your new family member is not working out, you must consult with AARTA/KARENA CARLSON.

Unless the Akita displays dangerous or aggressive behavior toward someone in your home, we request that you allow at least 7-14 days for you and your new Akita to adjust, before deciding to surrender the dog back to BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON. Surrendering the dog to anyone other than an BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON representative is not permitted unless agreed upon with an BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE /KARENA CARLSON representative beforehand.

CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Initials

Do you understand the nature of responsible Akita ownership and the commitment required? _____

Are you aware of all the potential negative health and temperament aspects of the breed? _____

Do you understand that there is an adoption donation for a Blue Moon Akita orphan? One half of this donation is refundable any time during the initial 4 week adjustment period upon return of the Akita, but at no time thereafter. Or we will assist you in selecting another Akita. _____

Do you understand that any unaltered Blue Moon Akita orphan less than 4 months old will require an additional spay/neuter deposit of \$250.00 to be refunded in full only after proof of altering has been submitted prior to the orphan turning 5-1/2 months old? _____

Due to the nature of purebred breed rescue, do you understand that Blue Moon Akita Rescue can offer no definitive proof of the lineage of our orphans except in cases in which AKC registration papers have been relinquished with the orphan? _____

Do you understand that any misrepresentation of yourself or any untruths in the information which you have provided herein that are discovered at a later date will invalidate any adoption agreement and will give Blue Moon Akita Rescue, their representative or assigns the right to reclaim the Akita? _____

Upon formalization of the adoption, you will receive a copy of all vaccination, sterilization, microchip and related paperwork on the Akita you select, as well as a receipt for tax purposes. _____

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Co-Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____ **Date** _____

For Blue Moon Akita Rescue purposes only:

References verified by _____ Date _____

Home check by _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION, JOINTLY, BY ADOPTERS AND BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE.

Dated at Aurora, Colorado this _____ day of _____, 20____, Blue Moon Akita Rescue hereby acknowledges receipt of the sum of \$ _____ adoption donation for the adoption of Akita orphan

From the parties aforementioned as applicants in this agreement. Blue Moon has delivered to and applicants hereby acknowledge receipt of medical and vaccination records for this Akita and Blue Moon further warrants this Akita to be in good health with the exception of _____

And is current in all required vaccinations. Blue Moon does hereby transfer ownership of this Akita to the parties heretofore mentioned, subject to all terms and conditions heretofore listed.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Signature of Co-Applicant _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Signature of BLUE MOON AKITA RESCUE REPRESENTATIVE

_____ Date _____

Print Name _____