

Dog Surrender Contract and Application



WARL is a limited intake animal shelter, accepting adoptable pets when there is kennel space available, so that time constraints are not placed on adoptable animals. Please answer all questions with honesty and detail to help us find the best placement option for your pet.

Pet Surrender Contract:

Surrendering your pet is a difficult and emotional decision. At the Worcester Animal Rescue League (WARL), we have libraries of resources to help address the most common surrender reasons to help keep your pet. While we take great care of the animals in our shelter, the kennel environment is very unnatural and stressful and some pets do not adjust well. Pets relinquished to shelters go through a grieving period and detachment phase. Some adjust quickly, other pets may take weeks or months, and some may never detach from their owners and may become aggressive, destructive, sick or unmanageable. If behavioral or medical conditions prohibit the pet and/or its owners from living a safe and happy life, euthanasia may be the most humane option, and should be discussed with your veterinarian.

Shelter Policies:

The factors that determine if an animal is suitable for adoption include but are not limited to: behavior, health, history in a home, and their behavior while at the shelter. At WARL, we take our responsibility to place safe animals into the community very seriously. Pets with a history of behavioral incidents or medical conditions that jeopardize the safety of our shelter and compromise the pets' quality of life are generally not safe to be placed for adoption. We make every effort to ensure the animals are adopted to people who will care for the animal to the best of their ability. The new adopter's information will not be disclosed to previous adopters.

Please read and answer the following carefully and understand the options if your pet is found unfit for adoption:

_____ YES, the shelter can contact me. If I am able to reclaim the animal, I will make arrangements within five days of being notified

_____ NO, I cannot assist the shelter in re-homing my pet and I understand he/she may be euthanized if that is determined to be the most humane outcome.

I certify that I own the animal described above and I hereby surrender all of my interest, if any, therein to the Worcester Animal Rescue League. I understand the surrender fee is non-refundable. It is expressly agreed that neither said shelter nor any of its officers/employees/volunteers will incur any obligation to me on account of such disposition of such animal/s. I further state this animal has not bitten or scratched anyone in the past 10 days.

Dog's Name: _____ Gender: _____ Breed: _____

Owner's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The surrender fee for an altered (spayed/neutered) dog is \$100 and \$150 for unaltered dogs.

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Tell us about your dog's personality, history and veterinary care so that we can find the best home for your dog. Please be honest about behavioral and medical issues. Withholding information can harm your dog's health and hinder our search for the most appropriate home.

Dog's Name: _____ Description: _____ Age: _____
Female: ___ Male: ___ Spayed/Neutered: ___ Age when spayed/neutered: _____ Microchipped: _____
How long have you owned the dog: _____ Where did you get the dog? _____
Why are you surrendering your dog: _____

WARL may have resources available to help you keep your dog. Are you interested in learning more? Yes No

History in the home

- How did you housetrain your dog? _____
- How many hours can your dog hold its bowels: Not at all - 1 to 3 hours - 4 to 8 hours - 9 to 12 hours - 12+ hours
- Does your dog have accidents in the house? Yes - No If yes, please explain _____
- What toys does your dog like: _____
- How does your dog react when an unfamiliar person approaches you? Friendly /Barks /Shows Teeth /Growls /Snaps
Other: _____
- When outdoors is your dog: Allowed to Roam / In a Fenced Yard / Leash Walked / Off Leash at a Dog Park / Invisible Fence / On a Runner Other: _____
- How long is your dog left alone without people: Never / 1 to 3 hours / 4 to 8 hours / 9 to 12 hours / 12+ hours
- Do you use a crate for your dog? Yes / No When Alone / At Night Other: _____
- How is your dog in the car? _____

Behavior History

- List the dog's positive traits: _____

- List behavior that your dog needs to improve: Jumping /Digging /Growling / Whining/ Shyness/Counter Surfing/ Trash Picking/ Begging /Using Mouth on People/ Basic Obedience/ Chewing/ Other: _____

- How does your dog interact with adults? Jump / Growl / Bark / Mouths /Bites Other: _____
- The frequency the dog encounters children Lives With / Daily / Weekly / Monthly Ages: _____
- Behavior the dog displays during interaction with children Jumps On / Knocks Over / Plays Fetch / Takes Treats Gently
Other: _____
- Has your dog ever bitten a person: _____ If yes, when? _____ Did the bite break skin? _____
- Explain what happened: _____
- Has your dog ever bitten an animal: _____
If yes, when? _____ What type of animal: _____ Did the bite break skin? _____
- Has your dog ever been bitten by an animal: _____
If yes, when? _____ What type of animal: _____ Did the bite break skin? _____
Explain what happened: _____

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- Is your dog afraid of anything? _____
- Describe the dog's reaction: _____
- Does your dog bark frequently? _____ In what circumstances? _____
- Where does your dog not like to be touched: _____
- Describe the dog's reaction: _____
- How does your dog react when you or another family member:
 - Pets the dog while eating: No Reaction / Never Tried / Shows Teeth / Growls / Snaps
 - Explain: _____
 - Touches the bowl or food while eating: No Reaction / Never Tried / Shows Teeth / Growls / Snaps
 - Explain: _____
 - Touches with a toy: No Reaction / Never Tried / Shows Teeth / Growls / Snaps
 - Explain: _____
 - Push or pull off furniture: No Reaction / Never Tried / Shows Teeth / Growls / Snaps
 - Explain: _____
 - Touches while sleeping: No Reaction / Never Tried / Shows Teeth / Growls / Snaps
 - Explain: _____

History with other animals

- What is your dog's play style with other dogs? Playful / Rough / Uses Mouth / No Small Dogs / Dog Park Dog
Prefers to Not Physically Interact with Dogs / Other: _____
- List other animals (cats, ferrets, etc.) that your dogs has interacted with successfully _____

- List animals your dog should NOT interact with and why _____

- How often does he interact with other dogs? Daily / Weekly / Once a Month Other: _____

Veterinary History: Please have vaccine and health records faxed to us at 508-852-1868

- Your Veterinarian's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
- What vaccines is your dog up to date on? _____
- Is your dog currently on medications? _____ If yes, please explain: _____
 - Does your dog receive heartworm prevention? Yes / No If yes, what brand? _____
 - What was the date of the last dose given to your dog? _____
 - Does your dog receive flea & tick prevention? Yes / No If yes, what brand? _____
 - What was the date of the last dose given to your dog? _____
- Does your dog wear a muzzle at the vet? _____
- What brand of food does your dog eat? _____
- Does your dog have allergies? Yes / No If yes, explain: _____
- Does your dog have current injuries _____
- Does your dog have any old injuries? _____

Thank you for completing this surrender application. You are welcomed to call and inquire about your pet at any time, but we are not allowed to share the information of the adopter.