



APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

Date: _____

Return completed application to:

Western Great Lakes Akita Rescue
C/O: Fred Mennecke
N94 W16100 Cherokee Drive
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

Please realize that many of our dogs come to us because they were mismatched with their former owner's personality, facilities, and/or life style. Many of the dogs are taken in by WGLAR as the result of being a stray dog at the local shelter/humane society. We evaluate the dog's temperament prior to acceptance into WGLAR. Any dog with a bite record or indications of aggression to humans is not accepted and is recommended for euthanasia. For the sake of both the dog and the prospective owner, the following information must be completed thoroughly and accurately. Missing information will delay the application process. If you would like to add information you feel would help us determine the best match in a dog for you and your family, please use a separate piece of paper and attach it to this application.

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Mobile: (____) _____

Email: _____

How did you discover WGLAR?: _____

Why do you want an Akita?

Please outline your knowledge of the Akita (temperament and health)

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What do you feel are the disadvantages of pet ownership?

Have you owned a large breed dog before? _____

If so what breed and what happened to it? _____

If you currently have other animals, list what kind: _____

What sex, age and are they spayed/neutered? _____

If not spayed/neutered, why not? _____

Have you ever taken a dog through formal obedience classes? _____

If so, where? _____

When? _____

Please describe the type of training taught:

Since Akita's DO NOT respond well to harsh corrections in training, are you willing to utilize positive training techniques and avoid using punishment or aversive methods in order to train your rescued Akita?

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

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

How many people reside in your home? _____ What relationship are they?

If there are any children, what sex and what age are they?

It is WGLAR policy that if any children under the age of ten (10) reside in the home, an Akita over the age of one (1) year will NOT be considered for adoption.

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Who is home during the day? _____ Do you have home day care? _____

Do you own your home? _____ If renting does your lease permit a large dog? _____

Note: If renting, a letter from your landlord permitting dogs is required

Name and telephone of your landlord: _____

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

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

What is your lot size? _____ is it fenced? _____ type of material: _____

How high is your fence? _____

If no fence, are you willing to provide a fenced area or kennel run with a top? _____

If you are NOT permitted to build a fence or kennel run, what type of leash regime do you expect to implement for this dog?

WE DO NOT ADOPT AKITAS OUT TO HOMES WITH ANY FORM OF ELECTRONIC/RADIO FENCING

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

When you are away overnight? _____

How do you confine the dog when you are away during the day? _____

Do you utilize crates? _____ if so, what type (e.g., Variplastic or wiremetal) _____

Do you need information for acquiring a crate? _____

Keeping in mind safety issues, will there ever be a time when the Akita will be left outdoors when no one is home? Explain:

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

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

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

Explain:

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

Explain:

What is your occupation? _____ How long employed? _____

Name and Phone number of employer: _____

Address of employer: _____

If less than one year, name, address and phone number of previous employer:

What are your work hours? _____ if anyone else in your household will also be caring for the Akita, please identify them:

A large breed dog requires high maintenance (e.g., high quality dog food, heartworm preventative, yearly vaccinations, parasite checks and heartworm test along with possible

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flea and tick preventative and possible emergency care that may occur, are you aware of the cost involved? _____

Are you or any member of your family under the supervision of a doctor; taking prescription drugs or have any medical condition, past or present, which required medical supervision or prescription drugs? _____

If so explain:

Please describe any other medical condition or use of prescription drugs by you or any member of your family:

Have you or anyone else in your household ever been charged with and/or convicted of any charge related to spousal, child or animal abuse? _____ if so, explain:

REFERENCES:

Please provide NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE# for the following:

Your vet: _____

How long have you been visiting this vet? _____

If you don't have a vet, do you need assistance in finding one familiar with Akita's?

If this is your first pet, what veterinary clinic do you plan on utilizing?

Name, address and phone number of this vet clinic:

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Have you visited this prospective clinic for a tour?

May we visit your home and check your references to verify information that you have provided? _____

When is a good time to visit: _____

Have you submitted an application to any other rescue group, Akita or other?

To what group(s)? _____

Have you previously had your home checked by an Akita rescue group?

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

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

Do you the adopter, 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 WGLAR the right to reclaim the Akita?

Do you understand that the adoption donation for WGLAR orphan is \$225.00? _____

Applicant agrees to provide WGLAR with their local and state statutes governing animal law/limitations to include bite case reporting information and any/all health department regulations PRIOR to adoption of an Akita from WGLAR. This information can be obtained from your local police department, Humane Society/shelter or City Hall.

Do you understand that any unaltered puppy must be spayed/neutered by WGLAR's vet prior to 5 1/2 months of age, at the cost of the adopter? Proof of alteration will be provided to the adopter. _____

Due to the nature of purebred breed rescue, do you understand that WGLAR can offer no definitive proof of the lineage of our orphans, even though they have been temperament evaluated by WGLAR? _____

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Remembering that two or more Akita's of the same sex rarely coexist peacefully, and the majority of rescue dogs are young adults, what sex and general age category do you have in mind to adopt? _____

It is a WGLAR policy that since same sex Akita's rarely co-exist peacefully in long term living situations, that we only place orphans in homes where the resident dog is of the opposite sex of the new WGLAR orphan.

Although we cannot choose dogs by coat color or length of coat, do you have a preference? _____

Color: _____ would you consider a long coat? _____

Signature of applicant(s):

For WGLAR purposes only:

References verified by: _____

Date: _____