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A Colorado Non Profit Organization, IRS Tax Exempt under Section 501(c)(3)

A dog rescue, supported through tax deductible donations, and utilizing a foster home system until we have our Sanctuary, Training & Adoption Lodge.

Adoption Application (revised 11-09). Only completed applications will be considered.

***Personal Information***

Name: Driver's License: State \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please present your license to the Misha May representative when adopting)  
 Address: City: Zip:  
 Telephone, Home: Work: Cell, pager:  
 E-mail address: Age:

Describe the most recent changes in your household (death, divorce, job changes, moving, etc)

Other people in your household:

Name	Gender	Relationship to you	Age	Attitude toward animals
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*If your children are under 12 years of age, are you aware that this is the age group where the most dog bites occur? How do you plan to educate your children as to the appropriate behavior around dogs?*

*How do you plan to teach the dog how to behave around your children?*

Current pets:

Name	Species	Breed / Description	Age	Spayed or Neutered? At what age?
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**Residence History**

How long have you lived at your present address? Home or apartment? Rent or own?  
If own, please be prepared to show proof.  
If renting, landlord's name and telephone number: Size:  
Previous address:

**Employment History**

Place of employment: How long have you been at your present job? Work schedule & hours:

**Pet History**

List any pets you have had in the last five years who are no longer with you. Where are they now?

Characterize your history / interactions / work / relationships with animals:

**Pet Preferences**

Name of dog you are interested in:

Type of dog you want:

Breed or mix	Weight, size, age
Temperament	Personality
Energy level	Hypoallergenic, non-shedding
Gender	Other

Type of dog you do not want:

Circle the areas you are willing to work with / Underline the areas where you already have experience or expertise:

Separation Anxiety	Destructive Chewing	Housetraining	Barking / Reactivity
Jumping Up	Leash Pulling	High Energy	Crate Training
Basic Obedience	Fears / Phobias	Puppy Training	Fence Jumping
Geriatric Concerns	Overconfidence	Advanced Obedience	Specialized Training
Other			

**References**

1) Please list a veterinarian who has seen one of your pets at any time and can vouch for you as responsible, reliable and caring:

Name of Clinic	Name of Veterinarian	Telephone
Address	City	State Zip
Date of most recent visit	Nature of that visit	Email

List three character references who are not relatives:

Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Telephone	How do you know them?
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**Home Visit** - To finalize any adoption, our representatives conduct a home visit. The following may be helpful for your preparation. Do you agree to an initial home visit as well as any needed follow-up visits with prior notice?

If there is a yard, what size is it?

Is the gate locked?

Who has access to your yard: i.e., walkers-by, repair people, friends?

Describe the material and construction.

If there is a fence, what is the height?

Do you have any uncovered window wells in your yard?

Are you willing to cover them?

Does your fence have any gaps at ground level?

Are you willing to secure the gaps?

Is there anyway that a dog might escape or be in danger?

Are you willing to repair this?

**Quality of Life** - Describe in detail the dog's living arrangements:

If you have a dog door, how many hours does your dog have access to it?

Where, and in what, will the dog sleep?

If you have a crate, how will you train your dog to use it?

What kind of exercise do you plan?

How much per day:

By whom:

If you work outside the home, how many hours are you gone?

Who else would care for the dog during the day?

How many hours will the dog actually be left without humans on a work day?

When you are absent, will the dog be crated, in a particular room or garage, free inside house, free or kenneled outside?

When you are home, where will the dog be?

Who else, if anyone, cares for your pet on a regular basis: I.e., daycare, relative, friend, pet sitter.?

Do you have an open truck bed?

How often have your dogs ridden in the back?

What else would you like to tell us?

**Training Philosophy** - The Misha May Foundation is in agreement with the Position Statement of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior as follows. To read the statement in total, go to [http://mishamayfoundation.org/Summer\\_2008\\_Newsletter.pdf](http://mishamayfoundation.org/Summer_2008_Newsletter.pdf).

*Positive and consistent training is associated with fewer behavior problems and greater obedience than methods that involve punishment and/or encourage human dominance.*

The Misha May Foundation does not knowingly adopt our dogs to homes where short sighted, relationship harming techniques or methods are utilized, such as invisible or electric fences, choke or prong collars, electronic or bark collars. We recommend a harness for comfort and control, and can make one available to you. We deplore the use of de-barking as barbaric and cruel.

Describe your training philosophy along with the type of training you plan to use.

Would you be willing to complete suggested positive, relationship building training and education?

Do you agree to call us right away if there are any problems so that one of our behaviorists might assist you?

**Commitment to Dog** - Please answer yes or no:

Would your entire family / housemates be willing to participate in an interview?

Do you agree to pay an adoption fee ranging between \$150-250 as stated on the website and/or adoption contract?

The Misha May Foundation will provide you with any and all records / information regarding the dog. Do you agree to hold us harmless in the event of any unknown information regarding this dog?

Do you plan to make regular visits to the vet and attend to any health problems?  
Do you agree to be responsible for this dog financially and medically, providing a lifetime home of love, safety and security?  
Do you agree that this dog will be a family pet and not used for any other purpose?

Have you ever given up a pet?  
If yes, please describe the circumstances.

Under what specific circumstances would you give up a dog? Consider personal, medical, behavioral, financial or any other reasons.

If you had to move or were losing your home, what arrangements would be made for the dog?

Does anyone in your home suffer from allergies?  
If yes, please explain which ones, and how they are managed.

**No Exceptions.**

**If you decide at any time that you will not keep this dog, do you agree to return the dog to us, even if you have someone else who may want him/her, and allow us to work out the details? \_\_\_\_\_**

The Misha May Foundation has rescued many of these dogs from certain euthanasia.

We are committed to never having them face that, or abandonment, ever again in their sweet little lives!

***Adoption Fee & Expenses***

Our expenses per dog almost always exceed the adoption fee we request. Upon adoption, we will inform you of how much money we have actually spent. At that time, if you would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation to help future dogs, we would gratefully accept it.

How did you hear about The Misha May Foundation? Whom may we thank for referring you to us? Name, address & phone, please.

What else would you like us to know?

What questions do you have?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Credentials*

Licensed under the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act, CO Dept of Agriculture  
Member of the American Humane Association  
Member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers  
Member of the International Association of Animal Massage & Bodywork

*Services:* Animal Communication; Boarding; Reiki; Dog Training - Private, Classes, Behavior Consultations; Holistic Classes