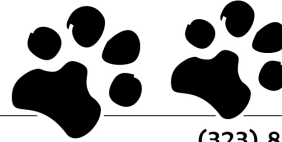


# Mutt Match LA

Assisting Humans in finding their **PAWerfect** Match!



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Dedicated to the Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-homeing  
of abandoned, homeless and unwanted dogs.

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## ADOPTION APPLICATION

In order to be considered an adopter you must:

- Be 25 years of age or older
- Have identification and a utility bill showing your present address
- If renting, have the knowledge and written consent of your landlord
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment and proper care of a dog/cat for the rest of his/her life.

### Adoption Process

**1. Adoption Application:** Fill out and return the adoption application to us at: [muttmatchla@aol.com](mailto:muttmatchla@aol.com) or snail mail: 27305 W. Live Oak Road, Ste. 211, Castaic, Ca 91384. Please keep in mind, we consider all applications in order received.

**2. Home check:** While a home visit is required prior to placement, it does not guarantee adoption. We like to see where our dogs/cats will be living which gives us peace of mind they will be in a safe secure environment and be living as beloved family members. Often we can help with unforeseen health risks and help secure yards and fences that owners might miss. We ask that everyone who will be living with the dog/cat attend the meeting.

**3. Meet & Greet:** After your application is approved, you will be contacted to arrange a time to meet your dog/cat of interest. Everyone living in the house must be in agreement to adopt a dog/cat. If you currently have a dog/cat, we will want to make an introduction to see if he/she/they approve of a new family member as well.

**4. Adoption contract:** The adoption contract is a binding agreement between the adopter and Mutt Match LA. If for any reason, the adoption of one of our dogs/cats DOES NOT work out, you **MUST** contact Mutt Match LA.

**5. Adoption Fee.** There is a \$300 adoption fee for dogs 0 - 5 years of age and \$250 for dogs over 5 years of age. Adoption fees include; spaying/neutering (with our vet), \*vaccinations (up to the point of adoption) and microchip. In many cases, we have already spent hundreds of dollars on vet bills and boarding for each dog. The donation helps us re-coup a small fraction of that cost. **\*In the case of puppies and kittens, additional booster vaccinations & rabies may be required and incurred by adopter.**

**6. Training.** Training is an **IMPORTANT** part of a dogs well being. Most of the dogs we rescue are from neglectful homes or they have been living and surviving on the streets. We see the same heart breaking scenarios over and over which sadly ends with wonderful dogs being euthanized because of something as simple as dog training (or lack of it.) We are passionate

and committed to dog training and education and want to be certain our adopters are as well. We try hard to set each dog off to a successful start in their new home therefore training is part of our adoption requirements. In addition to the adoption fee, a \$150 training fee will be required. We work with some of LA's best trainers but should you have a trainer you prefer or have worked with in the past, we will take that into consideration to meet our requirement.

### **ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

It is our policy and goal to make certain that each person who adopts a dog/cat is aware of the responsibilities of pet guardianship, and is capable and willing to accept those responsibilities morally, physically and financially.

By completing this questionnaire, you will aid us in determining if you and your family are indeed ready for pet guardianship, and if the dog/cat of your interest would suit you, your family and your lifestyle. Should you agree that adopting a dog/cat is a commitment throughout the lifetime of your companion animal, please fill out this questionnaire.

**We reserve the right to refuse any adoption that we feel will not suit our dogs/cats requirements.**

Pet of Interest : \_\_\_\_\_

What do you know about the breed of the dog you have chosen?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why have you chosen this particular breed?

\_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1 – 5 (5 being most active) how active would you say you and your household is?

\_\_\_\_\_

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: _____ Age: Over 21? ___ Yes ___ No
Name of spouse: _____ Age: Over 21? ___ Yes ___ No
Street address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail: _____
Occupation: _____
Spouse's occupation: _____

Work schedule: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all persons living in your household, their relationship to you and their ages:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household smoke? \_\_\_\_\_

If there are children in the house, what do you plan to do to teach the children to be gentle, patient and kind with the dog/cat? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you keep a dog if he/she nipped or a cat if he/she scratched the child?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

How would you discipline the dog/cat? Discipline is not to be confused with punishment  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR HOME**

Type of dwelling:  
 House \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_ Condo \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_ or Rent \_\_\_\_\_

Does your home have a pool? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Does the pool have a cover? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you object to an inspection of your home by a rescue volunteer? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If not a homeowner, do you have the landlord's permission to have a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list two personal references (not living with you) and their relationship to you:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOUR PETS**

Current Pet(s)

Dog/Cat (Breed)	Age	Sex	Altered?	How & Why Obtained?	How Long

Previous Pet(s)

Type of Dog (Breed)	Age	Sex	Altered?	Kept In or Out	What Happened?

What do you feed or plan to feed your dog?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have any of your dogs ever had puppies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, did you breed for: Fun \_\_\_ Profit \_\_\_ Show \_\_\_ Accident \_\_\_

Has any member of your family ever experienced animal-related allergies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever trained a dog in obedience classes? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever trained a dog at home to: Sit \_\_\_ Down \_\_\_ Come \_\_\_

Do you feel obedience training makes a dog a better companion? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you willing to attend obedience classes/sessions at your own expense? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever housetrained a dog? How? \_\_\_\_\_

**VET INFO**

**Your Family Veterinarian:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Let us know if you'd like a recommendation for a great vet**

**YOUR NEW DOG/CAT**

Who would be responsible for the care of the dog/cat? \_\_\_\_\_

Birds need to fly, fish need to swim and dogs need to walk and cats need an ever changing world for mental stimulation. Dogs need to walk *at least 45 minutes* each day. How do you plan on handling daily walks, mental stimulation and exercise needs?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider adopting a special needs dog such as a blind, deaf or amputee? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your primary reason for adopting a dog?

Companion \_\_\_ Guard dog \_\_\_ Fighting \_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_ Attack dog \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

If companion, whose? You \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Other pet \_\_\_\_\_

Exactly where would the dog sleep? Inside (where? \_\_\_\_\_ ) Outside (where? \_\_\_\_\_ )

What rooms would be off limit to your dog/cat? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog/cat be allowed on the furniture? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per day would the dog/cat be left alone?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where would the dog be left when he/she is alone? \_\_\_\_\_Indoors \_\_\_\_\_Outdoors

If outdoors: Yard \_\_\_\_\_ Patio \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel \_\_\_\_\_ Garage \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If yard: Fenced \_\_\_\_\_ Unfenced \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a doggie door? \_\_\_\_\_

If the dogs is left outside or has access to the yard, is the yard secure with locks on the gates?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If not, are you willing to secure the yard and put locks on all gates?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Who has access to your backyard? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to hire a dog/cat sitter or take the dog/cat to daycare?  
\_\_\_\_\_

When you are at home, the dog would be:

Always indoors \_\_\_\_\_ Mostly indoors \_\_\_\_\_ Always outdoors \_\_\_\_\_ Mostly outdoors \_\_\_\_\_

If the dog/cat will be outside at all, what outside space is available for him/her:

Yard \_\_\_\_\_ Patio \_\_\_\_\_ Run \_\_\_\_\_ Balcony \_\_\_\_\_ Unfenced yard \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel a great deal? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How often? \_\_\_\_\_ How long at a time? \_\_\_\_\_

When you do travel, how do you intend to provide for the dog/cat while you are gone? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What provisions would be made for the dog if you had to move to:

Locally? \_\_\_\_\_ Out of state? \_\_\_\_\_

To a place where no pets are allowed? \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle or **Bold** the circumstances under which you would not keep the dog?

Divorce	Illness in family	Moving	New baby
New job	Chewing	Housetraining problem	Chewing
Barking	Digging	Allergy	Destructive
Shedding	Dog grew too big	Dog became ill	Financial
Pets didn't get along		Not obedient enough	

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

If the dog/cat became destructive at your home what would you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Your new companion may live 15+ years, what would you do with your dog/cat if you could no longer care for him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to live with hair on furniture, stains on rugs, a warm body in bed, and an animal that may be destructive at times?? \_\_\_\_\_

Pets are an investment of time & money. Are you willing to financially commit to the medical care, grooming, proper diet, shelter, exercise and training needs for your new companion? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a cap on how much you would spend should your pet become ill or have an accident? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ AND INITIAL EACH STATEMENT BELOW:**

- I understand that a home visit is required prior to placement \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that a home check does not guarantee placement \_\_\_\_\_
- Mut Match or any of its representatives, reserve the right to refuse adoption to any applicant for any reason \_\_\_\_\_

Application Information: All of the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. If any of the information changes, I will advise you promptly.

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

You are done with the application process. We want to thank you for your interest in adopting a rescue animal. It is your decision to do so that we are able to rescue and give abandoned & homeless animals loving home as well as help decrease animal overpopulation.

