

Adoption Application



True Hearts Rottweiler Rescue
P.O. Box 424
Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

Please answer **all** of the following questions completely; the more detail you provide us, the easier it will be to match you up with the best dog for your family. ***Please be sure to fill in all fields—incomplete applications cannot be processed and will automatically be disregarded.*** Your completed application will be reviewed with 48 hours, and veterinarian and personal references will be checked. We will contact you to discuss your application and arrange for a home visit. Upon completion of the home visit, you and your entire family, including other pets, will have the opportunity to meet the rottweiler that would fit best with your family. Please plan to spend a minimum of one hour. This is not a decision to be taken lightly. Our goal is to create a lifetime relationship for you and your new rottweiler. Before completing the application, please familiarize yourself with our adoption policy.

Please note that THORR places dogs in homes in northern Illinois, northern Indiana, and southern Wisconsin. If you are outside of this area, please speak with a rescue group in your area.

Personal Information

Name:

Partner:

Address:

City: State: IL Zip:

email:

Home Phone:

Your Employer: Phone:

Partner's Employer: Phone:

Age:

Are you expecting a child or planning a family? Yes No

Does your or your partner's job require frequent out-of-town travel? Yes No

If yes, please tell us more about your work schedule:

Are you or your partner subject to relocation? Yes No

If you move, are you willing to restrict your choice of housing to places where a rottweiler is allowed? Yes No

Are you a student? Yes No

If you are a student, your anticipated date of graduation:

Are you in the military? Yes No

If you are in the military, your anticipated date of discharge:

Family Information

How many children live in your home on a shared or permanent basis?

Names and ages of all children included above:

What breeds of dogs have your children lived with?

Besides your immediate family, are there others residing in your home? Yes No

Name and age of other residents:

Relationship of other residents:

Is everyone in your household in agreement on adopting a rottweiler? Yes No

If no, who is not and why?

Does anyone in your home suffer from allergies? Yes No

If yes, what type of allergies do they have?

Does anyone in your home have asthma? Yes No

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Home Information

Do you own or rent? Own

If you rent, please provide the name and phone number of your landlord:

Please describe your type of dwelling: House Other:

Neighborhood environment: City

How long have you lived at your current address?

If less than two years please provide your previous address:

Does your home have a yard? Yes No

Does fencing completely enclose the yard for the dog? Yes No

If your yard is not fenced, please explain how and where you will allow the dog to exercise and relieve itself?

What type of fencing do you have and how tall is the fencing?

How is the gate secured?

Is the fence secured underground as well?

Can strangers gain access to your yard from the street? Yes No

Do you have a swimming pool or spa? Yes No

If you do have a pool or spa, is it fenced separately? Yes No

If yes, what type of fencing?

Some insurance companies may cancel your homeowner's insurance if you own a rottweiler. It is your responsibility to check with your agent and ensure that adopting a rottweiler will not adversely affect your policy.

I have checked with my insurance carrier on _____ (date) and confirm that my policy will permit me to own a rottweiler.

My policy permits rottweilers

My policy does not permit rottweilers

Please provide us with your current homeowner's insurance information (required):

Carrier Name

Policy Number

Agent Telephone

Other Pet Information

Do you have other pets at this time? Yes No

If you have other pets, are they spayed or neutered? Yes No

If you have pets that are not spayed or neutered, please explain why

If you have other pets, are they on heartworm preventative? Yes No

If you have other pets, are they indoor or outdoor pets? Indoor

Have you ever had a pet hit by a car? Yes No

Please describe your pets in detail, including gender:

What pet food do you feed your pets?

Why did you choose this brand?

If you have owned pets in the past and do not now, what happened to them?

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Placement Information

Have you ever owned a rottweiler before? Yes No

Are you looking for primarily an indoor dog or an outdoor dog? Indoor

What role would you like your new rottweiler to play in your life (please check all that apply):

Companion/Family Pet Obedience Agility Protection Therapy Hunting

Other:

Please describe where the dog will stay when you are at home:

Please describe where the dog will stay when you are away:

Please describe where the dog will sleep at night:

How do you feel about dogs on the furniture or sleeping in bed with you?

How many hours per day will the dog be alone?

Do you have a crate? Yes No

Do you have a dog door? Yes No

What kinds of solutions would you be willing to try if housebreaking accidents occurred? Crate Other

Have you ever trained a dog before? Yes No

If you have trained a dog before, please describe the training methods you have used in the past, and include names of any trainers you have trained with.

Are you familiar with the signs of gastric torsion (bloat)? Yes No

References

Please note that THORR does a veterinarian check that is separate from personal reference checks for each application. Please do not use your veterinarian as a personal reference.

Current veterinarian information:

Name

Address

City State Zip

Telephone

If less than five years, please provide us with your previous veterinarian's information

Name

Address

City State Zip

Telephone

Please provide three references not related to you:

Reference #1:

Name

Address:

City State Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Reference #2:

Name

Address:

City State Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

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Reference #3:

Name

Address:

City State Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Care and Responsibility

What do you enjoy most about dog ownership?

What do you enjoy least about dog ownership?

Do you have a gender preference?

Do you have an age preference?

Is there a particular dog you are interested in? Yes No

If yes, name of dog

Will you accept a rottweiler with special medical needs? Yes No

What types of activities will your rottweiler participate in?

What types of behavioral/training issues are you prepared to deal with?

How big would you like your full-grown rottweiler to be? Small (65-85 lbs.)

If you desire a "huge" rottweiler, do you realize that the larger size could affect its health and life expectancy, resulting in higher vet bills? Yes No

Why do you want a rottweiler, rather than another breed?

What are your favorite qualities in the rottweiler breed?

What are your least favorite qualities in the rottweiler breed?

Do you realize that because of the rottweiler's size and strength that this breed of dog requires more training and socialization than other breeds? Yes No

How will you socialize the rottweiler you adopt?

How much per month have you budgeted for owning a rottweiler?

How often should a healthy dog go to the vet?

How much do you estimate a typical vet bill to be?

How will you ensure that the rottweiler you adopt accepts you as the authority figure?

Do you think that rottweilers can be stubborn and hard to manage? Yes No

Do you consider yourself a strict or lenient dog owner? Describe how you would define yourself and why.

What kind of rottweiler personality are you looking for? Energetic, always on the go

What books on dog behavior training have you read?

What books on the rottweiler breed have you read?

Please rate your experience with the rottweiler breed: I have never met a rottweiler

What do you expect from your rescued rottweiler? Previous obedience training Other

List any humane societies, kennel clubs, breed or training clubs you are associated with:

Do you understand that often times the complete history of a rescue rottweiler may not be known and you may encounter some adjustment problems? Yes No

Will you be willing to work with us on solving these problems, if they occur? Yes No, I would need to return the dog

If yes, please describe a reasonable timeframe within which you feel the dog should be acclimated:

If you were referred by anyone, please tell us so we may thank him or her:

Please give us any other information that may help us make the best match between you and your new rottweiler:

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Please double-check to ensure that all fields have been completed (use NA if a question does not apply to you); incomplete applications cannot be processed.

I certify the above information is true and that I have read and agree with the terms of the adoption policy. I further certify that I am financially and physically able to care for this animal. I understand that proper food and veterinarian care can be costly and I am able to meet these obligations. I understand that a home check prior to placement is required. I understand that home checks may be made on a random basis following adoption. I understand that I will be required to purchase a correctly sized crate if I do not own one. I understand that I will be required to register for obedience training no later than 30 days after the adoption date. If any information in this application is found to be false, or if I do not comply with the adoption policy, I understand the rottweiler will be removed from my premises without a refund of monies paid.

Typed Name:

Signature

Typed Name:

Signature

Date