



## Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program

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# ADOPTION APPLICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name of the Adoption Applicant, hereafter referred to as "I," or "Me"), hereby submit the following application for consideration to adopt a dog from the Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program (hereafter, "PTKCP") and agree to the following terms and conditions.

1. I agree to provide a good loving home for the Dog, including appropriate food, water, shelter, exercise and regular veterinary care for normal maintenance of the Dog. The Dog has been given required vaccines, including rabies, tested for heartworm, and given heart worm preventative which I agree to maintain and keep up to date, in accordance with recommendations of a licensed veterinarian.
2. I agree to provide a fenced yard to keep the Dog safe and secured on my property or under my direct control at all times. The Dog will not be chained, tethered or allowed to roam unsupervised.
3. I agree that it is my responsibility to know, understand and comply with animal control ordinances in my county of residence and especially if I am adopting a dog with defined 'bully breed' characteristics, and will not knowingly place a dog adopted from the PTKCP in danger of being confiscated or euthanized.
4. **If any veterinarian, or animal care agency or society contacts PTKCP about the ownership, welfare, or care of the Dog in the future, I understand and agree that PTKCP may either:**
  - i. **Consider Me to have abandoned the Dog, and forfeited all right and interest in ownership of the Dog, and PTKCP will resume ownership of the Dog, to make it available to another adoptive owner, or**
  - ii. **Condition return of the Dog to Me on providing improved care for the Dog.**
5. While in training, the Dog has been a companion animal, living both indoors and outdoors and the Dog has been provided an appropriately sized crate for safe containment indoors when not attended. The Dog has slept in a crate near its handler at night. I understand the continued use of the crate is recommended until the Dog is fully acclimated to the new situation.
6. I realize that all dogs have individual personalities and agree not to have unrealistic expectations for my new pet because **the results I may experience with the Dog in a new home environment are totally dependent upon how I reinforce training for the Dog when it leaves the PTKCP.** I may contact PTK9CP (719-269-4650) for advice, FREE Alumni Classes with a PTKCP instructor, and reduced fee refresher training, or I may return the Dog to the program.
7. **I have read, received, and understand the Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program Refund Policy and the Condition of the Dog information and policies as described in that section of this Agreement.**
8. I agree to attend a 1 ½ hour long "GO HOME CLASS" including both the lecture and hands on demonstration portion of the class to provide the best chance of success for Me and the Dog.

**PLEASE NOTE: Children under the age of 18 are not allowed to attend "Go Home Classes" that take place inside the visiting room of a facility. Children are allowed at dog interviews and drop offs, as these are held in public accessible areas. Classes held at the Colorado Women's Correctional Facility are open to children that are able to sit quietly for 1 ½ hours.**

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## Condition of the Dog

All PTKCP Dogs receive veterinary care and basic veterinary office health screenings that meet common standards of veterinary practice. We screen each Dog for general fitness and health before allowing the Dog into PTKCP, and we provide routine health care to the Dog during its tenure in PTKCP. However, we do not engage in any other more penetrating or intrusive evaluations of the Dog beyond general apparent health. For example, we do not conduct blood work, test for cancers or genetic disorders, or perform laboratory analysis of the Dogs or samples from them.

**You are adopting this Dog in "as-is" condition**, and you assume the risk that the Dog may have or develop a health problem or condition that is not currently known, appreciated, or discovered, even if more thorough or extensive testing and evaluation might disclose this problem or condition today. If you wish to have the Dog undergo more extensive evaluation or testing, **you may do so at your own cost.**

### PROGRAM POLICIES REGARDING CONGENITAL/GENETIC DEFECTS

Our Dogs, including the Dog you are adopting, are primarily donated or surrendered from private individuals and transfers from rescue and shelter partners. They may or may not be purebreds. As a result, we simply do not know if the Dog has any genetic defects nor do we know if the Dog has any latent diseases or chronic injuries which may be hidden, and only appear in the future. Because of their unknown breeding, origin, and life they may have led before entering our program we do not warrant or guarantee the present or future condition of any Dog. The Prison Trained K9 Companion Program cannot be responsible for defects such as, but not limited to eye, hip, elbow, teeth, heart or any other undiscovered health issue in the dog you are adopting.

### PROGRAM POLICIES REGARDING HEARTWORM TESTING, TREATMENT AND PREVENTATIVE

ALL PROGRAM DOGS ARE TESTED NEGATIVE FOR HEARTWORM BEFORE BEING PLACED ON HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE. Although this meets all veterinary protocol regarding the prevention and treatment of Heartworm Disease, we cannot guarantee a dog will not show positive and require treatment on a heartworm test for the following year.

If a dog had a positive heartworm test in the program, this information is included in the dog's internet bio and you would have been notified the dog was treated for heartworm during its time in the program.

**My information: Living Structure:** House / Condo / Apartment/ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fenced Yard:** No / Yes / **Height of Fence:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Material:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Previous Dog Owner:** Yes No  
**Other Dogs in Household:** Yes No  
**Cats in Household:** Yes No  
**Birds, Chickens, Domestic:** Yes No  
**Children:** Yes No **Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of time dog will be left alone?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program REFUND POLICY**

Adopting a trained dog from The Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program (PTKCP) is a privilege and requires a commitment from the adopter to follow instruction and utilize support provided to facilitate a successful transition into your home. If you ever have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are committed to making sure this is the best possible match for adoptive families and our dogs.

Please remember that all adopted dogs will require a period of adjustment (at least 2 weeks) in their new home. It is very important that you take advantage of all resources provided. **Failure to do so will nullify this agreement.**

Dogs adopted from our program qualify for a refund under the following conditions:

A. Adopter completes **ALL** transition requirements noted below:

1. attend the **Go Home Class or alternative**
2. view "**Going Home**" DVD or video(s)
3. study the "**Go Home Instructions**" and materials in your Go Home Packet
4. utilize **FREE instructor consultation via phone/text/email**

B. If you have completed all transition requirements for your adopted dog, it is still not a good match for your situation and the dog still meets criteria for admittance into the program\* you may return the dog within **2 weeks of the date of adoption for a full refund**. All program paperwork (especially training journals) must be retained and returned with the dog. (**NOTE: please allow 8-10 weeks for processing**)

C. Any refund or exchange for a replacement dog **within 60 days of adoption** will be at the sole discretion of the PTKCP management, depending on the circumstances. \*

D. **No refunds will be given after 60 days of the Go Home date** but the dog may be returned to the program if s/he still meets criteria for admittance into the program\*

\*Our program cannot accept a dog that has bitten and broken the skin of a human or other animal without reasonable provocation. All core vaccinations and Bordatella must be up to date. Other restrictions may apply for acceptance...



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### **REGARDING HEARTWORM DISEASE: TESTING, PREVENTATIVE, AND TREATMENT OF PROGRAM DOGS.**

Many people do not understand life stages of heartworm. There is a period of six months or longer after the dog is infected with the microfilaria of the heartworm that the dog will show a negative heart worm test. **This is why it is so important to have all dogs tested on an annual basis (usually in the spring), even when they have tested negative and been on heartworm preventative.**

During this time there are not enough microfilaria to show a positive test, nor are there actually any worms present in the dog's heart. Please note heartworm preventative will only stop the advancement of the Heartworm Disease in the first levels of the development of the microfilaria. Once the microfilaria hit the appropriate level, heartworm preventative will not kill the microfilaria.

**At this level, the heartworm test still shows negative.**

Once a microfilaria has matured in the dog's heart, the dog will start off by showing a very slight positive on a heart worm test. As the number of mature worms in the dog's heart increases, the Heartworm Test will show a stronger positive and more damage is done to the dog's heart.

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