



## Before you adopt a bulldog!



The following is a letter from *(Brisket)*, ABBR's mascot!

Hello, everybully! My name is Brisket, and let me be the first to say THANK YOU for considering adoption for one of my brudders or sisters! There are a few very important things that everyone needs to know about us before signing this form, so keep on reading!

First, no matter how cool we are, English Bulldogs are not for everybody. Living with a bulldog can be very rewarding, but you have to be committed to meeting our specific needs! One of our funny "things" is that we are perpetual kids. No growing up for me! We are happiest when around people, and need lots and lots of love. Sometimes, when left by ourselves for too long, we can chew up things, like your favorite pair of shoes...but we do it because we miss you! We also can't be left outside by ourselves. Not only is it dangerous for us, but we're so popular, people will try to steal us away! That makes me very sad! Then there's the other fun stuff that comes with being a bulldog, like belching after we eat, and snoring when we sleep. That's just how we're made! Still interested? Keep reading!

Bulldogs can also have some genetic defects, along with other diseases that make other dogs sick. Some of those things can be an elongated soft palate, small trachea, allergies (my brother T-Bone drives his mommy crazy with that one), dermatitis, eyelid anomalies, hip dysplasia and heart problems. Some of us also itch ourselves like crazy, so be on the lookout for hot spots, bare patches, etc. Because we're so special, it's important to find a veterinarian who has previous experience with us, especially if we have to have ::gulp:: surgery.

Another thing that is **very very important**: us bulldogs have a hard time breathing because of our squishy faces. So that means, when it's hot outside, it becomes very dangerous for us out there. Anything above 80 degrees, or anything with a high humidity, is not good for bulldogs. We can die from heat exhaustion extremely easily. So please, keep us entertained indoors when it's hot out!

I am so excited that you want to adopt one of us bulldogs. We are the bestest, and can't wait to have a loving home like yours!

Love,  (Brisket)

# Adoption Application

## Personal Information (please print)

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of county or state anticruelty laws, or violent crimes? YES NO  
*Criminal background checks will be run on all applicants.*

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

## Household Information

Who will be the primary caretaker of your adopted dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people are in your household?

Adults over the age of 21 (including self): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 21): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children, do they want a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in the household have allergies to dogs? YES NO If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in: HOUSE APARTMENT CONDO DUPLEX MOBILE HOME TOWNHOME

Do you: OWN RENT LEASE How long have you been at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

If renting/leasing, are there pet restrictions? YES NO If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord's Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*If renting, ABBR will contact your landlord to ask if keeping animals in your home is acceptable. You will not be asked to adopt until we receive positive information.*

Does your home have heat and air conditioning? YES NO

Current veterinary name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note, for the protection of your pets and those you foster, ABBR will contact your veterinarian to ensure your pets are current on vaccinations and care.*

Please list all of your current pets:

Dog/Cat	Name	Age	M/F	Spay/Neut?	Years owned?	Breed	Medical issues?

Please use the back of application if you run out of space. **ABBR requires that all other animals in your home be up to date on vaccinations and spayed/neutered.**

Do all of your pets get along well with other animals? YES NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any outside pets? YES NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pool in your yard? YES NO

Please note that in order to be considered, all pools need to be independently fenced.

Describe your yard:

NO YARD UNFENCED YARD PARTIALLY FENCED YARD COMPLETELY FENCED YARD

Height of fence: \_\_\_\_\_ Made of: WOOD CHAIN LINK BRICK OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a doggie door in your home? YES NO

Do you own a vehicle? YES NO

### Previous Experience

How would you describe your level of experience with dogs? Check all that apply:

\_\_\_ Never had a dog

\_\_\_ Had a childhood pet dog

\_\_\_ Had one or more as an adult

\_\_\_ Previous English bulldog owner

\_\_\_ Previous experience working with ongoing medical issues with a personal dog

\_\_\_ Previous experience working at a boarding kennel/resort/pet sitting service, etc.

\_\_\_ Previous experience working with behavioral issues with a personal dog

\_\_\_ Previous experience working in a veterinary hospital

\_\_\_ Professional dog trainer

\_\_\_ Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have previous experience with English Bulldogs? YES NO

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Have any of your pets ever run away, or been lost or stolen? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever adopted a pet from a humane or rescue group? If so, where is that dog now? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever surrendered a dog to animal control, a humane society, or a rescue group? \_\_\_\_\_

Has anyone in your home ever been bitten by a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pets not currently owned, but owned within the past 3 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Where are they now? \_\_\_\_\_

### Care

How many hours during the average day will this dog spend without a human? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be when someone is home? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be when alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel? YES NO

What arrangements will be made for the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to groom your dog on a daily basis (folds and tail)? When? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you correct behavior issues? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to work with a rescued bulldog's potential behavioral issues? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what types of issues would you NOT be willing to accept? \_\_\_\_\_

How much do you expect to pay per year for the care of a bulldog (food, medical, incidental)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel you are able to meet the expenses of having a bulldog? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel is the proper use of crates or cages? \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you familiar with the potential health issues of a brachycephalic (short-nosed) dog in relation to heat/cold/breathing/exercise? Please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Are you aware that a bulldog is not an outside dog? Please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Why do you want a bulldog?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What are your expectations of a rescued bulldog?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What types of dogs are you interested in adopting?**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult dog                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Senior" dog                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Special needs dog/puppy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog/puppy with behavioral issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice care            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                     |  |

**What situations do you feel unprepared for?**

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Destructive chewing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Not housetrained                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digging                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Escaping                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/toy aggression                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shy, fearful, under-socialized dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Not good with children    | <input type="checkbox"/> Not good with other animals          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scratching/biting                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Administering medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Providing ongoing training           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/blind dogs           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog allergies (food, seasonal, etc.) |

**Please write anything else you would like ABBR to know to help match you up with the right bully:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Adoption Agreement

The purpose of the following paragraphs is to clearly state the responsibilities and expectations of an adopting family. Please read this document carefully and initial each line accordingly.

By signing this agreement, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to and understand the following:

- I will provide a home, filled with love, for any bulldog placed in my care. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will provide daily food, water, exercise, shelter, socialization, and affection for the dog all at times. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that any bulldog I receive from ABBR will be spayed/neutered. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that I will be subject to an interview and a home-visit, conducted within a 24-hour notice. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that I will not be contacted until I am being considered for a possible adoption. \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not own/have monetary interest in a pet store. \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not own/have monetary interest in a commercial breeding kennel. \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not buy or resell animals for profit. \_\_\_\_\_
- I have never been fined, barred or suspended by the AKC or any other registering organization. \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not buy or resell animals to laboratories or medical schools. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that any misrepresentation of facts in my application will require immediate surrender of my adopted dog. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will notify an ABBR representative immediately to make arrangements to return the adopted dog to ABBR if I am unable to keep it for any reason. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that ABBR will not knowingly place a dog with unsound temperament. However, no one can predict how any dog will react in a given situation without complete knowledge of its life experiences before its rescue. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will use prudence and caution in introducing my adopted bulldog into any new situation until he/she has become fully adjusted to its environment and I have had the opportunity to become familiar with the dog's unique personality. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that English Bulldogs are not working, sporting, or outdoor dogs; they are bred solely for companionship. Therefore, I have no plans to house my bulldog outside or go jogging with him/her. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will provide veterinary treatment for the adopted dog as needed, which includes (but is not limited to) annual examinations for heartworm, DHLPP, rabies vaccinations, and medications. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will comply with all state and local laws and ordinances relating to the keeping of the adopted dog, including Texas Health and Safety Code Section 828.002 spay/neuter and leash and license laws. At certain times an animal that is placed has been represented to be a spayed female. In order to avoid unnecessary surgeries, ABBR will unknowingly place it as same. If it is found to be a whole female, I will immediately have the dog spayed at an ABBR-approved veterinarian, at the expense of ABBR. \_\_\_\_\_

- I will never give or sell the adopted dog to another person, agency, or animal shelter, or allow it to be used for any commercial activity. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will notify an ABBR representative immediately if the dog is lost or stolen. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will allow an ABBR representative to observe my home and reclaim the dog if he/she is not being cared for as agreed to in this document, or if facts have been misrepresented to ABBR.
- I accept the adopted dog “as is” and at my own risk, and hereby release and waive any rights against ABBR which I may have now or in the future for any damages to any person or any property caused by the dog. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that if the dog is surrendered to ABBR for good reason within the first four weeks from the adoption date, the adoption fee will be refunded in full. After this period, no refund will be made. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that ABBR has the right to reject any application for any reason. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that I will be asked to give a financial gift to ABBR to help with the medical costs for the dogs in its care. I also understand that, generally, this fee ranges from \$350 to \$650. These gifts are only accepted in cash, money order, certified check, or cashier’s check. \_\_\_\_\_

### Agreement and Signature

By signing below, I affirm that everything written in this document is true and complete, and I will remain in compliance with the adoption agreement. I understand that ABBR and its representatives are here for me when I need them, and I will communicate with them openly and honestly. Finally, by signing below, I agree to love my adopted bulldog unconditionally.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Please return your application via fax, Email, or snail-mail to:

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 Cedar Park, TX 78613  
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