

**GENTLE BEN'S GIANT BREED RESCUE ADOPTION APPLICATION/CONTRACT**

**P.O. Box 533, Zelenople, PA 16063 Cell# 412-841-2590**

Dog's Name:

Adoption Fee:

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Employer:

Title:

Do you live in a: (house, apartment, mobile home?)

Do you own or rent?

If you rent, please provide name/address of landlord so we can verify a pet deposit has been paid and that pets are allowed:

How long have you lived at your current address?

Do you plan to move in the next 12 months?

If so, are you prepared to take this dog with you?

Why do you want a dog?

Where will this dog be kept when you are not home: (Outside, Crated inside, Inside loose)

Please explain.

Have you owned a dog before?

Where is/are these dogs now? Please list all animals (dog/cat) owned in the past 5 years.

If not currently owned, please explain why you no longer own the pet.

Under what circumstances would you no longer keep this dog?

Have you ever surrendered a dog to an animal shelter/rescue program before? If so, please

Explain why.

What type of behavioral problems are you not willing to work with? (i.e. houstraining, aggression, chewing, etc)

Do you have children at home? Is so, please list their ages.

Is anyone in your household allergic to dogs?

Do all of the adults in your household consent to the adoption of this dog?

Do you have other pets? If so, please list each one, their age and whether they are spayed or neutered.

Are your pets current on vaccinations and on heartworm preventative?

How do you envision a dog fitting into your home, schedule, indoor/outdoor activities?

Is this dog going to be kept: (Totally inside, Mostly Inside, Totally outside, Mostly outside)

How long each day will this dog be alone?

Where will this dog sleep?

Who in the family will be primarily responsible for the daily care of this dog?

Who would care for this dog if you had to be hospitalized?

What will you do with this dog when you go on vacation?

When you travel with this dog, where will it ride?

Where will this dog be when you are at home?

Do you have a fenced yard?

If so, please describe size, height, type and location.

Have you ever used a crate in training a puppy or dog?

Do you intend to use a crate for house training this puppy/dog?

Which veterinarian will you use? We will contact your veterinarian to ensure that your past/present pets are current on vaccinations.

Vets Name

Clinic Name

Address:

Phone Number:

What do you expect of this dog? (Housetrained, obedience trained, energetic, etc.)

May I or a representative visit your home?

Please describe any physical and/or character attributes which are of particular importance to you in the dog you are seeking at this time.

Please provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of at least three references. Anyone who knows you well enough to recommend you as a good dog owner.

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**Please place your initials in the space at the end of each statement.**

I confirm that I am making a long-term commitment to the ownership of this dog. Gentle Ben's Giant Breed Rescue has informed me of the dog's estimated current age, and I understand the life expectancy of this dog may be at least 10-13 years as long as he/she remains healthy. I understand that changes in my lifestyle or family composition do not relieve me of my responsibility to this dog.

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I understand that children are not fully capable of caring for a pet and that primary responsibility of this dog rests on the adopter. I will provide appropriate supervision and instruction on proper handling of this dog to my children.

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I confirm that I am adopting this dog as a personal companion, that it will reside at my primary residence and that I am not acquiring this dog solely for use as a guard animal.

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I agree to provide this dog daily food and fresh water, shelter from extreme temperature and weather conditions and veterinary care to prevent and treat disease, illness, and injury. I also agree to keep this dog free of parasites (worms, fleas) and will ensure that it is treated in a humane manner at all times.

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I understand that there is a monetary cost associated with dog ownership. In addition to routine vaccinations and screening tests, dogs may need veterinary care for treatment of illness or injury. Other costs may include charges for dog registration, obedience training, pet deposits required by landlords, special devices or equipment, such as fences. I attest that I am both financially able and willing to accept full responsibility for this dog.

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I agree that all future medical treatments are my responsibility and agree to purchase heartworm preventative, flea control, booster vaccinations and dog registration as necessary.

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Gentle Ben's Giant Breed Rescue does not necessarily know the nature of the dog or its characteristics, and given no warranties, expressed or implied of the temperament or fitness. I confirm that I have been provided information on this dog's current health status noting any known pre-existing conditions. I understand that this dog is delivered "as is" and no additional liability for this dog, either financial or legal, is provided.

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I understand that this dog has social and emotional needs, as well as physical ones. I am prepared and able to devote time and attention to this dog to meet those needs. Upon adopting a dog, I will buy and use a crate, if needed and/or advised. This dog will be primarily indoors, interacting with our family, not to be banished to the back yard. I will never tie this dog to a chain or leave him/her unattended for long periods of time.

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If I decide, for any reason, that I cannot continue to care for this dog, I will notify Gentle Ben's Giant Breed Rescue immediately and arrange for this dog to be placed back into their care. I agree I will not turn it over to an animal shelter or have it destroyed.

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I relieve Gentle Ben's Giant Breed Rescue of all liability and responsibility for damage or injury to persons, property, or other animals caused directly or indirectly by this dog.

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By signing below, I confirm that all information in this application is correct and complete and authorize my landlord and veterinarian to release information confirming this application for verification. Failure to provide accurate information will forfeit my adoption fee and revert ownership of this dog back to Gentle Ben's Giant Breed Rescue.

Please sign below:

Adopter:

Date: