



# Adoption Application Letter

Aggieland Humane Society's goal is to place pets in homes where they will be lifelong companions. Some dogs -due to potential size, breed, or personality- will be more challenging to care for and have an increased chance of being returned after adoption.

We feel the dog you have selected will be one of these more challenging pets. As part of the adoption process, we ask that you write a letter providing more information regarding the following topics to accompany your application.

- Just like humans, dogs need stimulation and exercise to live long and happy lives. Some active breed dogs need more than just physical exercise to keep them active. Not only does consistent stimulation and exercise help promote good behavior, it also helps deter destructive behaviors. With this in mind, specifically describe your pet exercise and mental stimulation plans. What will you implement to keep your dog mentally stimulated?
- Give a brief overview of your lifestyle (i.e. student, working person, roommates or family members available to help, sedentary or active lifestyle, etc) and how much time you expect to devote to the physical and mental needs of your adopted dog.
- Crate training is recommended; clarify how it works and how you will use it. How will you provide mental stimulation options in combination with crate training?

## **Here are some websites you may find helpful:**

- <https://animalwellnessmagazine.com/mental-enrichment-dog/>
- <https://www.dogster.com/lifestyle/dog-training-exercise-behavior-tips-high-energy>
- [dogtime.com/lifestyle/dog-activities/1084-games-athletic-dogs](http://dogtime.com/lifestyle/dog-activities/1084-games-athletic-dogs)
- <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/dog-park-etiquette-tips/>
- [www.asPCA.org/pet-care/dog-care/canine-diy-enrichment](http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/dog-care/canine-diy-enrichment)

Once your letter is received, it will be reviewed by staff within 24hrs.

The staff has several options after reviewing the letter:

- They may approve
- They may deny.
- They may request potential adopters to further educate themselves in specific areas of dog care and/or training and resubmit the letter.

**Please submit your Adoption Application Letter email to the following email address:**

**adopt@aggielandhumane.org**