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## EAST LAKE PET ORPHANAGE ADOPTION APPLICATION

The non-refundable adoption donation for canines is \$165.00 and for felines it is \$135.00.

Our goal is to place pets in permanent, loving homes. The adoption donation reflects a *minimum* cost per pet for immunizations, health screening, lodging, microchipping, and spaying or neutering (our cost per orphan actually averages over \$250). Please print clearly. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers, but please answer as honestly as possible so that we can help make the best possible match for you, your family/home, and the animal you are interested in adopting.

In order to adopt from East Lake Pet Orphanage:

- You must be 21 years of age or older.
- You must be the receiving owner of the orphan. No gift adoptions are permitted unless we can also verify the same information for the receiver of the orphan.
- You must have photo identification with your current address (Texas driver's license preferred).
- We are unable to accept checks for adoption donations. Cash, credit cards, and/or debit cards are happily accepted.

Rescue animals come from a variety of situations. Some have been abandoned, and some are ill or injured when rescued. Although the animal has been in a protected environment, there is the possibility of undetected illness appearing after an adoption is finalized, especially because of the stress the animal may experience during the transition to a new home. We advise adopters of the animal's known history and provide medical records, but frequently we know only what the animal chooses to tell us. We cannot make any guarantee regarding the long-term health of any animal. Adopters must agree to hold East Lake Pet Orphanage, the adoption venue, and all volunteers blameless and not liable for any injury, illness or behavioral problems that should be discovered now or in the future. That said, we will always attempt to work with adopters in regard to any problems.

*ELPO reserves the right to refuse placement of an animal for any reason. Applications for a specific animal are typically responded to by closing on the next business day, while general applications (for people wishing to be notified if a particular type of animal becomes available for adoption) are automatically discarded after three months if a good match has not been made. Until a completed adoption application has been submitted to East Lake Pet Orphanage, an animal is considered to be available to other potential adopters. Adoption applications are reviewed in the order that they are received.*

Name (Please print legibly): \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MONITOR YOUR E-MAIL AFTER SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION IN CASE WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

(E-mail addresses of approved adopters will automatically be signed up for our monthly e-mail newsletter.)

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are leaving this application with an adoption pending, circle the phone number where you can be reached on the next business day. If no number is circled, we will ONLY attempt your home number. As a non-profit organization, we cannot make long distance calls. Due to lodging expenses, we can only hold an animal for one business day once an adoption application has been approved.**

1. How did you hear about our facility? (If on the internet: elpo.org, petfinder.com, adoptapet.com, etc.) *Please be as specific as possible.* If referred by an individual, we would love to thank them! \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you applied to adopt an animal from East Lake Pet Orphanage in the past? Yes [ ] No [ ]
3. Are you looking for a: Dog [ ] Puppy [ ] Cat [ ] Kitten [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_
4. Any particular size, sex, breed, or age? *(Please specify the orphan's name if you are applying for a particular animal.)* \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you prefer for your adopted pet to be: Already spayed or neutered [ ] Not spayed or neutered [ ] No preference [ ]
6. What qualities are you looking for in a pet? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What traits or characteristics are you sure you do NOT want? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the reason for adopting an animal (please check all that apply): family companion [ ] mouser [ ] protection/guard dog [ ]  
a. hunting [ ] teach children responsibility [ ] companion for pet [ ] other [ ] \_\_\_\_\_
9. What energy level are you interested in? Low (couch-potato) [ ]; Medium (long walks, backyard playtime) [ ]; High (Frisbee/agility partner) [ ]
10. How would you describe your animal experience? This will be first pet [ ] I've had one or two [ ] Experienced and knowledgeable [ ]
11. Who is the pet for? Self [ ] Gift [ ] If gift, for whom? \_\_\_\_\_
12. If gift, does this individual live in the same home as you? Yes [ ] No [ ] Will this be a surprise gift? Yes [ ] No [ ]
13. In what kinds of activities do you wish your pet to participate? (i.e. jogging or Frisbee, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
14. How would you describe your home atmosphere? Grand Central Station [ ] Some activity [ ] Quiet and serene [ ]
15. Are you willing and able to obtain behavior and obedience training for a pet if necessary? Yes [ ] No [ ]
16. Are you willing to allow an Orphanage team member to visit your home during the adoption application process? Yes [ ] No [ ]

17. Are you willing to allow a team member to visit your home after the animal has been adopted into your home? Yes [ ] No [ ]
18. If applying to adopt a dog, have you housetrained a dog before? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, describe how you accomplished this? \_\_\_\_\_
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19. If applying to adopt a cat, will you be considering having it declawed? Yes [ ] No [ ]
20. Are you willing to purchase a crate if needed? Yes [ ] No [ ]
21. Do you have a pet door? Yes [ ] No [ ]
22. Do you live alone? Yes [ ] No [ ]
23. Do you work? Yes [ ] No [ ] Employer's name, phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
24. Caring for a pet is a lifetime commitment that includes monthly expenses such as food, flea and heartworm preventative, and annual expenses such as vaccinations, exams, and treatment for unexpected illness or injury. Monthly flea and heartworm prevention can run from \$15.00 or more a month for cats to \$25.00 or more a month for dogs depending on the size, and annual examinations and vaccines can run more than \$300.00 annually. With that in mind, can you commit to taking care of the monthly and annual expenses as well as anything that may unexpectedly arise? Yes [ ] No [ ]
25. How long are you away from home on an average day? Home all day [ ] Out part-time [ ] Away 7 or more hours daily [ ]
26. If you are adopting an animal with special needs, are you able to make special arrangements for this animal to be cared for while you are at work or away from home for extended periods of time? Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A [ ]
27. What would you do if your adopted animal developed a special need, or when it becomes elderly? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Do you have any limitations in caring for this particular animal? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Do all of the adults in your household consent to the adoption of this animal? Yes [ ] No [ ]
30. Do you have children/grandchildren? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, what ages? \_\_\_\_\_ Do they live in the household? Yes [ ] No [ ] If they do not live with you, how often do they visit? \_\_\_\_\_
31. Are you planning to have children (or more children) in the future? Yes [ ] No [ ] Maybe [ ]
32. If young children are in the household at any time, they need to be educated on how to interact with the animal in order to prevent bites or other injuries. Are you able/willing to do that? Yes [ ] No [ ]
33. Do you have a pool/pond in your yard? Yes [ ] No [ ]
34. Would you allow your dog to ride in the back of a pickup truck? Yes [ ] No [ ]
35. Does anyone in your household have allergies to any type of pet? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
36. Who will be responsible for the pet's care? \_\_\_\_\_
37. Do you have any financial concerns about providing for this animal? Yes [ ] No [ ]
38. Do you: Own [ ] Rent [ ] House [ ] Apartment [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_
39. If renting, does your lease allow pets? Yes [ ] No [ ] Manager's name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_
40. Does your landlord set a weight limit on animals? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, what is the weight limit? \_\_\_\_\_
41. Does your landlord set a limit on the number of animals? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, what is the number limit? \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Please note that you must have the consent of your landlord if you rent your residence and proof of a paid pet deposit.)**
42. How long have you been at your current address? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan to move within the next 12 months? Yes [ ] No [ ]
43. What provisions will be made for an adopted animal in the event that you move (*even if not planning to move at this time*)? \_\_\_\_\_
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44. Under what circumstances would you not keep this animal? (examples: allergies, moving, vet bills, new baby, destructive animal, job change, housetraining, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
45. Please tell us what behaviors you are *unwilling* or *unable* to work through: \_\_\_\_\_
46. What plans have you made for your animals if you are physically unable to care for them? \_\_\_\_\_
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47. Do you have a fenced yard? Yes [ ] No [ ] What type and how high is the fence? \_\_\_\_\_
48. Where will this animal be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ Where will it sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_
49. If you are adopting a dog, how will the dog be restrained when it is outside? Chain/runner line [ ] Leashed-walks [ ] Fenced yard [ ]
50. Where will you keep this animal when you travel? \_\_\_\_\_
51. Can you commit to caring for the animal for its entire life? \_\_\_\_\_

52. Please tell us about the companion animals you have had **that are no longer with you** (please list additional animals on the back of this form):

- a. Name of pet \_\_\_\_\_ Dog  Cat  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Was/Is this animal spayed/neutered? Yes  No  Where is s/he now? Found new home  Died  Disappeared  Please explain \_\_\_\_\_ When did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_  
Was this animal current on vaccinations? Yes  No  On heartworm prevention? Yes  No   
How frequently was this animal was seen by a veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did this animal stay? Indoor only  Outdoor only  Both  If allowed out, what percentage of time was spent outside? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name of pet \_\_\_\_\_ Dog  Cat  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Was/Is this animal spayed/neutered? Yes  No  Where is s/he now? Found new home  Died  Disappeared  Please explain \_\_\_\_\_ When did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Was this animal current on vaccinations? Yes  No  On heartworm prevention? Yes  No   
How frequently was this animal was seen by a veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did this animal stay? Indoor only  Outdoor only  Both  If allowed out, what percentage of time was spent outside? \_\_\_\_\_

53. Are you aware of the importance of heartworm preventative? Yes  No

54. Have you ever given up an animal for adoption or given it to another party? Yes  No  If yes, what were the circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_

55. Are you interested in having your address added to our mailing list for East Lake Pet Orphanage events? Yes  No

56. Do you have other pets at this time? Yes  No

57. What would you do if your present animal does not get along with an adopted animal? \_\_\_\_\_

58. Can you keep your new pet away from other animals in the household for a minimum of one week? Yes  No

59. **INFORMATION ON CURRENT ANIMALS IN HOUSEHOLD** (please list **additional animals on the back of this form**)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog  Cat  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M  F  Spayed/Neutered? Y  N   
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Where and when did you acquire this pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
Most recent veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last physical exam/vaccinations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is your pet on heartworm prevention?: Y  N  Where does this animal stay? Indoor only  Outdoor only  Both   
If allowed outdoor, what percentage of time is spent outside? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe any existing medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog  Cat  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M  F  Spayed/Neutered? Y  N   
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Where and when did you acquire this pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
Most recent veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last physical exam/vaccinations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is your pet on heartworm prevention?: Y  N  Where does this animal stay? Indoor only  Outdoor only  Both   
If allowed outdoor, what percentage of time is spent outside? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe any existing medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog  Cat  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M  F  Spayed/Neutered? Y  N   
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Where and when did you acquire this pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
Most recent veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last physical exam/vaccinations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is your pet on heartworm prevention?: Y  N  Where does this animal stay? Indoor only  Outdoor only  Both   
If allowed outdoor, what percentage of time is spent outside? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe any existing medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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60. List below all veterinary clinics you use for your current animals and/or past pets. Please include the phone numbers for all clinics as we may need to verify information with all veterinarians that have cared for your current and past animals. **IMPORTANT:** Please let your veterinary clinic(s) know that we will be calling, and give them permission to speak to a member of our rescue organization. We cannot process applications without information from your veterinarian.

- a. Veterinarian/Animal Hospital Name, Address Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Veterinarian/Animal Hospital Name, Address Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Veterinarian/Animal Hospital Name, Address Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize my landlord and/or any veterinarian providing service to me to release medical information on any/all of my animals, to East Lake Pet Orphanage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

My veterinarian (even if no current pet) is \_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_,  
and can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_.

Texas Drivers License number \_\_\_\_\_ (ELPO will request to make a copy of your license upon approval to adopt.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that the animal I am adopting could live as long as 25 years; that pet ownership involves annual medical costs, food costs, wear and tear on furniture; that animals do not come with a guarantee, and as the adopter I am accepting responsibility for the animal's quality of life.

Signature of person applying to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved/Not Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTING A PET IS A LIFELONG COMMITMENT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY.

**NOTE:** We are committed to placing the right animal in the right home. Therefore, if we feel that the animal(s) and the applicant are not the right match, we reserve the right to decline this application. Questions left unanswered may disqualify your application. Any additional comments may be written on the back of this form. Please note that information on declined adoptions is sometimes shared between adoption organizations.