

### *Guidelines for BTRGH Adoption Application*

1. Please fill out all information completely and do not leave any blanks. If a section does not apply, please write N/A. If all questions are not completely answered, this may result in a delay in processing your application.
2. Please write clearly and verify all phone numbers. We are all unpaid volunteers with full-time jobs, and applications are processed in our valued "spare time." Since we receive an inordinate amount of applications each week, it becomes next to impossible to take the extra time in locating and verifying phone numbers for each application. Especially when faxing, be sure to write telephone numbers clearly.
3. Be sure to include the best time to call for your personal references. This will help to expedite the application process.
4. Please list at least three rescues that you are interested in adopting, in order of preference. The reason for this is that many times we are working on more than one application for a particular rescue, and if you have options listed, we will know to proceed with your application. However, if there is only one specific rescue that you prefer to adopt, please indicate that by writing "NO OTHER CHOICES."
5. If, at any time during the application process, you obtain a pet elsewhere or change your mind about adopting from us, PLEASE ALERT US VIA EMAIL OR FAX IMMEDIATELY. We spend an inordinate amount of time in carefully processing applications because we want our rescues to go into the best homes possible, so we ask for your consideration and respect for our time by notifying us if you are no longer planning to adopt from us.

Please - this is common courtesy. It is very frustrating for our volunteers to spend hours processing an application, only to find out that the prospective adopter has obtained a pet elsewhere. If you are not serious about adopting a pet from us, please reconsider applying.

6. We welcome email inquiries regarding the status of your application, and we try to respond as quickly as possible, so your patience is appreciated. Our inbox receives 200-300 email inquiries each day, so please limit your inquiries to one request if no one has contacted you. Also, please bear in mind that many times we receive several applications for the same rescue, and we process those in the order that they are received.

Again, we ultimately try to make the best placement for that particular rescue, and may suggest another rescue that we feel will better suit your home environment. We base all of our recommendations on our observations and interaction with each rescue, and our assessment of your home environment.

## *Application Process*

Overview of the application process:

1. Applicant submits application via fax or mail.
2. Application is reviewed for completeness.
3. If all items are fully answered, a volunteer is enlisted to begin processing. Your references are contacted, and many times you will be contacted directly at that time as well.
4. Once your application has been processed, it is submitted to the board for review and final approval.
5. The final step in our process is a pre-adoptive visit with you and/or your family in your home environment to insure that we are matching up the best rescue for you. A volunteer will contact you to schedule a mutually-convenient time. We are not home inspectors and are not concerned about your home passing a "white-glove" test. We are meeting with you and/or your family to make sure that your home will best suit the rescue's needs, and we also try to make suggestions and answer questions at that time. This is a "user-friendly" step in our process, and we welcome your questions at that time.
6. Finally, you will have the chance to meet the rescues that you are interested in adopting, and will hopefully take home that "special one"!!!

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this process. Many of our rescues come from the streets or from deplorable circumstances, and we want to insure that their adoptive home is truly their forever home.

**BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE OF GREATER HOUSTON, INC.  
RESCUE DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Please complete information in #1. for each adult in your household:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Best time and number to call: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SIGN HERE TO AUTHORIZE YOUR VETERINARIAN TO RELEASE  
ANY AND ALL MEDICAL RECORDS ON YOUR PETS TO BOSTON TERRIER  
RESCUE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS APPLICATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

2. How long at present address? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you: \_\_\_ own \_or\_ \_\_\_ rent?  
\*Renters must attach a copy of lease stating a pet this size is permitted, or provide  
landlord telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where will the pet be kept during the day while no one is home?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Where at night? \_\_\_\_\_  
When no one is home (weekends, during errands, etc.)?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
When you are on vacation? \_\_\_\_\_  
Will your pet be crated? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, for how long (on average)? \_\_\_\_\_  
What type of crate do you have or plan to use? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long will the pet be left alone each day (hours)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have a totally fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what is the height? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of fence do you have? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have a doggie door? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are all exterior gates padlocked? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Exercise and elimination for pet will be (check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ On lead or leash;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tie out or chain/trolley;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fenced yard (totally enclosed);
- \_\_\_\_\_ Partially fenced area;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Electronic/invisible fence;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loose in yard;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Indoor potty area (papers, box)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

6. Do you have a pool, hot tub, spa, pond or fountain?

\_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Is it aboveground or in-ground? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the area separately fenced? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, how will your rescue be protected from this area?

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\_\_\_\_\_

7. How many adults live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

How many children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be primarily responsible for caring for this animal: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do any children visit on a regular basis? YES NO

If so, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please list ALL veterinarian names and phone numbers for any and all animals that you have owned in the past ten years:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Under what name(s) are you vet records listed under?

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have not owned pets in the past ten years, please give the name and phone number for your previous vets:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Please list three references we may contact as well:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number and best time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number and best time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number and best time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Please list all pets you have owned in the past ten years (if none, please list any pets owned in your adult life, or if you would like to list previous childhood pets, please note them separately):

Breed	Name	Age and Gender	Spayed/Neutered (Circle One)	Where is it now
			Yes or No	
			Yes or No	
			Yes or No	
			Yes or No	
			Yes or No	

If any of your pets are now deceased, please give **name, age at death, and cause of death:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12. Are your pets presently on heartworm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or, if your pets are deceased, were they on heartworm preventative while alive? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, please list brand used and how often given:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
13. Have you ever lost a pet or had a pet die at an early age or due to accident, injury or unexpected illness?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, please give details.  
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14. Have you ever surrendered or given a pet up? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, please explain in detail the circumstances surrounding the surrender.

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If your pet was given to another person, please give their name and contact information:

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15. Do you own any exotic pets (birds, reptiles, etc.)? If so, please list each exotic pet owned and give a description of the pet:

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16. Dog sought: Please circle your choice:  
MALE    FEMALE    NO PREFERENCE

17. If there is a specific rescue you are interested in adopting, please list his/her name and please list a second choice as well:

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(Please note that a pet you choose may have an adoption pending or we may be working on applications on that pet. Therefore, it is better if you can list at least three choices, in your order of preference.)

We process all applications in the order that they are received, and many times an application has been approved before the website is updated. To avoid delays in processing your application, please be sure that ALL questions are completely answered.)

18. Do you agree to return this dog to Boston Terrier Rescue or Affiliate if you are unable to keep it for any reason?      YES      NO

19. Are you applying to adopt with any other rescue group, organization or breeder? YES    NO  
If so, with whom?

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20. If you are an out-of-state applicant, please state how you intend to transport the rescue. Please note: we do not allow our rescues to be shipped other than with a person onboard.

PLEASE NOTE: ONCE APPROVED, THERE IS A NON\_REFUNDABLE

ADOPTION FEE (AFTER 30 DAYS) FOR ALL RESCUES. THE ADOPTION FEES ARE USED SOLELY FOR THE MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT OF ALL OF THE RESCUE DOGS. THE ADOPTION FEE IS USUALLY STATED UNDER THE PET'S DESCRIPTION ON PETFINDER.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL CAUSE A DELAY IN PROCESSING. PLEASE BE SURE TO PROVIDE FULL NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS WHERE REQUESTED, AND TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FULLY AND COMPLETELY. WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS, AND THE MAJORITY OF US HOLD FULL\_TIME JOBS. WE ARE NOT PAID FOR OUR RESCUE WORK, SO PLEASE BE PATIENT WHILE YOUR APPLICATION IS BEING PROCESSED.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR TIME AND EFFORTS \_ IF YOU PURCHASE OR ADOPT ANOTHER DOG, PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE CAN CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS ON ANOTHER APPLICATION.

PLEASE CHECK ON THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION BY EMAIL ONLY. THANK YOU.

BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE OR DISAPPROVE ANY APPLICATION BASED ON NATIONAL GUIDELINES. PRIORITY MAY BE GIVEN TO LOCAL ADOPTERS TO ALLEVIATE AS MUCH TRAUMA TO THE RESCUE AS POSSIBLE.

As a potential adopter, I do hereby certify that all of the information contained in this application is true and complete. I understand that if any of the information is inaccurate or incomplete, my application will not be processed. I further understand and agree that if chosen as an adoptive home, I will comply with following conditions of adoption, as evidenced by my initials by each paragraph.

INITIAL EACH PARAGRAPH BELOW IF YOU AGREE:

1. ADOPTER shall keep BOSTON as an indoor pet, and will provide BOSTON with identification at all times (collar, tag, tattoo or microchip). BOSTON will be kept under control at all times when off ADOPTER'S property.
2. ADOPTER shall keep BOSTON on heartworm preventative at all times for the rest of the BOSTONS'S life, and shall provide adequate veterinary care for BOSTON including annual vaccinations, rabies vaccinations as needed, and any other care recommended by BOSTON'S veterinarian. ADOPTER will take BOSTON to veterinarian if sick or injured, or otherwise requiring medical attention. If ADOPTER is unable to do so, ADOPTER will notify BT rescue IMMEDIATELY.
3. ADOPTER agrees to notify BT rescue contact of any change of address or telephone of adopter.

4. If BOSTON is lost or stolen, ADOPTER will immediately notify BT rescue contact.
5. ADOPTER shall return BOSTON to BT rescue, if under any circumstances, ADOPTER is no longer able to keep or provide for BOSTON. ADOPTER shall not sell, give, or otherwise transfer BOSTON to anyone other than BT rescue.
6. ADOPTER REPRESENTS THAT NO MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD HAS EVER BEEN CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.
7. ADOPTER shall indemnify and hold harmless BTR and its members from any and all loss, damage, or expense. BTR does not warrant the temperament or behavior of BOSTON. BTR does not warrant the health of BOSTON, but does provide all medical records available. BTR is not liable for acts of BOSTON after placement with adopter.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures of all adults residing in household:

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

Please complete and return application by fax to: **281-862-7120**

Or by mail to:

**Boston Terrier Rescue**  
**25318 Oakhurst Drive**  
**The Woodlands, Texas 77386-1425**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE!