



Dog Surrender Form

Thank you for inquiring about placing your dog at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Despite our efforts to provide a peaceful, loving environment for dogs and cats, the shelter is still terribly stressful. We recommend that you surrender your pet to a shelter only as your last option. Notify friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers that you need to re-home your pet. This type of networking can have very positive results.

NOTE: If you wish to surrender a stray dog, please recognize that there may be a frantic owner looking for her/him. Posting signs with a photo near where you found the dog is often helpful, and it is best to bring the animal to your city's animal control agency so s/he will be logged into the lost and found system and, hopefully, reunited with her/his owner.

At BEBHS dog guests learn or retain social skills and basic manners instead of losing those skills in the shelter environment. We want pets to leave the shelter equipped to live successfully in a new home. To this end, dogs living in the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society (BEBHS) shelter are handfed their meals and receive daily socialization, veterinary care, basic obedience training, 3 walks per day for exercise and housetraining, and a tremendous amount of love and affection during their stay. We provide toys, crates, blankets and beds to keep them comfortable and happy while we look for the right home for them. No dog is ever euthanized unless s/he develops serious health or behavior problems that make her/him unadoptable.

The BEBHS accepts adoptable animals only. This allows us to fulfill our mission of placing pet animals in quality, loving homes. We seek out and transfer adoptable animals from municipal shelters and we accept animals from owners who have decided to surrender them. All animals must undergo and pass a rigorous intake evaluation that includes a behavior assessment and medical examination.

We would be delighted to provide you unlimited free behavior consultations by phone if you are motivated to keep your dog in your home. We can also provide names of professional trainers to work with you and your dog in your home. Phone (510) 845-7735, ext. 0 during business hours (Tuesday-Sunday, 12-6) and ask to speak to a behavior consultant.

If you feel you must surrender your dog, we are here to help. However, please understand that our help may come in the form of providing you with other resources. Domestic dogs become stressed and miserable after what seems like an eternity in a kennel run. BEBHS considers it inhumane to accept animals that will fare poorly here or that will have to stay here for many months. Please note that older dogs and breeds that are common in municipal shelters can be harder for us to place. We always make our decision about taking your dog based on what is best for your animal, and will always provide alternatives if we must say "no".

If your dog passes our assessment tests and is accepted into our adoption program, **we do charge a fee of \$150.00.** Accepting a dog costs the BEBHS over \$300.00 and for that reason donations in any amount are very appreciated. If we do accept your dog, we will contact you when s/he is placed, so you can put your mind at ease!

The more you can tell us about your dog, the easier it will be to find her/him a new home. Thank you for helping us begin the process by providing all of the information requested on the following pages. Please use ink, write legibly, and provide as much detail as possible.

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Your name: _____

Daytime phone #: () _____

Today's Date: _____

Surrender Profile - DOG

Dog's name: _____ Male Female

Approximate age or exact birth date if known: _____

Is your dog spayed/neutered? Yes No

Breed: _____ Approximate weight: _____

How long have you had this dog? _____

Is s/he your first dog? Yes No

Where did you get her/him? _____

What was the main reason you got this dog? _____

Please tell us why you need to give up your dog: _____

Is your dog licensed? Yes No

If yes, please provide license number and issuing city: _____

Has a complaint ever been filed with animal services regarding this dog?
 Yes* No

*If yes, please provide details: _____

Does your dog have any medical issues? Yes* No

*If yes, please provide details: _____

Is this dog current on vaccinations? Yes No

Please provide the name and phone number of your veterinarian: _____

When was his/her last trip to the vet? _____

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Has your dog nipped, mouthed, bruised or scratched with its teeth? Yes* No

*If yes, please provide details: _____

Has this dog ever broken a person's skin with her/his teeth? Yes* No

*If yes, please provide details: _____

Has this dog attended an obedience course? Yes* No

*If yes, please tell us how old the dog was then and provide the name of the instructor or training center: _____

How often does your dog get walked on a leash? _____

Does s/he meet dogs on walks? Yes* No

*If yes, please briefly describe her/his reaction to other dogs: _____

Do you let your dog sniff/touch/play with other dogs? Yes* No

*If yes, please describe her/his style of playing: _____

What form of exercise does your dog get, and how often? _____

How long do you leave the dog alone each day? _____

Where does your dog stay when you leave her/him alone at home? _____

Do you use, or have you ever used, a dog crate for this dog? Yes No

Do you have a yard? Yes* No

*If yes, how often does the dog stay alone in the yard? _____

*For how long at a time? _____

*Is the dog loose or tied when in the yard? _____

*How many times has your dog escaped from the yard? _____

Does your dog chew when left alone? Yes* No

*If yes, what does your dog chew on? _____

Where does the dog sleep at night? _____

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Please list all people, and the ages of those people, who live in the household with your dog: _____

Please list other pets that live in the household with your dog: _____

Does your dog have experience with children? Yes* No

*If yes, please provide ages and your dogs behavior with the children. _____

Does your dog have any experience with cats? Yes* No

*If yes, how does s/he respond to cats? _____

Has your dog ever injured another animal? Yes* No

*If yes, please provide details: _____

How many fights has your dog had with other dogs? _____

Has your dog injured another dog in a fight? Yes* No

*If yes, please provide details: _____

What are your dog's favorite games/toys? _____

Does your dog have another dog as a special playmate? Yes No

If yes, what is the other dog's breed, age, and gender? _____

What do the dogs do when they play together? _____

When you/your family/housemates are eating a meal at home, where is the dog?

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Does your dog enjoy dog food? Yes No

When someone tries to take something away from your dog (e.g. the food bowl, a bone, a toy), what is the dog's response? _____

If your dog picks something up that you don't want him/her to have (e.g. a chicken bone, a piece of garbage, a shoe), how does the dog react when you try to take it out of her/his mouth? _____

Which people cause your dog to bark, to be nervous, fearful, assertive, or unsure? _____

How does your dog react when people come to your house to visit? _____

What areas of your dog's body does s/he NOT like you to touch? _____

How do you know s/he doesn't like it? _____

Tell us your favorite things about your dog: _____

How do you correct your dog when s/he does something wrong? _____

Where does your dog urinate and defecate? _____

How many house-soiling mistakes does your dog have each week? _____

If you could change one thing about your dog's behavior, what would it be?

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What do you think the ideal home for your dog would look like? _____

How much longer can you keep your dog in your home? _____

If you were placing an ad to re-home your dog, what would it say about her/him?

PLEASE SIGN

I certify that all statements above are true and correct.

Signature

Date

Thank you for completing the surrender profile. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society will use it to assess your dog's adoptability. Submission of this profile in no way guarantees that Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society (BEBHS) will accept your dog.

A behavior consultant from BEBHS will review your responses and will contact you at the phone number you provided. The consultant may ask you to bring your dog to the BEBHS for a behavior assessment or may discuss other options to assist you in placing your dog.

To submit this profile by fax
(510) 845-3088, attention Front Desk

To submit this profile by e-mail
frontdesk@berkeleyhumane.org

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Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society
Attention: Front Desk
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Questions? Phone (510) 845-7735, x 0, or
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