

## MISFIT HOUNDS ADOPTION PROCESS

1. Request and complete an application. The application **MUST** be submitted as a PDF. The file must be renamed to include your name. This is to protect your personal information. After the application is received, it is forwarded to our board members for review and comment. Brad does not see the application until it is screened by the board members. This can take some time depending on the number of applications we receive at any given time.
2. Meet and greets are **NOT** arranged until an application is received and reviewed by the board. Review of your application is not automatic permission to participate in a meet and greet. Our rescue and fosters are personal residences and are **NOT** a shelter. We are not open to the public. Arrangements will be made by Brad Marlow for dogs that reside at the rescue building; all other arrangements will be made by the foster family for any dogs residing in foster homes. You may be asked to meet the dog at an alternate location determined by the rescue or the foster family.
3. Once the application is reviewed and comments are received, you may be contacted to arrange for a phone interview to clarify any questions that the board may have. Not all applicants get a follow up phone call.
4. A home inspection may be arranged. If the potential adopter is more than a few hours' drive, the applicant will be required to submit pictures of their home, yard and any areas the dog may be while in their custody.
5. Once the vetting process is completed by the board members, the application and comments are forwarded to Brad Marlow for review and comment. He will give further guidance on whether an applicant is approved or if more information is needed. Brad has the final say in an adoption; completion and submission of the application is not an approval.
6. We do not evaluate our success on how many dogs we can adopt out in a specific time frame. Our success is measured by making a decision that puts the right family with the right dog. We are dedicated to finding a "forever" home that will be the best for the dog. Patience is required for this vetting process and many times there are 10-20 applications for one dog. The squeaky wheel doesn't get the grease, it gets replaced.
7. If your application is approved and you adopt a Misfit Hound, we require you to keep us updated with pictures, information about their health and general upkeep. You have now entered the Misfit Family. Updates will be shared on our social media sites with your permission. This information is solely used to inform the public of the type of family we are looking for to adopt our dogs.

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## Misfit Hounds Adoption Application

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Thank you for your interest in a Misfit Hounds adoptable dog. We strive to do our best to match dogs with the perfect home and forever family. All applications are subject to confirmation that the home is in the best interest of that particular animal and I retain the right to refuse any adoption even with an approved application.

To adopt you must be **18** years of age or older, your entire household must be in agreement with the decision to add a pet, and you must own your home. A secured yard is required for adoption and a **minimum 6-foot privacy or chain link fence that is dig proof for the bigger dogs; shorter fencing may be approved for smaller beagles but the fence needs to be dig proof.** All dogs must be supervised if left outside for any length of time to prevent escape by digging out or any other means. Due to the nature of the breed and past experience, off leash is only allowed when the dog is in a secured area with a dig proof fence. If on a leash, they must be double leashed with one leash on a harness. Any adopted dog cannot be kept as an outdoor pet or chained. You will be responsible for providing all proper care for your new pet including vet care, flea and heartworm preventative, training, love, and an indoor home with plenty of exercise and attention. You must be able to prove that all animals in your household are free of infectious diseases, spayed or neutered, and current with vaccinations and preventative care. Any adopted pet cannot be used for hunting or sport. **If you are willing to follow these guidelines, please continue on with your application. If not, I am sorry, but Misfit Hounds is not the rescue for you.**

As we do strive to make perfect matches between dogs and their humans to help ensure new families become forever families, a little information about your

lifestyle and the type of dog you would like to add to your family would be wonderful. If there is a specific dog you are interested in adopting you may include that information here as well.

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**Personal Information**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Street  
Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you resided at your current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own your home? YES NO

Do you have a fenced yard? YES NO Type\_\_\_\_\_ Height\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*If the answer is NO or invisible fencing, do NOT submit this application, it will be rejected\*\*\***

May we conduct a home inspection prior to adoption approval if we deem necessary? YES NO \*\*

\*\*If the distance from the rescue to the prospective adopter makes it not practical to conduct a home inspection (i.e. more than a few hours' drive) the adopter is required to send photos of the home, yard and place where the pet will spend their time with the adopter.

Occupations of adult(s) in the home and schedules of the home's residents:

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Where will the pet stay when the adult(s) are at work? (be specific)

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Who will care for the pet and provide exercise?

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How much exercise are you willing to provide?

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Ages of the children in the home:

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What experience do you and your household have with pets?

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Pets that are currently part of your family and general demeanor:

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What are you planning on feeding your new pet?

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We recommend the highest quality food for all of our adoptable dogs.

Describe the actions you would take if you lost your dog:

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For the following questions, check all answers that apply:

**Which characteristics would you not tolerate in a pet?**

- Not housebroken right away
- Dog aggressive
- Cat aggressive
- Too hyper
- Digger
- Fence jumper
- Barker
- Drooler
- Protective over food/toys
- Not housebroken after training

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**If your pet displayed one of these traits, what would you do?**

- Consult a behaviorist
- Consult a vet
- Work through it
- Surrender back to rescue

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the best way to correct your pet's mistakes?**

- Swat on the butt
- Yell 'No!'
- Redirect the behavior
- Ignore, but praise when he/she does something good
- Kennel when bad

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Under what circumstances would you return an animal to our rescue?

- Moving across state/into an apartment, etc.
- Lost job/can no longer afford
- Behavioral issues (i.e. dog aggression, etc.)
- Health issues (i.e. hip dysplasia)
- Having kids
- Gets too big, etc.
- Under no circumstance

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian Information**

Veterinarian

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pets currently under the care of the vet and that have received care in the last five years:

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Name on the account if other than your own:

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**Personal References**

Please list three personal references that are familiar with your experience with and your care of your pets. Please advise them that a representative from Misfit Hounds may be contacting them after this application has been returned to the rescue.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Animals adopted through Misfit Hounds must be spayed or neutered before adoption; NO EXCEPTIONS, aside from health issues that would prevent it.**

**Rescue animals require time and patience to become adapted to a new home. If Misfit Hounds is aware of a special need or “issue” with a pet, we will share with the potential adopter all information available to us. If any issues arise please feel free to contact us and we will help in any way we can to make the transition of adding a new rescue pet to your family a smooth one.**

**MISFIT HOUNDS IS COMMITTED TO RESCUING DOGS THAT HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED OR ABUSED WITH THE GOAL OF ADOPTING THEM TO THEIR FOREVER HOMES WHERE THEY ARE PROPERLY CARED FOR. IF AN APPROVED ADOPTER CANNOT KEEP THE DOG, YOU MUST RETURN THE DOG TO MISFIT HOUNDS WHO WILL GIVE A FULL REFUND OF THE ADOPTION FEE. THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT FOR THIS REQUIREMENT.**

IN THE EVENT THE ADOPTED ANIMAL WILL BE SURRENDERED, I, \_\_\_\_\_  
AGREE TO RETURN IT TO MISFIT HOUNDS ONLY. I ALSO UNDERSTAND I MUST CONTACT  
MISFIT HOUNDS DIRECTLY TO ARRANGE FOR SURRENDER OF THE ADOPTED ANIMAL AND BY  
FAILING TO DO SO IS A BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Contact information for Misfit Hounds:

Brad Marlow- email: [Misfithounds138@yahoo.com](mailto:Misfithounds138@yahoo.com)

I \_\_\_\_\_ (please print name) agree that  
by signing below I have provided correct information on this application. I  
understand that an adoption fee applies to this adoption. I understand that it  
will be my sole responsibility to provide vet care for the animal, including  
routine exams, vaccinations and emergency care, as well as local licensing.

My signature below affirms that I have never been convicted of animal cruelty  
or neglect in any jurisdiction.

I understand that completion of this form does not obligate me to adopt from  
Misfit Hounds and that the Director of Misfit Hounds retains the final authority  
to make decisions about placement of a given animal in the best interest of that  
animal, without regard to other considerations.

I give Misfit Hounds permission to verify any information I have provided.

I understand that Misfit Hounds will require an additional signed adoption  
contract and adoption fee at the time of the adoption.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## FAQ:

- Adoption Fee is \$250, if 2 dogs are bonded and need to be adopted together, Brad will determine the adoption fee.
- We adopt out of state but not outside of the US
- The dog's specific profiles are on our website [misfithounds.org](http://misfithounds.org). If you want to know "more information" about a dog, have specific questions to ask. We do not know your situation and cannot predict what you know and what you don't know.
- Hounds are not typically good with cats. Not all of our dogs are cat tested and most are failed hunters. Hunters will train dogs to kill with cats so in most cases, we don't risk it. There may be some exceptions.
- Our dogs have been saved from a life of being chained outside their whole lives, many have been abused and neglected by humans. Many are fearful of humans for a long time until they can adjust to the good life of being inside and fed on a regular basis with love and care. With that being said, children need to **always** be supervised when interacting with a dog. It is not always predictable what can trigger a dog to become aggressive. Some of our dogs will not be a good fit for a family with children. If we know this in advance, it will be provided on their profile. Experience with abused dogs and age of the children are also factors to consider when contemplating adoption of a throwaway hound. Our dogs are not "kid tested", your child needs to be "dog tested".
- Renting with roommates is not the home for a Misfit Hound. You must own your home and have a fenced yard. Electronic fencing is NEVER approved. Predators can enter and have free reign of the space while your dog is limited by the perimeter. **All dogs must be supervised if left outside for any length of time to prevent escape by digging out or any other means.** Due to the nature of the breed and past experience, off leash is only allowed when the dog is in a secured area with a dig proof fence. If on a leash, they must be double leashed with one leash on a harness.
- An adopted Misfit Hound is required to be an inside dog. They are to be treated like a member of the family, so that means they cannot live in a barn or any other "shelter" that is outside of the home. Any outdoor access must be only when someone can supervise them.
- Our dogs bark, are not house trained and will eat anything and everything they can get their paws on. They can be very destructive. Each dog has their own quirks and behaviors. **You** must be dedicated to training the dog if you do not want these undesirable behaviors in your home.

## Misfit Hounds

Brad Marlow, President  
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I have received the animal described below from Misfit Hounds. I understand that by adopting this animal, I must comply with the following requirements. Failure to do so will result in the animal being repossessed by Misfit Hounds and loss of my ownership rights to the animal.

1. I am 18 years of age or older.
2. I agree that this animal will be a household pet. Any adopted dog cannot be kept outside or chained.
3. I can affirm that this animal is not being adopted as a gift for anyone else, and I am assuming full responsibility for this animal.
4. I will not sell, trade, or loan my pet, and will not allow it to be used for experimental purposes.
5. I will not allow my pet to be used as a hunting dog or any kind of sport dog.
6. I will provide my pet with proper food, fresh clean water, good and adequate shelter, and kind treatment at all times.
7. I will keep a collar on my animal with a tag bearing my name, address, and phone number. I will obey all ordinances pertaining to pets, including annual licensing of my pet (as required).
8. I will keep this animal under restraint at all times to prevent it from running at large, being a public nuisance or becoming lost or stolen. A secured yard with a minimum 6' fence is required unless an alternate agreement has been approved by Misfit Hounds president. Due to the nature of the breed and past experience, off leash is only allowed when the dog is in a secured area with a dig proof fence. If on a leash, they must be double leashed with one leash on a harness. If the party fully and properly trains the pet with proper recall, the trainer may submit a letter to Misfit Hounds president explaining the training and seeking an exemption from this requirement. I will contact Misfit Hounds if my pet becomes lost or stolen and will make every effort to recover my pet.
9. I will take the animal to a veterinarian for necessary animal immunizations, including booster vaccinations for puppies, and will obtain immediate veterinary care, at my expense, if the animal becomes sick or is injured.
10. I agree that Misfit Hounds may take possession of my pet if anytime, in their opinion, it is not being properly cared for, if their well-being is at risk, if I have misrepresented myself on the adoption application, or if I violate any part of this contract. In the event that I fail or refuse to return my adopted pet on demand, I hereby agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees in the event an attorney is consulted or suit is brought for return of the animal.

11. In the event the adopted animal will be surrendered, I agree to return it to Misfit Hounds ONLY. This includes situations where the owner cannot take care of the pet due to an accident, hospitalization or long term illness, etc. If the owner wishes to transfer the pet to another care giver, that care giver must fill out an application and be approved by Misfit Hounds president prior to the transfer, otherwise, the owner must surrender the pet to Misfit Hounds. Misfit Hounds will reimburse the cost of the adoption and any transportation costs incurred to return the dog. I must contact Misfit Hounds directly to arrange for surrender of the adopted animal and by failing to do so is a breach of contract subject to the costs and conditions listed below.

**Liquidated Damages:**

I agree to pay Misfit Hounds the sum of \$5,000.00 as liquidated damages in the event the terms of the contract are breached. This liquidated damage value is agreed for the purposes of establishing the value of the animal and does not bar Misfit Hounds from seeking the return of the animal by a judicial process or other legal means.

**Attorney Fees and Court Costs:**

I agree to pay Misfit Hounds attorney's fees and court costs in the event this matter is forwarded to an attorney for enforcement.

**Disclosure and Release Clause:**

I do hereby declare that I am aware that (a) animals are different from human beings in their responses to human actions, (b) the actions of animals are often unpredictable, (c) animals should be closely supervised when they are with children, (d) an animal's behavior may change after he/she leaves the foster home and gets accustomed to the new home or other environment, and (e) Misfit Hounds makes no claims or representations as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of any animal offered for adoption. I hereby accept possession of, title to (subject to conditions in the adoption contract) and responsibility for the animal identified below and hereby release and discharge Misfit Hounds forever from liability of any injury or damages to any person or property cause in the future by said animal, and from any causes of action, claims, suits or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damages.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of adopted animal: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color/Markings: \_\_\_\_\_