**MISFIT HOUNDS ADOPTION PROCESS OVERVIEW**

**1. INTERESTED ADOPTERS MUST COMPLETE THE APPLICATION THOROUGHLY AND HONESTLY**. **ANY FALSICATION OF ANY COMPONENT OF THE APPLICATION WILL RENDER THE POTENTIAL ADOPTER INELIGIBLE TO ADOPT.** Upon completion, please “save as” and rename to include your name (doing so enables the Misfit Hounds review board to easily recognize and assess your personal application). Once your personalized application is saved, please send photos of your fenced yard, along with your application, to [adoptamisfit@yahoo.com](mailto:adoptamisfit@yahoo.com). Once the application is received, our adoption review board will assess the application and follow up with the applicant within a few weeks’ time.

2. **MEET AND GREETS ARE RESERVED FOR APPROVED ADOPTERS ONLY.** The location of our Rescue Organization headquarters, and foster placements are private and thus, not open to the public for public visitations. If deemed appropriate, visitation arrangements will be arranged by Mistfit Hounds’ Founder and President, Brad Marlow, for dogs that reside at the rescue headquarters. All other arrangements will be made by the foster family for any hounds residing outside the rescue headquarters in foster homes. Potential adopters may be required to meet the adoptable hound at an alternate location, to be determined by the rescue or the foster family.

3. **APPROVAL IS NECESSARY.** Once your application is reviewed and preliminarily approved, you will be contacted by a Misfit Hounds representative to schedule a phone interview. If your application is not approved, you will be notified that you are not an eligible adopter at this time.

4. **HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS.** A home inspection will likely be required to complete the adoption application review. If you’re located more than two hours away from the Misfit Hounds’ headquarters, we will ask for additional information/photographs of your home. In the alternative, we will hire an inspection service provider to travel to your residence so we can garner an accurate understanding of what the dog’s living environment will be.

5**. WE FOCUS ON ADOPTING OUR HOUNDS OUT TO THEIR FOREVER HOMES.** We do not grade our success as a rescue organization on the number of hounds we adopt out. Our success is measured by making a decision that puts the right family with the right dog. We are dedicated to finding the best “forever” home for each of our hounds, and we do not make this decision lightly. As such, patience is necessary for the application process. Frequently, there are 10-20 applications for one specific hound. The squeaky wheel doesn’t get the grease, it gets replaced.

6. **THE AFTERMATH COMMITMENT OF ADOPTING A MISFIT HOUND.** If your application is approved and you adopt a Misfit Hound, we require you to keep us updated with pictures, comprehensive information regarding the hound’s health and general upkeep. In short, once you adopt a Misfit, you have officially entered the Misfit Hound Family—a family which loves their adopted hound(s) unconditionally. Updates on your adopted hound may be shared on our social media pages (with your prior approval/permission). This information is used solely for the purpose of education the public on our organization, and caliber of adoptive families to which we entrust our hounds.

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**MISFIT HOUNDS**

**ADOPTION APPLICATION**

From all of us at Misfit Hounds, we are **sincerely grateful** for your interest in and support of Misfit Hounds. Adopting one of our hounds is no small feat, but the unconditional love and companionship you will experience will be unmatched. We know the worth of our hounds, and as such, we strive to do our best to match our hounds with their ideal family, where they will live out the rest of their days in the best place for them. Accordingly, all applications are subject to scrutiny, for the purpose of confirming that your family and h home are a great and permanent match for one of our Misfits.

**MISFIT HOUNDS RETAINS THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ADOPT ANY OF OUR HOUNDS OUT, FOR ANY REASON, TO ANY POTENTIAL ADOPTER, EVEN AFTER PRELIMINARILY APPROVED POST WRITTEN APPLICATION SUBMISSION, if said adopter is found/deemed to be unfit to adopt, whether it be pursuant to an unsatisfactory home inspection, questionable background investigation, or for any other legitimate reason the Misfit Hounds adoption committee deems problematic.**

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:** To adopt a Misfit Hound:

1. You must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Your entire household must agree with the decision to add a pet, and you must own your home;
3. A secured yard is required for adoption, and a minimum 6-foot privacy or chain link, dig proof fence for bigger hounds (because our hounds are jumpers and expert escape artists), but shorter, dig proof fencing may be approved for smaller hounds.
4. Adopted hounds must be supervised if left outside for any length of time to prevent escape by digging out or any other means.
5. Due to the nature of the various hound breed and past experiences of Misfit Hounds founder, off-leash exercise is only allowed when the dog is in a secured area with a dig proof fence. If on a leash, the hound must be double leashed with one leash on a harness.
6. Hounds adopted from Misfit Hounds can NEVER be kept as an outdoor pet or chained.
7. You will be responsible for providing all proper care for your Misfit Hound, including but not limited to:
   1. Routine veterinary care (annual visits, welfare checks).
   2. Any veterinary care necessary in the event of sickness/medical necessity.
   3. Routine flea/heartworm prevention.
   4. Recommended training for behavioral issues (if any, including food aggression, etc.).
   5. A safe indoor home/shelter.
   6. Plenty of food/water/exercise.
   7. An abundance of love and attention
8. 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.
9. A Misfit Hound cannot be used for hunting or sport. **No exceptions.**

**THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH ABOVE ARE CONTRACTUAL AND NON-NEGOTIABLE.** Any violation of these terms may render your agreement with Misfit Hounds void and could potentially require that you to surrender your hound back to Misfit Hounds, with all costs—including legal, transportation, and veterinary care—assessed entirely to you. **THE WELL BEING OF OUR HOUNDS WITH ALWAYS TAKE PRECEDENCE.**

If you are willing to follow these guidelines, please proceed with your application. If not, Misfit Hounds is probably not the rescue for you. We tirelessly strive to ensure perfect matches between our hounds and their potential adoptive humans. Creating forever families is our goal with every hound. This is exactly why we take the adoption process so seriously. The more information you can provide about your lifestyle and the type of dog you would like to add to your family, the better. Please let us know if there is a specific dog you are particularly interested in adopting, and if not, please describe a specific personality you're looking for. If there are multiple hounds you may be interested in adopting, please let us know. Some of our greatest and most adoptable hounds aren’t always the first pick but will become the best companions for families!

**Personal Information**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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 you have 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 you live more than 100 miles from Elizabethton, Tennessee, you **must** submit photos of your home, fenced yard, and any place(s) your potential hound will spend a significant portion of their time. Failure to do so will delay the processing of your application or may render your application void in its entirety.

Have you or any member(s) of your household ever been charged with or convicted of: 1) any crime involving animal cruelty/neglect; 2) any crime of violence (including but not limited to domestic assault, aggravated assaulted, robbery, etc); 3) any crime of moral turpitude/dishonesty? ☐YES ☐NO

If yes, list and explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (By completing this section, applicant understands that any misrepresentation and/or disclosure of the aforementioned crimes may render said applicant ineligible for adoption).

\*\*Failure to answer the above question(s) honestly will render this application void in its entirely.

Name and occupation of each adult in the household: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the daily schedule of the household? And, how many hours per day on average will the dog be home alone?

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

Who will care for the pet and provide exercise? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How much exercise are you willing to provide? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ages of any children in the home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What experience do you and your household have with pets? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

What are you planning on feeding your new pet? We recommend the highest quality food you’re able to afford for all our adoptable dogs.

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

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Name on the account if other than your own: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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.

Please note: These references must be folks who are not members of your household, and who are not relatives.

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Animals adopted through Misfit Hounds will be spayed or neutered before adoption; NO EXCEPTIONS, aside from health issues that would prevent it. Rescue animals require time and patience to adapt 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 Executive 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.

By signing this, I give Misfit Hounds permission to perform a background check to verify any information I have provided. Further, I understand that Misfit Hounds Adoption Committee may review my social media accounts.

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

Signature(s) for each adult in the household Date

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FAQ:

● Adoption Fee is $250, if 2 dogs are bonded and need to be adopted together, Misfit Hounds will determine the adoption fee for the pair.

● We adopt out of state but not outside of the US

● The dog’s specific profiles are on our website 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 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 Adoption Contract**

Misfit Hounds PO Box 798, Hampton, TN 37658

[misfithounds138@yahoo.com](mailto:misfithounds138@yahoo.com)

Brad Marlow, Founder

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 [misfithounds138@yahoo.com](mailto:misfithounds138@yahoo.com) 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 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(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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