

# Owner Surrender Form-Dog



Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Owner's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## Dog's Information-General

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Date of Birth (or approximate age): \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed  Neutered  Not Altered

Why are you surrendering this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you had this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you get this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you this dog's first owner?  Yes  No Number of previous owners: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Where is this dog normally kept?  Inside  Outside  Both

## Dog's Information- Medical

Has this dog bitten in the last ten days?  Yes  No

Is this dog microchipped?  Yes  No

Does this dog have/had any known medical issues?  No  Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What vet clinic do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

What type/brand of food do you feed this dog?

Is there any type of food/treat this dog particularly likes? \_\_\_\_\_

## Dog's Information-Behavioral

Please explain this dog's personality: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does this dog have any of the following behavioral issues? **Please explain each issue.** (Please be honest, it will let us know what things we should work on with the dog)

- Separation or Other Anxiety: \_\_\_\_\_  Chewing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Excessive Barking: \_\_\_\_\_  Digging: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inappropriate Urinating: \_\_\_\_\_  Begging: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chasing (cars, animals, people, etc): \_\_\_\_\_  Jumping: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Protective of house, family, etc: \_\_\_\_\_  Biting: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Aggression: \_\_\_\_\_  Fear of loud noises/objects: \_\_\_\_\_

How does this dog respond to: Cats \_\_\_\_\_ Other Dogs \_\_\_\_\_  
Strangers \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this dog ever killed or injured another animal?  No  Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Dogs Information—Training

Is this dog housebroken?  Yes  No

Has this dog had any formal obedience training?  Yes  No

Does this dog know any commands?  No  Yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has this dog been crate trained?  Yes  No

Can this dog be trusted to be home alone for extended periods?  Yes  No

How long is this dog normally left alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Other Information

Would it be okay if the new adopters of this dog contacted you?  Yes  No

What type of home would be best for this dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please take some time to tell us anything else about this dog that you think we should know, or that you would like us to know.

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**POLICY STATEMENT- ANIMALS RECEIVED FROM OWNERS  
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Please understand that you completely give up the ownership and all rights to this animal when you surrender it to the ECCHA. Once the animal is surrendered, we will decide if we can place the animal up for adoption. Ideally we would like to place all animals in new homes however we cannot guarantee that a new home will be found for this animal. Animals surrendered to the ECCHA will be examined and temperament tested by our staff soon after they are received to determine if they are suitable for adoption. Animals might not be placed for adoption if:

- They are under the age of 8 weeks or pregnant. Animals between the ages of 7-8 weeks will be considered if they are robust. At this critical stage of their development, young animals are highly susceptible to disease and stress. Animals born into the shelter environment are also highly susceptible to illnesses.
- They are over the age of 8 yrs. Animals over the age of 8 yrs often do not adjust well to kennel environment. They tend to experience separation anxiety from their owners, depression, and difficulties in adapting to a new home.
- They are in poor health or physical condition. Many diseases are easily transferred to other animals. One sick animal may infect all the animals in our shelter. Other health conditions or illnesses may be too much for new adopters to take on that financial commitment or burden.
- The animal is a hybrid. Domestic dogs or cats mixed with wild animals are often unpredictable, unstable and not able to be vaccinated. Therefore the shelter cannot put them up for adoption.
- The animal has behavior issues. Animals that have aggression or social issues that are unsafe to handle pose a risk to staff, other animals and the public. They also put a higher level of stress on other animals at the shelter.
- The animal is suffering from stress due to being placed in a kennel environment-
- There is not enough cage space available for the animal.

Those animals not placed for adoption will be humanly euthanized (put to death) by a painless injection of sodium pentobarbital after they are examined and we have determined we have no other options for them. **THE ECCHA WILL NOT CALL YOU BEFORE THAT ANIMAL IS EUTHANIZED.**

For animals available for adoption there is NO set holding period, it may take an hour, a day, a week or longer. Once an animal is placed for adoption its condition is continuously evaluated. An animal will be euthanized from our adoption area if there is a change in its physical condition or temperament which makes it unadoptable or if our kennels become overcrowded. If you wish to inquire as to the disposition of an animal you surrendered, please do so by calling the shelter.

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