

# MIDWEST BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE

## Adoption Application

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

You will be contacted within ten days of receipt of your application to let you know we have received and are processing it. Please take the time to enter all information requested accurately as this helps us to match up the right dog with your family.

DATE:

Name:

Spouse/Partner's Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home Phone :

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Email:

Best time to call:

Can you be contacted at work: yes / no

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### FAMILY INFORMATION

Number of adults in the home:

Number of children in the home:

Age(s):

If you don't currently have children, do you plan on having children in the future? YES / NO

Have these children been taught how to behave around dogs and that animals deserve to be treated with respect?

Are all members of the household in agreement to adopting a Boston Terrier?

Occupation and Employer:

(Spouse/Mate) Occupation and Employer:

Does either job require frequent out of town travel? YES / NO

Are you or your spouse/partner subject to relocation? YES / NO

Are you a college student? YES / NO

Are you in the military? YES / NO

Have you or any members in your household been convicted of a crime against animals?

**PERSONAL REFERENCES**

Please list three personal references, not living with you, along with telephone number or email address:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please inform these individuals that we will be contacting them.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Though you may think our adoption procedures are a bit stringent, please remember that many of our Boston's have already been separated from a home, and not always a loving one. Some have been through the frightening experience of being in a shelter, or found as strays. We try very hard to make the adoptions successful, and make the best possible decisions for the Boston. Our adoption process helps to assure us that you are ready for the commitment and responsibility of adopting a Boston into your family. Our top priority is adopting the right Boston into the right home. Adoptions are not completed unless everyone is happy-you, the Boston, and Midwest Boston Terrier Rescue members involved.

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**HOME INFORMATION**

Please select the style of your home:

Single Family/ Duplex/ Condo/ Townhouse/ Apartment/ Mobile Home/ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been at this address?

If you rent or lease, have you confirmed with the landlord that pets are allowed:

***Please attach a copy of your lease agreement.***

If you rent or lease:

Landlord Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

If your yard is fenced, please describe the area and type fence:

If you do not have a fenced yard, what arrangements do you plan to make for exercise and toilet

duties?

Do you have a doggie door?

If so, does it open into a fenced enclosure?

Do you have a pool or spa? Yes / No

Is it fenced? Yes / No If yes, what type of fencing:

What is the activity level of your household?

Quiet \_\_\_\_ Active \_\_\_\_ Moderately Active \_\_\_\_ Very Active \_\_\_\_

Have all members of the household agreed to adopting a Boston Terrier:

Are any member of your household allergic to dog hair or dander: Yes / No / Not Sure

What form of discipline would you use if your pet misbehaves?

Would you be willing to take your pet to a behaviorist or trainer if necessary (i.e., if through your own efforts you were unable to train the dg or its current behavior):

Would you make the time to take your pet to participate in training/obedience, etc.?

If you move, what will you do with this animal?

If you have a baby, what will you do with this animal to acclimate it with the new baby?

Do you have time to exercise and play with this animal?

When you are not home, how will you confine your pet?

What are your thoughts to crate training s opposed to other confinement methods.

Do you understand that Boston Terriers do not tolerate extremes in temperature and are required to be indoor dogs?

Do you understand that Boston Terriers are high energy dogs and require a lot of exercise?

Do you understand that Boston Terriers can be destructive to toys, furniture, and other things?

**A bored dog is a destructive dog!!!**

Do you understand Boston Terriers are people dogs and need to be with their people to maintain their happiness?

Do you agree to return this dog to Midwest Boston Terrier Rescue if you are unable to keep it for any reason?

Do you agree that the dog will not be used as a guard dog, or dog fighting bait dog, or be used for breeding or experimentation purposes?

Do you agree that in no event will the dog be sold or given away to another person or placed in an Animal Shelter or Humane Society or turned loose to run loose.

Do you agree to properly house, feed, water, exercise and care for and provide inoculations, heartworm care and other veterinary or supportive care as the dog requires?

Do you agree to exercise proper control and restraint over the dog at all times and will not allow the dog to run at large?

Do you agree to have a collar and identification tags on the dog at all times, even if the pet stays indoors?

If/when you adopt a Boston Terrier, how much time do you think it will take for your new dog to adjust to the family and other pets?

How do you plan on getting the Boston Terrier to you?

## PET INFORMATION

Please complete the following information. This information helps shorten the adoption process.

Is there a particular Boston [Boston/Mix] on the Website (or Petfinder) that you are interested in?

What do you like about the dog you are interested in adopting?

Would you prefer female \_\_\_\_\_ or male \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider a Boston Terrier Mix?

Have you owned a Boston Terrier Before?

### Age preference:

0-7 yrs (newborn-adult) \_\_\_\_\_ 8yrs – up \_\_\_\_\_ (senior) Senior to Senior \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$300) (\$175) (\$125)

Please keep in mind that it is highly unusual to find a rescue dog that is young (1 year or younger). Any puppies in rescue under six months of age. Will only be adopted out on a spay/neuter contract and requires a \$100 deposit [in addition to the \$300 adoption fee].

The \$100 deposit will be refunded to you upon proof of spay/neuter.

Our rescue dogs re not all perfect, are you willing to put extra time and effort with training the dog to become a household pet, if necessary?

Is it important that the dog you are interested in be partially housebroken?

We rarely get completely housebroken dogs into rescue. So be prepared for a long wait if you are not willing to work with a dog on housebreaking.

If your dog has a housebreaking accident when you are not home, how will you deal with it?

How about when you are at home?

If your dog chews an inappropriate object, what will you do?

What form of discipline will you use on your dog?

What are your feelings about crate training?

Are you willing to adopt a dog with known health problems?

If the answer was yes what kinds of health problems are acceptable? (Check all that apply)

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Arthritis: \_\_\_\_\_ Blindness: \_\_\_\_\_ Deafness: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair Loss: \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Disease: \_\_\_\_\_ Incontinence: \_\_\_\_\_ Limping: \_\_\_\_\_

Myelinopathy: \_\_\_\_\_ Skin Problems: \_\_\_\_\_ Three Legged: \_\_\_\_\_

Spinal Deformity: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Diet: \_\_\_\_\_ Separation Anxiety: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to adopt a dog with behavior problems?

If so, what behavior are you willing to work with? (Check all that apply)

Housebreaking \_\_\_\_\_ Digging \_\_\_\_\_ Barking \_\_\_\_\_ Jumper \_\_\_\_\_

Leash training \_\_\_\_\_ Doesn't like Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Doesn't like Cats \_\_\_\_\_  
Separation anxiety \_\_\_\_\_ Stool eating \_\_\_\_\_ Must be only pet \_\_\_\_\_  
Nipping \_\_\_\_\_ Biting \_\_\_\_\_ Door Guarding \_\_\_\_\_

Should your new pet be: dog friendly \_\_\_\_\_ Cat friendly \_\_\_\_\_ Kid friendly \_\_\_\_\_

What are you looking for in a Rescue dog regarding personality, behavior, looks, etc.?

Will your current pet(s) accept a new dog?

If yes, how do you feel they will react?

Favorably \_\_\_\_\_ Difficult Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_ Indifferent \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

How would you characterize your pets behavior (dominant, submissive, playful, etc.) ?

Where will the pet be kept during the day when you are not at home?

Where will the pet be kept at night?

How long will the pet be left alone each day?

Do you have a dog sitter or dog walker?

Who will be responsible for caring for this dog's daily needs?

Have you ever had a pet get lost, die at an early age, or die in an accident?

Have you ever give up a pet? YES / NO

How will you correct inappropriate behavior problems?

Exercise and elimination will be :

Exercise pen run \_\_\_\_\_ Chain or Trolley \_\_\_\_\_ Lead \_\_\_\_\_ Totally enclosed fenced yard \_\_\_\_\_

Partally Fenced \_\_\_\_\_ Electronic/Radio fence \_\_\_\_\_ Loose in Unfenced Yard \_\_\_\_\_

Indoor Area \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the things you enjoy most about having a pet?

Why did you choose a rescue group?

What will your first day with the dog be like?

What will you do if your dog runs away [i.e., who will you call and what will you do to get it back]?

Please list the current and past pets you have owned

spayed/neutered

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

*If you need additional space, attach additional sheet*

If you no longer own the pet, why?

Have you filed out an adoption application with any other rescue or organization?

If so, to whom have you applied to and when?

Have you adopted a dog from a Rescue or Shelter in the past?

If so, from whom and when did you adopt?

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When transporting your dog, what form of transportation do you use?  
Loose in car/truck \_\_\_\_\_ Seatbelt \_\_\_\_\_ Crate \_\_\_\_\_ Harness \_\_\_\_\_

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**VET INFORMATION:**

Please provide your current Veterinarians information.

If you **do not** have a Veterinarian, please provide the contact information of the Veterinarian that you are planning to use for your pet.

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

What yearly costs do you expect for the standard care and maintenance of your pet(s), i.e. shots, exams, food, etc.

In the event of a medical emergency, what kind of costs are you prepared to handle? \_\_\_\_\_

What heartworm preventative do you and/or your Veterinarian use:

RELEASE for veterinary reference: I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give permission for any veterinarian providing service to me/my animals to release medical information on any/all of my animals to Midwest Boston Terrier Rescue (its agents).

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

My current veterinarian is: \_\_\_\_\_ and can be reached at  
\_\_\_\_\_ (telephone) or \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

This release is not limited to the veterinarian named above. **Please let your veterinarian know we will be calling for a vet reference.**

If you have additional information or comments that would assist us in evaluating this application, please attach an additional page.

By completing and submitting this application:

1. I/We understand that this application is only an interviewing tool, and my submission of this application in no way guarantees the placement or availability of a Boston to my family.
2. I/We understand that applications will not be returned.
3. I/we understand that applications with unanswered questions will not be processed.

The answers you give us on this application will help us find the best possible match between you and the dogs available for adoption. Remember, we are searching for the perfect home for each individual dog. You may have a perfect home for one dog, but not another. This is not an over night process. We are all volunteers, so please expect some waiting time (1-3 weeks) to be contacted about your application.

Do you realize that it can take up to a month for all the reference checks, home visits, and finding the right dog for you to be done? YES / NO

Are you willing to wait this long? YES / NO

We reserve the right to refuse any applicant for any reason and the right to inspect the prospective home environment both before and after the adoption, without any advanced notice.

If we discover that any information on this form was knowingly falsified, it will be denied. Further, if any information is knowingly falsified, and the adoption/transfer of the dog has taken place, we reserve the right to take the dog back into our possession.

If/when your application is approved you will be contacted by a representative of Midwest Boston Terrier Rescue. This adoption fee is charged to help defray the costs of veterinary care for our rescued dogs. At the time of adoption, you will be required to sign an adoption contract committing to the care of the dog. A mandatory part of that care is monthly heartworm preventative (or a yearly heart worm shot). Please remember that Boston Terriers are high-energy, people oriented dogs that require a great deal of exercise and human companionship. And cannot tolerate extremes in temperature and should be kept inside as housedogs.

All Boston's in our rescue receive the following care: *comprehensive examination by a licensed veterinarian; fecal test; spay or neuter (unless there is a significant health risk or under 6 months of age); heartworm test and treatment; heartworm preventative; treatment of known illness, medical problems, malnourishment, etc.*, before they will be adopted out.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have adopted another dog during the process, or have questions, please contact Midwest Boston Terrier: [MWBTR.Bostons@gmail.com](mailto:MWBTR.Bostons@gmail.com)

Return completed application along with \$20 processing fee to:  
MWBTR 2724-2 Niles Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085

I understand that my application will be reviewed by the Midwest Boston Terrier Adoption Committee and will be notified by email or telephone of any questions, concern, and or decision to approve or deny my application.

I understand that if my application is approved and a Boston matching the criteria I have provided is available in the rescue, I will be contacted for a Home Visit. After a successful Home Visit is performed, I will be contacted by Midwest Boston Terrier Rescue for an adoption.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_