

# OLD DOMINION BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE

Serving Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC and Northeastern North Carolina

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

We DO NOT use Sue Sternberg's Assess-A-Pet or any other extreme temperament tests on our dogs.

If we used her methods to test Boston Terriers, who are usually stressed to the max in a shelter environment, most of the Boston's that we have been able to save and place would be dead dogs instead of beloved dogs in new homes. That is where rescue comes into the equation and gets them out of that environment and into a home and then see how they unwind over a few days to see their true temperament while interacting with a family and not in a pandemonium of loud noises, rough handling, strange smells, and fear.

So many of my babies would have been killed for being too timid, too food aggressive from starvation, too fear aggressive, too hyperactive, too something and they would not have reached their new homes and be the beloved dogs they are today, so we DO NOT USE NOR DO WE RECOMMEND THIS METHOD OF TESTING!

***A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." ~Josh Billings***

*FYI - Terminology - We RESCUE the dogs. You ADOPT them.* The dogs are no longer in danger of losing their lives once they are in our care. You do by adopting allow us room to help others so you are saving lives by adopting our rescue.

***Please do not print the application and hand write your answers. Please complete this application in an electronic format only. (.doc, .docx or .pdf.) We need to be able to work with the application, making notes and copying parts for sharing with our foster homes makes things much easier for us. Please answer all of the questions, even if the answer is this question is not applicable. This lets us know you actually read the question. You must complete the entire application to be considered for approval. A definitive yes or no must be given after each part of each question where answering yes or no is requested. Each part is important or it wouldn't be on the application. Please do not change the application in any way. A lot of time went into this application. Each of our members has completed this application and been through the entire approval process. We are not asking anyone to do anything we have not done ourselves.***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person(s) who wish to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address (not P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Is it acceptable to call at work? \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
***(PLEASE INCLUDE AREA CODE FOR EACH TELEPHONE NUMBER! Applications without phone numbers will not be processed!)***  
Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am over 18 years of age       If under 18, my parents are agreeable to my adopting an animal?  
Parents' names, telephone number, and initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in adopting:

- Any Dog on the website  
 Purebred only       Mixed Breed       Breed doesn't matter  
 Male       Female       No preference will adopt either gender

I would like to adopt from ODBTR's Petfinder/Web page.

Please provide the dog's name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you filled out an application with any other rescue organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you adopted a dog from Rescue in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes to either or both of the above questions please provide the name of the rescue, their phone number, email address and month and year you applied or adopted. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Submitting applications to multiple groups at one time causes us to spend an inordinate amount of time checking references and processing applications that will be/have already been checked by another group. Let us know it may speed your approval time if it is a rescue that we work closely with and they have processed your information. If you have applied with another rescue it does not mean you are exempt from completing this application. Each rescue must have their own paperwork when placing one of our dogs. PLEASE Keep in mind that we're all volunteers and most of us work full-time jobs. We will process your application as soon as possible and we'll contact you at that time. Thank you for your understanding. If we do not have a suitable match we will WITH your permission submit your information to our sister rescue's in hopes of finding your new family member.**

Do you understand that we try to place a dog that is the best match for your family and that the dog that you indicate you are interested in may not be the most suitable dog for your family situation and dynamics?

- Yes       No

Do you understand that the dog you indicate you are interested in may be adopted to someone who placed their application before we received your application and may no longer be available for adoption?

- Yes       No

**We reserve the right to suggest and place in your home a different dog than the one you indicated above, based on your answers to the questions on the application below.**

**Personal References who are familiar with your experience as a pet owner:**

**Reference 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian references (other than a family member) who are familiar with your pet's vet history:**  
***Please note that if you currently own a pet or have owned one in the last 10 years, your vet's name is required to process your application. If you cannot supply a vet reference, please give the reason why.***

Do you have a regular veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ If so please list below:

Veterinarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been with this vet? \_\_\_\_\_

The reason I cannot supply a vet reference is: \_\_\_\_\_  
***(Please contact your Veterinarian and notify them of our pending inquiry. Not doing so will delay or suspend the adoption process.)***

If you currently own a pet, who is listed as its owner on your vet's paperwork? \_\_\_\_\_

Are your current pets up to date on their annual vaccinations? \_\_\_\_\_

When are they due next? \_\_\_\_\_

Are your current pets on heartworm prevention medication? \_\_\_\_\_ Brand: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all dogs you currently own:

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_ gender \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_

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For any pet not spayed/neutered, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all dog's names, ages, gender, breed, if spayed/neutered, years you owned them and what happened to all dogs that you have owned in the past 10 years that you no longer have:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_ gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Why you no longer own: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_ gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Why you no longer own: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own cats? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_

If not spayed/neutered, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own any other animals? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what kind: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Questions for Determining a Suitable Dog for You.

Why have you chosen to adopt a Boston Terrier? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your ideal dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Age or age range preference: \_\_\_\_\_

List all plans for this dog: (Check all that apply.)

- Family       Member Pet       Obedience       Agility       Guard  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE ANSWER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH A DEFINITE YES OR NO**

What issues are you willing to work with? (Check all that apply.)

- Separation Anxiety     Chewing     Digging     Fear     Licking     Dog Aggression  
 Cat Aggression     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you willing to work with house training a Boston?

***NOTE: EVEN PERFECTLY HOUSEBROKEN DOGS HAVE ACCIDENTS! If you are not willing to work with housebreaking issues, then you don't need to adopt a rescue dog.***

What health issues are you willing to work with? (Check all that apply.)

- Allergies     Arthritis     Heart Problems     Incontinence     Skin problems  
 Cancer     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 No health issues preferred

What physical disabilities if any are you willing to accept in your adopted Boston?

- Blind     Deaf     One-eyed     Limping/mobility issues     Three-Legged  
 Scars and deformities     Multiple disabilities     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 No disabilities preferred

Do you want your Boston to be:

- Couch potato     Lap Puppy     Fairly Laid back     Medium Energy Active  
 Very Active     Agility material     Other \_\_\_\_\_

What household privileges are you going to give your dog?

- Sleep on my/our bed     Allowed on all furniture     Allowed on some furniture  
 Have their own bed     Access to entire house

Where will the dog spend the day?

- Loose indoors     Crate     Basement     Garage     Fenced Yard     Kennel  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

On average, how many hours will the dog be without human company daily?

- 0 - Due to schedules someone is always home.  
 1 to 2 hours     2 to 4 hours     4 to 6 hours     6 to 8 hours     8 to 10 hours  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog spend the night?

- Loose indoors     Crate     Basement     Garage     Fenced Yard     Kennel  
 In my bed     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What Brand of Dog food do you intend to feed your dog?

\_\_\_\_\_

**General Questions about your home environment.**

Do you  own or  rent your home?

Do you live in a:

House       Apartment       Condominium       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

If less than 1 year, please state how long at previous address. \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, do you have your landlord's permission to keep a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, have you paid your pet deposit? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of pet deposit paid/required? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's Business and Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If renting or you live in a condominium/co-op, or your house is a part of a homeowner's association, prior to adoption, you will need to provide a copy of the bylaws, rules and regulations of such association stating that there are no restrictions regarding owning a dog. If there is a limit on the number of pets you are allowed, please note the limit on the copy of the bylaws.**

Have you inquired about the number of dogs/pets allowed by law per household in your city/county? \_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs are allowed per household in your city/county? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your street: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the setting:

Busy?       Quiet?       Rural/Farm or country setting       Suburban/smaller community  
 near a larger city       Urban/city?       In-between

Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_, if so, what type of fence do you have?

Wood       Privacy       fence       Wood       Picket fence       Radio fence

Chain link fence       Concrete Block Wall       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fence Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Does the fencing completely enclose a yard for the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a lock on your gate? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a swimming pool? \_\_\_\_\_ Is the swimming pool fenced for the dog's safety? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a doggie door? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, does it open into a fenced enclosure? \_\_\_\_\_

If no fence, how will you handle the dog's exercise and toilet duties?

Do you have a:

Garage       Basement       outdoor shop       shed

If your home has one of these features, does your dog have free access to it? \_\_\_\_\_

**IS ANYONE in the family ALLERGIC to animals?**

If yes, why do you want a dog if you have a family member who is allergic to animals? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, who is allergic to dogs and what reaction do they have when exposed? \_\_\_\_\_

How many living in the home children? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all children in the home:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Have they been around pets before: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you or anyone in your family given up a dog to an animal shelter, rescue, family member or other person? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or anyone in your family had a pet get lost, die at an early age, or die in an accident? If so, please give name of animal, the circumstances, and how long ago: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

HAS ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS EVER BEEN CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO ANIMALS? \_\_\_\_\_

THE ADOPTER REPRESENTS THAT NO MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD HAS EVER BEEN CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

If, a member of your family has been charged with cruelty to animals, please elaborate on the circumstances:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are all family members in agreement about adopting a Boston? If not, then why are you applying to adopt a Boston? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there regular visitors to your home (human or animal) with which your new dog must get along? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the age of visitors and types of animals and how often they visit: Name and age of person(s) who will care for the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you and your family have time to exercise this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that Boston's are highly energetic dogs and can be destructive if not exercised enough?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you expect to move in the near future? \_\_\_\_\_

If you were to move, what would you do with the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you expect to have any children in the future? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what will you do with the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **General Questions and information about fees and expenses.**

Do you agree with and are you able to afford this monetary requirement to the adoption of a dog that has been at the very least spayed/neutered, checked for heartworms/lyme/erlichia and treated if positive and given vaccines for bordatella (kennel cough), rabies and DHLPPC and microchipped? \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I/we understand.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

**No, I/we do not understand,** \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

If your application is approved, we will require a NON-REFUNDABLE adoption fee of \$100 to \$500 depending on the age and health of each dog. This helps to defray the ever increasing cost of veterinary care.

**If you cannot afford the adoption fee for a vetted dog, please be realistic and understand that you probably cannot afford the yearly vetting, food and other expenses that would be accrued for the dog.**

**Please do not ask us to discount our fees. We survive on adoption fees and donations. In most cases we have spent more than the adoption fee we are asking.**

How much do you expect to spend **per year** for yearly vet care? \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly Grooming? \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly boarding? \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly cost of Food? \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly Licensing? \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly cost of toys, bedding, leashes, harnesses and other things for your pets comfort? \_\_\_\_\_

The previous question was to make you think realistically of all of the actual expenses that a dog would incur during a year after adoption. Dogs are not inexpensive.

Do you earn enough to take care of your family and take care of the costs of this dog after looking over your cost estimates? \_\_\_\_\_

**Due to the large number of dogs that come through our rescue, we do not have the funds to fix everything on every dog. We do not routinely fix luxating patella's, as our vet has advised us that it is an ELECTIVE surgery which may fix it for a few years only to have the problem come back. As long as the dog is not in pain from the patella, we do not fix patellas.**

We do fix Cherry eyes, broken bones, have lumps removed and analyzed, remove eyes that have major problems, remove abscessed teeth and or clean teeth during spay/neuter operations, treat mange and other skin problems, have additional blood panels done when a dog's condition warrants it in the vet's estimation, and medicate and treat per the vet's instructions for any medical problems that we are told about or discover during the course of the dog's fosterage on a dog-by- dog basis.

How do you plan on getting your Boston?

I will pick him/her up

I will arrange other transportation

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I also understand that Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue derives its only source of funding through donations and fund-raising activities. The adoption donation for this animal is considered NON-REFUNDABLE.

Yes, I/we understand the fee is NON-REFUNDABLE. \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter's initials

No, I/we do not understand. \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter's initials

**General Questions and information about Boston Terriers your expectations and responsibilities for a Boston that you ADOPT from us.**

Do you understand and agree that any Boston's you may adopt from ODBTR are **REQUIRED** to be indoor dogs?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter's initials

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter's initials

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

(A bored dog is a destructive dog!!!)

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter's initials

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter's initials

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to take your pet to a behaviorist/trainer if necessary? (i.e., if through your own efforts

you were unable to train the dog?)

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

**Due to the large number of dogs that come through our rescue, we do not have time to totally obedience train or house train. Sometimes we are lucky and get a well-trained one, but most of the time the dogs need someone to love them and who is willing to work with them to make them into the dogs that they are capable of being. Adopters are expected to enroll in obedience classes to train their dogs or work with them as needed. If you expect a perfectly trained dog, then a rescue is not the dog for you.**

**Please note that ODBTR is NOT a rehab for dogs with major behavioral issues. We do NOT knowingly place a human aggressive dog in a home, which is why the dog is in foster with us for at least several weeks before placement.**

I understand that Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue does not knowingly misrepresent any animal's age condition of health or temperament.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue is in no way liable or responsible for any damage, injury, or accident resulting from the placement of any dog into my household.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

**I/we understand that there is no health warranty given with the dog. If he develops an illness or injury after adoption, or is discovered to have an illness not discovered before adoption, the adopter is responsible for treating that illness/injury. If I/we are unable to afford needed vet care we will return any dog adopted from ODBTR to ODBTR or their designated representative.**

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I/we agree that if I/we are unable to care for or keep the dog for any reason, I/we will return the dog to the designated representative of Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue, at my/our expense.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I/we agree that in no event will the dog be sold or given away by me/us to another person or placed in an animal shelter or humane society or turned loose to roam freely?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I/we agree that I/we will properly house, feed, water, exercise, care for and provide inoculations, heartworm care and other veterinary or supportive care as the dog requires for the remainder of his lifetime, which includes giving Heartworm Preventative every month for the rest of his/her life.

**Yes, I/we**  Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I/we agree I/we will provide the dog with a permanent home as a member of my family and as such this pet will not be used as a guard dog, yard only dog, or dog fighting bait dog.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I agree that I/we will exercise proper control and restraint over the dog at all times and not allow the dog to run at large. I agree to have a harness and identification tags on the dog at all times. **Yes, I/we agree.**

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I agree that the dog will NEVER be used for experimentation purposes.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I agree I/we will notify Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue if the dog is ever lost, stolen or deceased.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I/we will add to our will or living trust provisions for the care of the dog. The executor will notify ODBTR of the change of ownership. The dog is to be returned to ODBTR if there is no responsible person listed and that ODBTR reserves the right to reclaim the dog.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I understand that In the event the Transferee(s) breaches any covenant or condition herein and incurs any legal costs, including any attorney's fees, costs of litigation, including costs of deposition witness fees for expert or non-expert witnesses; or court costs; or any other expense in relation to the enforcement of any covenant or condition, the transferee(s) shall be individually and jointly liable therefore to Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

I/We agree that I/we will allow representatives of Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue to check the dog and its environment, and that if at any time the placement is found to be detrimental to the dog's health, mental or physical well-being, Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue reserves the right to remove the dog from said placement until the situation is corrected or until another placement can be made. It is agreed that rescuer shall retain superior title of said animal, limited to and for the express purpose of assuring the animal's well-being and only to exercise its superior claim in the event it appears to rescue that the proper and humane care, as specified in the above adoption provisions, is not being afforded said animal, in which case the animal may be taken through a claim and delivery proceeding. The adopter further agrees that if there is any breach or default of the terms of this contract, and the dog must be redeemed through a claim and delivery service, that the adopter will be held liable for all court costs and fees for the adopter's attorney and for rescuer's attorney. This has been read to the adopter and explained to the adopter. The adopter has read this, understands and agrees to this and is signing this contract.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

Do you realize that it can take up to a MONTH or MORE for us to get all the reference checks, home visits and finding the right dog for you done?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

**Please contact us if you adopt another dog or buy a puppy or just change your mind so we can discard your application.**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY:** I/we promise and agree to be solely responsible for the DOG and do indemnify and hold harmless, Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue, agents and representatives, members, successors or assignees from any and all claims of liability for any conduct, behavior, damage or injury caused by the dog to any person of property on or after the date of this agreement; from any claim or damages known or unanticipated resulting from any claim or damages arising by my/our ownership or control thereof. The adopter hereby understands, promises, and agrees that in receipt of this dog to forever release, discharge and covenant to hold harmless rescuer and by other person, firm, or organization charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assignees from any and all claims, damages, and costs, expenses, loss of services, actions and causes of action belonging to the said adopter, arising out of any act or occurrence from the present time and particularity on account of the adoption of ANY ANIMAL adopted from ODBTR.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**       No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's initials**

**\*OLD DOMINION BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICATION FOR ANY REASON\***

The answers you give 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. Even if you fall in love with the looks of a particular dog and submit an application stating that is the dog you want to adopt, we are not obligated to adopt that particular dog to you if we consider the dog is not the right match for your household. We will suggest other dogs that we consider suitable for your household based upon the answers to our questions in the application. This is not an overnight process and we are volunteers, so please expect some waiting time (1-6 weeks) to be involved.

Please answer all questions as completely as possible. If any information is omitted, the application will be discarded. We reserve the right to inspect the prospective home environment both before and after adoption without any advanced notice. In addition, if we discover that any information on this form was knowingly falsified, we reserve the right to refuse to adopt a dog to you and to take any adopted dog back into our possession.

PLEASE NOTE: If your application is approved, we will require a NON-REFUNDABLE adoption donation to defray the ever-increasing costs of veterinary care for our rescued dogs. Also, at the time of adoption, you will be required to sign a contract committing to the care of the dog. A mandatory part of that care is monthly heartworm preventive. In addition, a rescue volunteer will be responsible for confirming that you have visited a veterinarian and obtained heartworm preventative within the time allotted. Preventive medical care is just as necessary for your adopted dog as love, food, and water. Please remember that the Boston Terrier is a high-energy, people oriented dog that requires a great deal of exercise and human companionship. Plus ALL Dogs who have short muzzles cannot tolerate extremes in temperature and should be housedogs. So if you want a dog that does not require a lot of your time and attention, you probably need to look for a different breed. One last note: ALL DOGS adopted from us will be spayed or neutered before being adopted out. We DO NOT provide fertile dogs to be bred to add more puppies to the already overburdened pet population.

I/we, the undersigned (the "adopter"), certify that all of the above information is accurate and complete. I/we understand that if selected and I/we adopt a dog from Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue, I must comply with the following: The adopter shall keep the animal as an indoor pet with outdoor privileges and will provide it with proper identification via one or more of the of the following: (a) harness plus ID tag (b) microchip information. The animal will be kept under control at all times, on leash or in a crate, when it is off the adopter's property. The adopter shall provide adequate veterinary care for the animal, including vaccinations recommended by your licensed veterinarian including but not limited to rabies DHLPP and Bordatella, heartworm preventative 12 months a year and any other care recommended by the animal's veterinarian. The adopter will take the animal to the veterinarian if it is ill. If the adopter is unable to do so, the adopter will notify one of the Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue contacts immediately. The adopter agrees to notify Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue of any change of address or telephone number within 30 days. If the animal is lost or stolen, adopter will immediately notify Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue. The adopter shall return the animal to Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue if, for whatever reason, the adopter is no longer able to keep the dog or provide for it. The adopter shall not sell, give or otherwise transfer or convey the animal to anyone other than Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue unless directed to do otherwise by ODBTR. Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue is not liable for acts of any DOG after placement with adopter.

I/we hereby certify that I/we have read the above Adoption Application Contract, fully understand all that I /we have read, and I/we agree to each and every term and condition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Transferee/Adopter

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Signature of Co- Transferee/Adopter

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Printed Full Name of Transferee/Adopter

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Printed Full Name of Co- Transferee/Adopter

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed application by email to ODBTR1@gmail.com

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DISCARDED PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ANSWERED EACH PART OF MULTI-PART QUESTIONS INDIVIDUALLY

Please do not print and hand write your answers. Please complete in an electronic format only. (.pdf, .doc or .dox).

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