



# **Boston Terrier Rescue of East Tennessee Adoption Policies**

1. I understand I must be at least 26 years old to adopt unless waived. I will contact the Boston Terrier Rescue of East Tennessee ("BTRET") and inquire about adopting if I'm under the required age before applying.
2. I understand I may be required to provide photo ID with my current address.
3. I understand everyone in my home must agree to wanting to adopt a dog.
4. I understand I must be able to provide my landlord's written consent, if applicable.
5. I understand Boston Terrier Rescue of East Tennessee ("BTRET") and members of the Boston Terrier Rescue Network may refuse the placement of any dog for any reason.
6. I give permission for BTRET and its affiliates to investigate and confirm all information I have provided.
7. I understand that, upon submission, this form becomes the property of BTRET and can be shared with other affiliated Boston Terrier rescue organizations.
8. **I respect BTRET's opinion of its dogs, including if a dog is not good with children and/or other pets. Likewise, I understand if in the future a child would visit my home, I will keep the dog completely separate from the child during the visit for the safety of the child and the dog. We have these conditions in memory of Kipper, a dog who was euthanized by his family because he was abused by their child. If you have children, read our "Tough on Kids: Kipper's Story" on our website.**
9. I understand I will be responsible for picking up my new dog if I am approved for adoption.
10. I understand that if I smoke inside my home, I will not be allowed to adopt from BTRET. Dogs can get lung and other types of cancer from second hand smoke, and the volunteer will be checking for signs of any kind of smoke upon home visit.
11. I understand BTRET is limited in the information it receives about a dog's past. This includes the dog's "bite history." (If you are filling out this application as a foster, please be sure to have personal medical insurance in the unlikely event that you would receive a bite. Insurance is a requirement for fostering.)
12. I understand the cost of adoption does not completely cover the total cost of the dog's veterinary care, food and other expenses provided by BTRET. I will not ask for a discount. I may make an additional donation toward other dogs who are old, sick or otherwise unadoptable.
13. I understand the dog will be spayed/neutered prior to adoption unless there are extraordinary circumstances. Veterinary or other costs incurred after adoption will be my sole responsibility unless previously agreed upon with BTRET. Adopters are expected to avail themselves to the free 30 day insurance offered.
14. I understand BTRET cannot guarantee the breed of any dog and all dogs listed on its site are identified to the best of its knowledge based on the dog's physical attributes and any history provided. The breed named by BTRET should not be considered conclusive.
15. I understand I must pay the \$20 application fee for my application to be reviewed unless waived. Fosters do not need to pay the fee. I understand that, if approved, this fee will not be applied to my adoption fee. I can submit my application fee at the end of this form.

## *Adoption Policies continued*

16. I understand that if approved, I will receive and be required to sign a contract to protect the dog, BTRET, and me. The contract is legally binding and enforced. I can request a copy of this contract from BTRET prior to adopting if I would like to review it.

17. I agree that no person in my home suffers from allergies or asthma related to dogs.

18. I understand if I chose a specific dog for whom to apply, BTRET cannot guarantee s/he will be available for adoption as s/he may have other application pending or may not be the right fit for my home.

19. I will not allow the dog to exceed more than six (6) hours without the ability to urinate or defecate as doing so can lead to bladder cancer and other health issues. I understand exceptions can be sometimes made if I'm willing to hire a dog sitter or use piddle pads.

20. I agree to provide the time necessary for training, medical treatment, care, cost and companionship for the dog. I will keep this dog permanently on heartworm preventative as well.

21. I understand I will not be considered for adoption if any dog in my home is not spayed/neutered. I understand there may be specific exceptions to this, such as if the dog is too old or ill to be safely altered, or a dog is too young to be altered, but has an active confirmed appointment to be neutered at my veterinarian. These will be examined on a case by case basis. Likewise, I understand all animals in my home must be free of contagious diseases.

22. I understand I am to maintain contact with BTRET post-adoption regarding the dog's health and well-being.

23. I understand I may not sell, give away or in any way transfer ownership of the dog. Likewise, if I can no longer keep the dog, it is my responsibility to return the dog to BTRET. I understand BTRET will act on all legal possibilities if the dog changes ownership.

24. I will read the dog's expressions and emotional signs, and will refrain from kissing the dog on the head or waking the dog while s/he is sleeping. In both cases, the human I will likely be bitten. I can read more about this on BTRET's website.

25. I understand that aside from pairing a physical (wooden or otherwise) fence with an invisible/electric fence, invincible/electric fences are not acceptable. These can be useful for dogs who jump/climb over fences, or dig underneath them, but otherwise are insufficient. They do not stop other animals from coming into the "fenced" area, and dying batteries will allow a dog to get out.

26. I understand that, if approved, I will not put my newly adopted dog in danger with another dog. Boston Terriers are small dogs with large dog personalities, and if they fight with big dogs, they'll surely lose. I will not ask BTRET to place a Boston Terrier in a potentially dangerous situation.

27. I understand if I'm approved I must keep the new dog away from other pets in the home aside from supervised visits until the pets are comfortable with each other. I understand this could take several weeks.

You can read our Adoption Agreement in advance of adopting on our website at [bostonterriertn.org](http://bostonterriertn.org).



# **Boston Terrier Rescue of East Tennessee Adoption/Foster Application**

*Fill out this application fully and carefully. Failure to do so may result in it being delayed or declined.*

1. Initial to agree to our adoption policies. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Interested in adopting or fostering?: Adopting   Fostering
3. Name of dog you are interested in: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Age preference: Puppy (requires fence)   Young Adult   Adult   Senior
5. Willing to adopt: Dog with Disability   Dog with Special Needs   Mixed Breed   None
6. Gender Preference: Male   Female   Either
7. Have you applied to another Boston Terrier Rescue?: Yes   No
8. If yes, name and contact info: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Applicant 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Applicant 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Full Street Address (no PO boxes):  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Applicant 1 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Applicant 2 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_ 17. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
18. Have you adopted from BTRET in the past?: Yes   No
19. If yes, who/when: \_\_\_\_\_
20. Applicant 1 Employer and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
21. Applicant 2 Employer and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
22. List every human currently living in the home. Include names, ages and relation to Applicant 1.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



47. Where will the dog sleep at night?: \_\_\_\_\_

48. Do you plan on chaining this dog outside?: Yes No

49. Does either applicant work overtime?: Yes No

50. Do you plan on crate training this dog?: Yes No

51. How many hours per day and days per week will the dog be left alone?: \_\_\_\_\_

52. If alone for 6+ hours, how will dog relieve itself?: \_\_\_\_\_

53. Do you smoke inside of your home?: Yes No

54. What provision will you make for exercising the dog and how often?: \_\_\_\_\_

55. What provision will you make for the dog's "personal business" during bad weather/how often?:

\_\_\_\_\_

56. Do you plan on enrolling the dog in obedience class?: Yes No

57. If yes, where and when. If no, why not?: \_\_\_\_\_

58. Who will be the dog's primary caregiver?: \_\_\_\_\_

59. Who is the dog primarily for in the family?: \_\_\_\_\_

60. How much money do you plan to spend on this dog each year? \_\_\_\_\_

61. What items/services will you be spending that money on?: \_\_\_\_\_

62. What brand of food do you feed your pets? \_\_\_\_\_

63. What circumstance would cause you to return this dog?: \_\_\_\_\_

64. Do you understand a new environment can cause a dog to have accidents, and it takes some time for the dog to adapt to a new home?: Yes No

65. Are all current pets spayed/neutered? Yes No

66. If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

67. How will you know when the dog needs to go to the vet?

\_\_\_\_\_

68. If a behavioral problem arises, how will you deal with it?

\_\_\_\_\_

69. Current Pets (include small animals, birds and reptiles) If you need more room, use back of page:

Name	Species	Breed	Age	Sex
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

70. Past Pets (current whereabouts could be lost, deceased, given away, etc. If deceased, year/how):

Name	Species	Breed	Age	Sex	Current whereabouts
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

71. Are vaccines given to your pets?: Yes No

72. If yes, please describe which vaccines, why and how often:

73. Who vaccinates your pets?: Veterinarian Me Other \_\_\_\_\_

74. Do you currently give your pets heartworm and flea/tick medication?: Yes No

75. If yes, please list brand and usage: \_\_\_\_\_

76. Name, phone and address for current veterinarian:

77. Name, phone and address for past veterinarian(s):

78. Name, phone and address of emergency/after-hours clinic:

79. Feel free to comment here on past/current pet's(s') treatment, care or illness:

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References Must be non-family and have known you for at least one year:

80. Reference #1 name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

81. Reference #2 name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

82. Reference #3 name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Agreement:**

*I swear or affirm that all the information of this application is true and correct. I further swear or affirm that nothing has been withheld that would adversely affect my consideration in adoption of a Boston Terrier or any other dog and that nothing in my background might disallow me from being considered in adoption of a dog or any other animal. I swear or affirm that this dog is for my own personal enjoyment and is expected to be my dog and that I am not making this application for any third person or organization or group.*

*I further swear or affirm that I have never been prosecuted, successfully or unsuccessfully, on animal cruelty or similar charges AND that I have never been refused by any other Rescue or Adoption Agency or Shelter or similar organization adoption of a dog or any other animal.*

*I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree with this entire application document including the Adoption Policies.*

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

We require a \$20 application fee UNLESS you are applying to foster. Checks can be made payable to Boston Terrier Rescue of East Tennessee. You may make this payment on our website at [www.bostonterriertn.org](http://www.bostonterriertn.org), or you may mail it to:

Boston Terrier Rescue of East Tennessee  
4501 Montvale Rd  
Maryville, TN 37803

Applications can be faxed to 865-980-0196.

For questions regarding your application, you may call 865-983-3272.