



SEARCH DOG FOUNDATION

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National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) Application for Lifetime Care

SDF Canine Lifetime Care Creed:

Once a rescued or donated dog is accepted into our program, that dog will never need to be rescued again.

"SDF anticipates that a dog will remain with its handler throughout its lifetime. Should this not be possible due to permanent injury or other circumstances, SDF ensures lifetime care for the dog. Dogs that do not complete training are also placed in Lifetime Care. These dogs are matched with a caring home, and SDF stays in touch with the family and is available as a safety net for the needs of each dog. SDF will continue to be the dog's advocate should anything change in the circumstances of the dog's home."

- Wilma Melville, Founder

SDF matches each unique dog with a home that meets the specific needs of both that dog and the adopter. Therefore, placement is not based on length of time since an application was filed, and dogs will not be placed on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no way to accurately predict if or when an appropriate dog may become available. A SDF representative will contact you when an appropriate dog becomes available. Many of these dogs are house trained and have had some basic obedience training; however, some have had little or no training.

The adopter accepts all responsibility for the dog. If for any reason an adopter can no longer keep their dog, the adopter must notify SDF immediately.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please provide at minimum two telephone numbers, and specify whether they are home, work or mobile phone numbers:

E-mail: _____

How many people in your home? _____

Are there children in the home? ___yes ___no If "yes" how many and what are the ages? _____

Do you own or rent your home? _____own _____rent

If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord? ___yes ___no

Is anyone in your household allergic to dogs? ___yes ___no

Are you willing/able to actively exercise a dog daily? ___yes ___no

Are you willing/able to take a dog through an obedience and/or agility class? ___yes ___no

How many hours per day would the dog spend alone? _____

Where will the dog be at night? ___in house ___outside ___inside garage

Are you able/willing to obtain and use a dog crate? ___yes ___no

Is shelter available in your yard? ___yes ___no Shade? ___yes ___no

Do you have an enclosed dog run? ___yes ___no a fenced yard? ___yes ___no Fence height: _____

May a representative from SDF visit your home to perform a fence check? ___yes ___no

Please give us names and phone numbers of two neighbors that we may contact:

Please list any dogs currently in your home or that you have had in the past:

Breed	Sex	Age	Spayed / Neutered	How Long owned	Kept inside / outside / both	What became of this dog

How did you acquire your previous dog(s)? _____

What other pets do you own? _____

Please indicate preferences in breed and gender (all dogs are spayed/neutered before adoption):

- _____ Golden Retriever
- _____ Black Lab
- _____ Yellow Lab
- _____ Chocolate Lab
- _____ Mix
- _____ No Preference

- _____ Female
- _____ Male
- _____ No Preference

(note: generally two dogs of opposite genders are more compatible than two dogs of the same gender)

The following characteristics are normal for many pet dogs, and are often amenable to training. However, due to the demands of disaster search work these issues are frequent causes for a dog being released from training and becoming available for adoption. Please check those characteristics which you would be willing to work with in a dog you might adopt, and provide comments where needed.

- _____ minor medical problem
- _____ high activity level
- _____ sensitivity to unfamiliar noises/ people/objects
- _____ tendency to bark excessively when alone

- _____ incompatible with cats or other animals
- _____ incompatible with other dogs
- _____ young, not yet housetrained

When would you be able to accept an appropriate dog? _____

How did you hear about our program? _____

NDSDF places dogs only in homes which have securely fenced yards or enclosed dog runs (tethering/chaining of a dog, and electronic fences are not acceptable)

Note: Dogs need to be transported within an enclosed vehicle, preferably within a crate.

I understand that it is my responsibility to keep SDF informed of changes in my address and phone number, as well as changes in my interest in adopting a dog.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Complete entire form and return to:

SDF, Attn: Canine Manager, 206 North Signal Street, Suite R, Ojai, CA 93023
Or Fax to the SDF office, **Attn: Canine Manager**, at: 805-640-1848