

Animal Adoption Questionnaire

1. Disclaimer

Deciding to adopt a dog is truly an exciting one. Some people can act on impulse without considering the very significant and permanent consequences of dog ownership. Our questionnaire is designed for you to read through our questions and carefully consider if this choice is right for you.

Our process is to ensure that our dogs go to homes where they will be loved and properly cared for. For this reason, we make sure that each person who adopts one of our dogs is capable of and willing to accept the responsibilities of pet ownership.

In some cases, we may receive more than one expression of interest for a particular dog. The decision is then entirely up to Shellharbour City Council to determine who is the most suitable choice for the dog in question.

NOTE: Shellharbour City Council cannot provide information about the dog's life prior to its arrival at our impound facility. We can only share details relating to the dog's time in our care. Any background, including past treatment, behaviour, training, living conditions, or health concerns are typically unknown.

2. Your details

Title		Contact No.	
Full Name		Email	
Property Address *Where the animal will be primarily kept			
Are you over the age of 18? *ID verification will be required if adoption is finalised			

3. Questions

PICTURING YOURSELF WITH YOUR NEW DOG

Why are you considering adopting?

e.g., companion, guard dog, working dog, etc.

<p>Have you researched the breed of dog you are interested in adopting?</p> <p><i>Every breed has different energy levels, exercise requirements, grooming needs and most importantly varying temperaments. It's important to understand the typical traits the dog may have so you can make sure the dog suits your lifestyle.</i></p>	
<p>Approximately how many hours a week will the dog be left alone?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 20-30 <input type="checkbox"/> 30-50 <input type="checkbox"/> over 50</p>	
<p>When your dog is left alone, where will it be?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> indoors <input type="checkbox"/> outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> access to both</p>	
<p>Are you ready for a potentially 10-to-15-year commitment?</p>	
<p>Do you have the time to keep the dog exercised and stimulated?</p>	
<p>How do you plan to keep the dog exercised and stimulated?</p>	
<p>Can you afford vet bills, food, training, and emergencies?</p>	
<p>Are you willing to invest in professional training and obedience classes if needed?</p>	
<p>Is your home dog-proof?</p> <p><i>E.g., a safe, escape free space where the dog cannot accidentally hurt themselves.</i></p>	
<p>Some dogs have a tendency to dig and chew, are you prepared to deal with this?</p>	
<p>Can you handle setbacks with the dog's behaviour?</p> <p><i>Rescue dogs may have tough days as they adjust to a new home. It's normal for them to feel anxious and unsettled at first, but with patience and consistency they will grow comfortable in their new life.</i></p>	

<p>Are you patient enough to work through trauma, fear, or bad habits the dog may present with?</p> <p><i>Council cannot speak for the life the animal had before becoming impounded and unfortunately some rescue dogs have had difficult starts to life and may need extra attention. Any health or behavioural concerns displayed while the dog is in Councils impound will always be disclosed.</i></p>	
<p>If you are no longer equipped to look after the animal, are you prepared to rehome the animal yourself?</p>	
<p>Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?</p>	