

## Classic Heritage Retired Dog Adoption Application

As our dogs here at Classic Heritage have grown up with us as part of the family we are VERY diligent in finding only the best home for their retirement years. We will give priority to families that are local (within two hours of our home), with none or only one other dog and at least one adult who does not work outside of the home. Our dogs are in no way “rescue” and this placement should not be considered as such. They are in fact, the best in health and temperament. We adore our dogs and consider them our pets that have done their “job” very well over the last several years of their life and now we will place them in homes that will shower them with love and attention as they deserve to have. Many of our dogs would excel in service and therapy type work as they are naturally born to do so. Our dogs are crate trained at night but, do not live inside a house on a regular basis. Therefore, some time may be needed to acclimate in knowing how to go to the door and ask to be let out for potty time. However, our dogs do have excellent house manners. Our dogs are show trained therefore most will “stand” on command but not always “sit” on command. All are leash trained and listen/respond well. Our dogs are very loving, smart and obedient but will look to you to be their leader and provider and friend. Please only apply to adopt one of our wonderful dogs if you feel you can provide all these things. Our dogs are spayed/neutered before being placed in their new home. Please feel free to add pictures of your home, yard, etc that will help us in our decision making. **Our retired dogs start at \$2000.00 dollars, depending on age of retiring dog.** We do offer a health guarantee on our retiring dogs. Delivery fees will apply if applicable.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Dog(s) Applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about Us? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I work in/outside of the home \_\_\_\_\_ I do not work/am retired \_\_\_\_\_ Since (mo/yr): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want to adopt an older dog?

2. What do you think are the most important responsibilities in owning a dog?

3. Please list any preferences in gender, size, temperament, energy level, etc:

4. Tell me about your lifestyle as it pertains to dog ownership? Things you enjoy doing with your dog, things you will do to make your dog comfortable and “fit in” with your family, etc.

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5. Are you willing to take the time to housebreak a dog, and do you understand that changing a dog's environment may cause the dog to have accidents? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

6. If a behavioral problem arises, what steps will you take to work on it?

7. If you are applying for a dog who is not house trained, how will you house train the dog:

8. Does any member of the family have any allergies to animals? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no Explain:

19. How many people live in your home?

10. Are there any children in the household? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_ no  
If yes, what are their ages?

11. Who will be responsible for feeding and taking the dog outside for potty breaks and exercise?

12. Who will take care of the dog in the absence of the primary caretaker?

13. What reading and other/or steps have you taken to prepare for a new dog?

14. What kinds of animals have you owned?

15. Describe those pets you currently own:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Primarily Indoor or Outdoor? Explain:

16. Describe all pets you previously owned in the past 10 years:

Year deceased (or last year you had pet)?

Cause of death, or where pet is now (detail):

17. List each vet/animal hospital where your animal(s) received care over the last 10 years:

18. Name of vet you will use for your new pet:

19. What kind of veterinary care do you plan to provide?

20. Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a dog including vet care, food, supplies and equipment, toys, training and boarding? Please explain:

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21. What type of home do you live in?

22. Do you own or rent your residence? \_\_\_own \_\_\_rent

23. If you rent, have you checked that dogs are allowed?\_\_\_

24. Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_ no

What type of fence?

How tall? (Give range of heights, if relevant)

Is the fence attached to the home? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

25. If you do not have a fence, do you plan to install a fence? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no. If no, how will dog be kept secure?

26. Describe the circumstances in which you would walk/exercise a dog on leash:

27. Describe the circumstances in which you would walk/exercise a dog off leash:

28. How often will you exercise the dog and for approximately how long?

29. How many hours will the dog be left unattended (i.e., workday)?

30. When you are home, where will the dog be kept?

31. Where will the dog sleep at night?

32. When no one is home (i.e. at work, shopping), where will the dog stay (be specific)?

33. How often do you travel?

34. What will you do with the dog when you travel?

35. Are you or your spouse with the military? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

36. Are you familiar with your local animal control laws? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

37. Have all adult family members met with and agreed upon the dog?\_\_\_yes\_\_\_no

Please feel free to add any additional information that will help us in our decision making.

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I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after an adoption takes place, I understand that Classic Heritage Golden Retrievers reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give Heather/ Ed Chapin permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians as needed. If the application passes this review, in most cases a home visit will be required, I agree to a home and yard visit on a mutually agreed date before an adoption decision is made. In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors, including but not limited to the compatibility of the family and home to the individual animal, and other applications received on this animal. I understand it is Heather Chapin's prerogative to decide which home is most appropriate and that her decision is final, and therefore I will not argue with the decision. If you are not chosen, your application will be kept and you will be informed when another retiring dog is available.

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

Printed Full Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/email and phone

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