

Application to keep a **Pet Dog**

The intention is to provide those tasked with assessing the suitability of a potential dog owner with a framework of points to raise. This document could be used either as an application form or a check list to go through when undertaking a 'home visit'. Information in **blue** boxes is provided as a catalyst for conversation and deeper consideration of the risks and responsibilities of dog ownership. The potential dog owner will be asked to sign and date the form to encourage them to provide truthful information. This document can be amended by animal welfare organisations, breeders or landlords to suit their individual needs.

A	About You, the prospective owner of the pet and the person responsible for the welfare of the pet.			
1	Title			Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other
2	First Name			
3	Surname			
4	Date of Birth			DD/MM/YYYY
5	Occupation	(Full or Part-time)		
6	Address			
	Parish	C, F, SA, SM, SPP, SP, SS, SSv, T, V.		
	Post Code			
7	Telephone Numbers	Home		
		Mobile		
		Work		
8	Email Address			

B	Your Circumstances.										
PET EXPERIENCE											
9	Have you previously applied for a pet?		Yes		No						
10	Do you currently own any pets?		Yes		No						
	If Yes	Pet 1	Type			Pet 2	Type				
			Age				Age				
			Sex				Sex				
		Pet 3	Type			Pet 4	Type				
			Age				Age				
			Sex				Sex				
11	Have you owned a dog before?		Yes		No						
	If Yes	Dog 1	Type			Dog 2	Type				
			Sex				Sex				
		Dog 3	Type			Dog 4	Type				
			Sex				Sex				
		HOUSEHOLD									
		12	How many people live in your home? Write the number in each age group.		Adults						
Children	Under 3 years				3 to 5 years	6 to 17 years					
13	Do children regularly visit you home? If so what age groups are they in? Tick as many as you need.		Under 8 years	9 to 12 years	13 to 16 years						

Information	All contact between young children and pets should be directly supervised . This means that an adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is in close range of the child and pet (preferably holding the child or restraining the pet); and, • can immediately intervene if necessary. Dog bites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As many as half of 12-year-old children will have been bitten by a dog. • Most dog bites are from a dog known to the child – their own dog, a neighbour's, or friend's dog. In many cases the dog bites after being teased or unintentionally annoyed, for example, approaching a dog when it is sleeping or eating. • Children under the age of 5 years are most at risk of dog bites and are often bitten on the head and face. Bites which may not even break an adult's skin can be devastating on a small child. 										
14	Does anyone in the household have a known allergy to animals?						Yes		No		
15	Does everyone in the household want an animal?						Yes		No		
ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY											
16	Do you live in a house or a flat?		House			Flat			Other		
17	If a house how many floors does it have?		1			2			3		
18	How many bedrooms are there?		1			2			3		
			4			5			6		
19	Who is your landlord?		Private			Social Housing			I don't have a landlord		
20	Do you have access to a garden?		Yes			No			Attached to the property?		
21	If yes is the garden		Private			Communal			Other		
21	Is the garden secure?		Yes			No			Would it keep your proposed adult dog in?		
22	Will you be able to regularly walk or transport your dog to an open space?						Yes		No		
23	If yes is this?		A park			Common land			Beach		
24	Who will exercise your dog?		You			Family			Friends		
HOURS ALONE											
25	Can your dog go to work with you or a family member?		Yes			No			If yes skip to question 28.		
26	On average how many hours a working day will your dog be left alone?		Less than one hour		1 to 4 hours		5 to 7 hours		7 to 10 hours		
27	Where will your dog be left when it is alone during the day?		In the home		Crate within home		Garden		Shed/Kennel		
28	Where will your dog be left at night?		In the home		Crate within home		Garden		Shed/Kennel		
LIFE CHANGES											
29	Are you planning any of the following in the near future (the next 12 months)?			Expecting a baby		Holiday		Moving Home			
30	If you have ticked any of the boxes in question 29 when is this likely to take place?		0 to 1 month		1 to 2 months		3 to 4 months		4 to 5 months		
									5 to 6 months		
										6 months to 1 year	
PET TRAINING											
31	Do you intend to teach your dog basic obedience and recall?						Yes		No		

32	Will you seek dog training assistance from any of the following?	GSPCA	Island Dog Training Club	Paws for Support	Other (please state)		
COST OF PET OWNERSHIP							
33	How much can you afford to spend on your pet each week (not including unexpected costs caused by injury or illness)? Costs include feed, worm and flea treatment, vaccinations, dog tax, holiday kennelling, etc.	0 - £2	£3 - £5	£6 - £8	£9 - £12	£13 - £15	£16 - £19
		£20-£24	£25-£28	£29 - £32	£33-£35	£36 - £40	£51 - £50
Information	It is generally accepted that the first year of pet ownership can be the most expensive but older animals tend to suffer with age-related conditions such as arthritis, kidney and dental disease which adds to the cost of ownership in a pet's old age. These costs are compiled from studies in the UK, US and Canada and therefore may not represent the current weekly costs of pet ownership in Guernsey. Please note, these costs do not include the cost of neutering or unexpected costs caused by injury or illness.						
	Animal	Average annual cost (£)		Average lifespan cost of ownership (£)	Average weekly cost of ownership (£)		
		Upfront (first year)	Ongoing cost per subsequent year.				
	Dog	1,400 – 4,000 dependent on purchase cost	550 (small)	9,000 (small)	12.36		
			1,250 (medium)	20,000 (medium)	27.50		
			2,000 (large)	30,000 (large)	41.20		
		(lifetime = 14yr)					
34	In some circumstances a condition of ownership is that a dog must be neutered. How do you propose to meet this cost?			Savings	Loan	Sponsor	
If you have selected 'sponsor' then your sponsor must provide their name and address and they must sign that they are guaranteeing to cover the cost of neutering your pet.		Sponsor Details (only if selected)					
		Name					
		Address					
		Sponsor Signature					
Note to the Sponsor: By signing you are agreeing to pay the full cost of neutering the pet that the prospective owner is applying to have.							
The requirement to surgically neuter a dog may be waived if the owner can provide a certificate from a local veterinarian whose care the pet is under. Nevertheless the requirement for the pet not to be breed and not to produce young remains in place.							
Information	The cost of neutering a pet depends on its species, sex and size. The bigger a pet is, the more it will cost to neuter. The following are rough indications of the cost of conventional neutering of pets locally.						
	Dog	male	castration	£340 for small dogs to £400 for dogs over 40kg			
		female	spay	£400 for small dogs to £500 for dogs over 40kg			
35	Will you be providing health insurance for your pet?					Yes	No
36	Will you be getting your pet microchipped?					Yes	No
MANAGING DOG WASTE HAZARDS							
37	Dogs sharing homes with young children or immunocompromised people should be wormed monthly.			If necessary, are you able to worm your dog monthly?		Yes	
						No	

38	You must pick up after your dog in public places and in common areas in social housing estates.	Will you have any difficulty picking up after your dog?	Yes	
			No	
39	You should pick up your dogs' waste in your garden daily to avoid attracting flies and vermin and creating noxious odours	Will you have any difficulty picking up after your dog daily in your garden?	Yes	
			No	
40	Dog waste collected from your garden will have to be disposed of in black bin sacks for un-recyclable waste which will attract a charge.	Will you have any difficulty putting dog waste in your black sacks?	Yes	
			No	
ANIMAL WELFARE OFFENCES				
41	Has any member of the household accepted a caution for an animal welfare offence or been convicted of an animal welfare offence?	Yes		No

C	About your prospective pet									
42	What breed of dog are you proposing to have as a pet?					In some circumstances certain breeds of dogs or crossbreeds to which certain breeds have contributed will not be acceptable for ownership.				
43	If you are proposing to have a crossbreed dog what are the breeds that have contributed to the dog?									
44	What will be the age of the dog when you intend to take ownership of it?	Puppy 6 to 12 weeks	Junior 3 to 18 months	Adult 1.5 to years 9	Senior 9 to 12.5 years	Geriatric 12.5 to 14 years	Based on a 14-year lifespan			
45	Is the proposed pet male or female and is it already neutered?			Male		Female		Neutered		
47	Is the proposed pet dog already in Guernsey or is it to be imported?		Already in Guernsey			Imported into Guernsey				
48	If it is to be imported to Guernsey, is it coming from the UK or from somewhere else?		UK		Somewhere else (Please indicate where from)					
Info	Dogs that originate from certain countries have a higher risk of carrying exotic diseases such as Leishmaniosis. Pre-import screening is unreliable, and owners are advised to have their dog checked by their vet regularly for evidence of infection. If infection is detected, the dog is likely to need long-term medicine to manage the infection. This can increase the cost of ownership.									
49	If you are getting a pet from off-Island how old will it be when you transport it to Guernsey.	Less than 8 weeks	8-15 weeks	More than 15 weeks	Puppies under 8 weeks must be transported with their mother. Puppies imported from Europe must be over 15 weeks of age.					
50	Is the proposed pet coming from a breeder, a previous owner or an animal rescue organisation?			Breeder		Previous owner		Rescue Organisation		
51	If the dog is coming from the UK and you selected breeder in Q 50, are they a 'licenced breeder'?	Yes		No	Someone who breeds 5 or more litters a year and sells any puppies must have a licence in the UK.					
52	Is the proposed pet dog coming through a dealer?	Yes		No	A puppy or dog dealer buys and sells dogs for profit. This is no longer permitted in the UK. Lucy's Law.					

53	Has the proposed dog been advertised on a UK website?	Yes		No		If your answer is yes, make further checks to determine the source of the dog.
54	Where the proposed pet dog is over 12 months of age, has it had a temperament assessment?	Yes		No		Temperament assessments carried out by a trained assessor.
55	Where the proposed pet dog is over 12 months of age, does it have any temperament or behavioural problems?	Yes		No		Has the dog demonstrated aggressive or nuisance behaviour? e.g. chasing, barking, etc.
56	Where the proposed pet dog is over 12 months of age, does it have any known existing medical problems?	Yes		No		E.g. skin allergies, ear infections, dietary intolerance, epilepsy, etc.
57	Where the proposed pet dog is a pedigree puppy, were its parents screened for heritable conditions associated with the breed?	Yes		No		The BVA/KC health schemes are established to reduce the risk of puppies having heritable conditions associated with particular breeds.
59	Is the proposed dog a 'Recognised Assistance Dog' or a 'Canine Generated Independence' dog?	Yes		No		The provider will be a member of 'Assistance Dogs UK' or CGI dogs and will have provide evidence of this.

D	Declaration by the applicant who is the prospective owner	
	I hereby declare that the above information is, to the best of my knowledge, complete, accurate and true.	
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	Signed	PRINT NAME
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	Date	