# Foster/ Adoption Application

Keeshond Affiliated Rescuers of the Mid Atlantic (KARMA) application process includes the completion of this document, 3 reference checks, veterinary reference, and a home visit. All items need to be completed before review for approval of potential foster/adopter families. We reserve the right to require and perform follow-up visits. If the applicant(s) is approved, a written contract will be executed and payment of the adoption fee ($150-$400 depending on age and circumstance of dog) will be required. Please initial to indication you understand and agree to these requirements. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If completing form on a computer, click the [ ]  to mark your answers

**I am interested in:**

[ ]  **Adoption Only**

Check here to be only considered for adopting a dog.

[ ]  **Foster Only**

Check here to be only considered for fostering a dog.

[ ]  **Foster-To-Adopt**

Check here to be considered for fostering a dog with the potential of adopting the dog. Fosters have first right of adoption placement with this option.

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| Preference of dog’s gender Male [x]  Female [ ]  No preference [ ]   |
| Preference of dog’s age (check all that apply) Puppy [ ]  Young adult (1-5 years) [ ]  Older adult (6-10 years) [ ]  Senior (11+ years) [ ]  No preference [ ]  |

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| Personal Information |
| Applicant’s Name |   |
| Application Date |   |
| **Home information** |
| Street: |   |
| City: |   | State:  | Zip code:  |
| Home phone |   | Cell phone:  |
| Email |   |
| **Work information** |
| Employer name |   |
| Street: |   |
| City: |   | State:  | Zip code:  |
| Phone |   | Email:  |
| Are you currently a student? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |

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| General Information |
| Why do you want to adopt or foster a dog? Explain:  |
| How long have you been looking for a dog?  |   |
| Are you considering other breeds, too?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Would you consider a Keeshond mixed breed dog | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Are you aware that Keeshonds have a heavy coat, shed seasonally, are relatively active, may bark to protect “his/her territory”, and may dig holes? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Do you know how and are willing to take care of the dog’s coat and trim nails? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Are you aware of the financial obligation of owning a dog? The average cost is $500-$2,000 a year, more if animal becomes sick.  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |

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| Your History as a Dog Owner |
| Have you ever… |  |
| had a pet that was stolen from you? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| had a pet that disappeared? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| had a pet that was poisoned? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| had a pet that was injured or killed by a vehicle? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| had a pet that died from an accident? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| had to re-homed or give away a pet? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain:   |
| Has ownership of a pet resulted in litigation or court appearance? If yes, please explain:  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]   |
| Have you housetrained a dog?If yes, what method did you use? Explain:  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Have you ever obedience trained a dog? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Are you planning on obedience training this dog?Why or why not? Explain:  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Have you ever crate trained a dog? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Are you willing to use a crate, if necessary? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Are you planning to move in the near future?If you had to move, would you give up your pet(s)?What would you do with a pet you had to give up? Explain:  | Yes [ ]  No [ ] Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |

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| About where the dog will live |
| Do you own or rent your home | Own [ ]  Rent [ ]  |
| If rental, provide landlord’s contact info |  |
| Landlord Name:  | Phone number:  |
| Type of home: Single family house [ ]  Apartment [ ]  Mobile home [ ]  Multifamily house [ ]  Condo/Co-op [ ]  Townhouse [ ]  |
| Do you have a yard? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| If yes, does the yard have a fenced enclosure from which the dog cannot escape? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| What is the height of the fence? What is the fence material? Check all that apply Wood [ ]  Chain link [ ]  Wrought iron [ ]  Aluminum [ ]  PVC/Vinyl [ ]  Electric [ ]  Other: (explain)  |
| Do you use a tie-out cable or chain? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Do you have a doggy door?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Where will the dog relieve itself? Check all that apply  In fenced enclosure [ ]  On walks [ ]  Tie-out cable/chain [ ]  Other: (explain)  |
| How do you plan to exercise the dog? Check all that apply Walks/hikes [ ]  Dog park [ ]  Fenced yard [ ]  Activities (ex: Agility, Flyball, Obedience) [ ]  Doggy day care [ ]  Other: (explain)  |
| Where will the dog be kept for most of the day? In the home [ ]  Outdoors [ ]  Combination of indoor/outdoor [ ]  |
| If dog spends most of day outside, is there shelter available? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| If yes, type of shelter (check all that apply): Doghouse [ ]  Shed [ ]  Barn [ ]  Trees [ ]  Other (explain)  |
| Is someone home during the day who can walk/put out the dog?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Will dog be left home alone during most of the day? If yes, approximately how many hours will dog be alone?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ] Hours:  |
| What provisions will be made for the dog left home alone?  Dogwalker [ ]  Applicant/family member stops in during day [ ]  Other (explain)  |
| If you travel, will the dog (check all that apply) go with you [ ]  board at a kennel [ ]  dog sitter comes to house [ ]   stay with friends/relatives [ ]  other (explain)  |
| Who will be responsible for: (List names of people) Feeding  Exercising  Healthcare  Training  Grooming  |

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| Other Pet Information |
| List all pets you have currently or previously owned in the past 10 years |
|  | Name | Current/ Previous(C/P) | Species(ex.: cat, dog, bird) | Age | Gender(M/F) | Spayed/ Neutered(Y/N) |
| 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 7 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Are all dogs up to date on shots?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A [ ]   |
| Are all cats up to date on shots? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A [ ]  |
| Are all dogs on heartworm preventative and/or checked annually? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A [ ]  |

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| Household Information |
| List information about people living in your household, including yourself. |
|  | Name | Age | Relationship to you |
| 1 |   |   | Self |
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| 5 |   |   |   |
| Does anyone in the home have allergies to dogs?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Do adults work outside of the home?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A [ ]  |

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| Foster Questions (Required for Foster Only and Foster-to-Adopt)Complete this section **only** if you plan to **foster** or **foster to adopt** a dog. For adoption only, please skip to next section. |
| Do you have any experience dealing with a dog from a puppy mill? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Are there any restrictions to fostering that should be considered such as time limitation, other animals, house-trained, etc.?If yes, please explain  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Can a potential adopter visit the dog at your home? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Can you transport the dog to another foster or adopter? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| Can your vehicle accommodate a crate for transport? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| How far would you be willing to travel to transport the dog? (Hours or miles)` |   |

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| References |
| Please be sure to inform your references that a KARMA representative will be contacting them. |
| **Veterinarian(s) used in the past 5 years. List current vet first, if more than one.**If you have not used a vet in the past 5 years, please list the vet you are planning to use for this dog and check this box. [ ]   |
| **Veterinarian 1** |
| Veterinarian name:  |
| Clinic name:  |
| Street: |   |
| City: |   | State:  | Zip code:  |
| Phone |   | Fax:  |
| Email |   |
| **Veterinarian 2** |
| Veterinarian name:  |
| Clinic name:  |
| Street: |   |
| City: |   | State:  | Zip code:  |
| Phone |   | Fax:  |
| Email |   |

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| **Provide 3 (2 must be “non-family”) personal references who can attest to your interest, interaction, and feelings about animals in general and dogs in particular**  |
| **Reference 1** |
| Name:  |
| Relationship: |   | Years known:  |
| Street: |   |
| City: |   | State:  | Zip code:  |
| Home phone: |   | Cell phone:  |
| Email: |   |
| Best time to call: |   |
| **Reference 2** |
| Name:  |
| Relationship: |   | Years known:  |
| Street: |   |
| City: |   | State:  | Zip code:  |
| Home phone: |   | Cell phone:  |
| Email: |   |
| Best time to call: |   |
| **Reference 3** |
| Name:  |
| Relationship: |   | Years known:  |
| Street: |   |
| City: |   | State:  | Zip code:  |
| Home phone: |   | Cell phone:  |
| Email: |   |
| Best time to call: |   |

***Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.***

Please return the form to KARMA using any of these methods:

**Email to karmakeesrsq@gmail.com.** Please include “Adoption/Foster Application” in the subject line

**Fax: 804-237-0445**

**Post:** Keeshond Affiliated Rescuers of the Mid Atlantic

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