



Retrieving Independence
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Release Dog Questionnaire and Application

Retrieving Independence (RI) has a very high rate of placement success with the dogs in our training program. On average, approximately 2 out of 10 dogs are “released” from the program. RI dogs are asked to demonstrate exceptional behavior, temperament and health in order to do their jobs at the highest level. The reasons RI releases dogs fall into two categories: minor health and/or behavioral issues. Our industry standards do not support less than 100% capability in dog placement with people with disabilities. RI will share the specific reasons for release when dogs become available.

Release dogs are not service dogs and, therefore, do not have public access rights and are not allowed in public places unless “pet” dogs are allowed. RI is concerned about the welfare and best placement for all of our dogs, including those that are released. Before placing a release dog, RI may conduct a home visit to identify any potential issues to a successful dog placement. Should the applicant receive a release dog from RI, please be aware that we will be willing to help you work out any behavioral problems that may occur after the initial placement for a period of 60 days.

RI is a nonprofit organization and invests a considerable amount of time, training and money in all our dogs. When a release is made, a fee is paid to Retrieving Independence to help offset the cost of food, medical care, and training invested in the dog.

Expected fee amounts will be discussed when a dog becomes available for release. Fees can average between \$2500 and \$3500 depending on the dog’s training experience, health status and disposition. This payment is not tax-deductible.

Name of Primary Owner:

Address:

Home Phone:

Work:

Cell:

Email:

How did you hear about Retrieving Independence?

Other people living at this address and their ages:

Adults:

1.

2.

Children:

1.

2.

3.

Why are you looking for a dog to adopt?

Other animals in household (please list species, breed, age and sex):

1.

2.

3.

4.

Where do they sleep?

Where would your new dog sleep?

How often do you have visitors to your home?

Do you have a fenced in back yard?

Do you want your dog to bark to notify you of arrivals at your door?

Is your lifestyle (check one):

Active (i.e., work or go out 5 or more days per week)

Moderately Active (work or go out 3-4 times per week)

Quiet (work or leave home 1-2 days per week)

What would you do with your pets when you vacation or travel?

What recreational activities do you enjoy?

May we make a home visit prior to placing a dog with you?

Do you have a preference for a male or a female?

Do you have a preference for a certain breed or mix?

Please give a brief description of your "ideal" dog:

Have you ever had a dog with a behavioral problem? If yes, please describe what you did about it:	Yes	No
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Do you know how to groom a dog?	Yes	No
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Have you ever had to re-home a dog? If yes, please tell why and what you did about it:	Yes	No
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Should you receive one of our dogs, would you like some basic training from one of our trainers with your new pet?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. When completed, please send the form to the address above or email to hayley@retrievingindependence.org. After we receive it, we may be calling to clarify some of the answers. We will keep your application in our files and when dogs become available; we review all questionnaires for potential matches and schedule an appointment for you to meet the dog.

The applicant is never under any obligation to meet or take a dog when contacted. We understand that your circumstances may change and that the applicant may have already found a dog or the available dog may not be appropriate. If your circumstances change before we do contact you about one of our dogs, please call us so that we can remove your application from our waiting list.

We thank you for thinking of us in your search for a companion, and we appreciate your patience. As always, please feel free to contact our office if you have any further questions.

Thank you from the Retrieving Independence team.