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## Application for an RFI Released Dog

**STEP ONE:** Please fill out the form in full.

*RFI recognizes that demand for released dogs is high and availability is limited.*

**Please print legibly**

### Contact Information:

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Family and Housing

Do you live in a \_\_\_ house \_\_\_ apartment \_\_\_ condo \_\_\_ town house \_\_\_\_\_ other

If you are currently renting, please give the rules regarding animals and the landlord's name and phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By providing this information, you are allowing Retrieving Freedom, Inc. to contact your landlord. Please inform them we will be doing so prior to submitting this application.

What is the approximate square footage of your residence? \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

How many bedrooms? \_\_\_ How many rooms for play or recreation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a yard? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Approximate square footage: \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

Is your yard securely fenced? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no If yes, what is the height of the fence? \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Please describe your household: \_\_\_ Quiet \_\_\_ Noisy \_\_\_ Active \_\_\_ Average

How many individuals live full time at your residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Name, age, and relationship to primary caregiver:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in the family have a known allergy to dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

Is everyone in the family in agreement with the decision to adopt a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What does your family do for recreation? \_\_\_\_\_

**About your animal(s)**

Have you owned a pet in the last 10 years? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_ no Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years owned: \_\_\_\_\_

More than one pet in the last 10 years? Please list:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have pets in the home?

\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no If yes, what type? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

If you currently own a dog, what is the breed \_\_\_\_\_ and age: \_\_\_\_\_

Are these pets up to date on their vaccinations? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Are these pets spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

How do you discipline your pets and why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you owned a dog but no longer do, please explain the reason you no longer own a dog:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Can you afford an average of \$150 per month (veterinary expenses, hygiene, food, etc.) to support a family dog? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Do you agree to provide regular health care to the dog? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Do you have a regular veterinarian? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Veterinarian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic name: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



**About the dog you wish to adopt**

Desired breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Desired age: \_\_\_\_\_ Desired size: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired sex: \_\_\_ Neutered male \_\_\_ Spayed female

What is the most important attribute in a dog that you are looking for?(e.g. breed, sex, size, trait?)

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Not willing to adopt: \_\_\_ moderate/high energy \_\_\_ dog that needs regular medication  
\_\_\_ shy/skittish \_\_\_ dog that requires grooming  
\_\_\_ mellow/friendly \_\_\_ dog that needs training  
\_\_\_ none of these

Where will the dog spend the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog spend the night? \_\_\_\_\_

What form of exercise will the dog get? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you exercise the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How often will you exercise the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours, on average, the dog will spend alone during the day: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for a specific RFI dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to adopt another RFI Release Dog if the dog listed above is unavailable for you to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal References**

Please list two references who are familiar with both you (and your family) and your pets:

Reference 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

By providing this information, you are allowing Retrieving Freedom, Inc. to contact your references. Please inform them we will be doing so prior to submitting this application.

RFI's main objective is to place service dogs for disabled veterans and children with autism. While all dogs in our program are initially trained with one of these placements in mind, we do identify certain dogs that are not suited for a working role in public.

I understand and accept the responsibility, financial investment, and care required of owning a released dog. All family members will respect the basic needs of the dog for proper diet, shelter, veterinary care, exercise, attention, and rest. If, at any time, I, or members of the family, cannot meet the requirements of proper care, I understand the dog is to be returned to Retrieving Freedom, Inc. I further agree to follow RFI instruction regarding any required reading, training, orientation classes and the transition and integration process of the released dog into our home.

Due to the increase in cases nationwide, the demand for released dogs outweighs the supply. Not everyone that applies will be able to receive a released dog, and RFI will place dogs to the best of their ability with the applicants who show the opportunity to give the dog the best environment possible.

If at any time during the process, an RFI representative determines the family members are unsuitable to continue placement of a released dog, RFI may exercise its right as stated above to withdraw the released dog without monetary reimbursement to any party.

Every dog that has entered the RFI organization has been cared for and trained with the highest of standards. This includes the selection of high quality puppies from the breeding program, complete vet care, and foster home care and puppy classes. Some of the older dogs have participated in advanced training with the assistance of RFI's experienced professional staff. While RFI strives to produce highly qualified public access service dogs, we still incur many expenses with the dogs that are not selected to move on. RFI has intentionally not set a direct cost for adopting these dogs, as our goal is to find the best environment for them to flourish based on the specific reasons we choose to change their career. We have left this adoption cost that helps cover the money that has been invested into this dog to your discretion. We encourage you to consider the time and energy vested into this dog when making payment to RFI for the adoption. As you will be receiving goods and services from RFI in the transfer of this dog, the amount given will not be a tax deductible donation.

Primary owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **STEP TWO:**

***For questions or to email the Application please send to: [info@retrievingfreedom.org](mailto:info@retrievingfreedom.org)***

### ***Mail Application to:***

***Iowa Location  
Attn: Applicant Office  
1152 230<sup>th</sup> St  
Waverly, IA 50677***

***Missouri Location  
Attn: Applicant Office  
20360 Tangle Nook Rd  
Sedalia, MO 65301***