



# BRITISH CHIHUAHUA CLUB RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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## ADOPTION REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss .....

Address: .....

..... Postcode .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Applicant's occupation: ..... Full/part time: .....

Partner's occupation: ..... Full/part time: .....

Number of people in the household: Adults: ..... Children (ages): .....

(please note, we do not rehome Chihuahuas in households where there are children under ten years old.)

Does anyone in the household have any pet allergies / suffer from asthma etc? .....

What type of accommodation do you live in? .....

Owned or rented? ..... If rented, do you have the landlord's permission to keep a dog? .....

Do you have your own garden or other private space to let the dog out to go to the toilet? If so, please describe the area and whether it's securely enclosed, or if not, explain how you intend to manage this:

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Do you currently own Chihuahuas or other dogs? If so please say how many, the breed/type, sex and age(s)

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If not, have you previously owned Chihuahuas or other dogs? If so please tell us the breed/type, sex, how long you have owned them and where you obtained them from:

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Do you currently have other pets at home? Please describe: .....

Where will the Chihuahua be kept during the night? .....

On an average day, how long might the Chihuahua be left on its own? .....

When left during the daytime, where would the Chihuahua be kept? .....

Who would look after the Chihuahua if accident or illness should happen to you? .....

Veterinary charges are high, and pet insurance is not cheap. If your Chihuahua needs treatment, even if covered by insurance, there will be an excess to pay, which can be £60 or more. There may also be ongoing regular charges for flea treatments, worming, vaccination boosters etc. Are you prepared for this expense?

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Do you already use a Veterinary Surgery? If so please give the name and address: .....

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Please supply the name and address of someone who has known you at least 2 years: .....

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How do you feel about having a member of the Association visit your house to carry out a 'home check'?

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*(Please continue overleaf)*

Are there any other comments you would like to make in support of your application? . . . . .  
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If a rescue dog should become available, do you have any strong preference for age, sex, type? Please indicate by circling your preference: Older dog / younger / either. Boy / Girl / either. Longcoat / smoothcoat / either.

Please sign and date your completed application (see below) and return it to the Secretary of the Association.

### Frequently asked questions

#### **Do you acknowledge receipt of application forms?**

We do not send out an acknowledgement by post unless you include a stamped addressed envelope.

#### **Can I come and see your Chihuahuas waiting for adoption?**

We don't have kennels where rescue dogs are taken into care awaiting someone to come along and offer a home. Almost always when a dog comes into rescue, we will be able to select someone from our waiting list and rehome them straight away, unless some veterinary attention is needed first. Occasionally a dog will be fostered with one of our members, but only for as long as it takes to arrange an adoption.

#### **How long will I have to wait to be offered a Chihuahua?**

It's not possible to say, because it depends on when someone offers a suitable dog for adoption.

#### **How is the waiting list operated?**

Not on a first-come, first-served basis, but rather by trying to match an incoming dog with the most suitable home for that particular dog. You will be contacted with details of the dog and if you feel that you could provide a happy home, a member of our Association will contact you to make an appointment for a home visit, prior to you being offered the dog for adoption.

#### **How much will I have to pay?**

We do not ask for any specific fee when you adopt a Chihuahua, but we do request that you make a donation according to what you can afford. You will understand there can be a lot of costs involved in rehoming a dog, not just petrol for the volunteers collecting and delivering them, but many incoming dogs require veterinary attention. If not already done, we always neuter and chip rescue dogs, and they often require dental work which can be very expensive. We are fortunate to receive donations and legacies to help with our work, but also depend on contributions from people relinquishing or adopting Chihuahuas.

#### **What if things don't work out?**

We are always there to give help and advice, but in the event of an unhappy situation or a sudden change in circumstances, we will arrange to take the dog back and re-home elsewhere.

#### **FINALLY –**

should you be lucky enough to acquire a Chihuahua from some other source, PLEASE contact us so that we can take you off our list, thus saving us time and expense – many thanks

Please sign and date this form and return to the address below.

**I would like to offer a home to a rescued Chihuahua. I confirm I am over 18 years of age. If for any reason I am unable to keep the dog, I agree that I will return it to the British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association.**

**Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....

Please return the completed form to **Mrs Sharon Coxhead, 1 Elm Way, Bacton, Stowmarket, IP14 4NX**. If you need an acknowledgement of receipt please include a stamped addressed envelope. We will be in touch if and when a suitable rescue Chihuahua becomes available. For enquiries please email [rescue@bccra.org.uk](mailto:rescue@bccra.org.uk).