**BIG EAST AKITA RESCUE, INC.**

***ADOPTION APPLICATION***

**Thank you for your interest in adopting an Akita.**

* Please do not fill out this application if you already have a male and a female dog in your home.
* Please do not fill out this application to adopt an Akita of the same sex as the dog you already have in your home. We do not do same-sex adoptions.
* Also know that you must be willing to travel to meet the Akita you are interested in at the foster location, most likely in NJ.
* By filling out and submitting the application that follows, you attest that you have read the above disclaimer and agree to the terms therein.
* Please note that applications only will be accepted from persons 18 years old or older.

Our mission is to find new, loving homes for our rescues.  All Akitas are altered, vet checked and evaluated.  An application is a required part of the adoption process and will help to match the right Akita for your household.  With all the costs involved with rescue, we do request a $350 ($500 if a puppy under the age of one year) adoption donation to help defray our expenses so that we may help more Akitas in need. B.E.A.R. is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and donations may be tax deductible.

Neither BIG EAST AKITA RESCUE, Inc. (B.E.A.R.), nor its volunteers, coordinators, representatives, Internet Service Provider and its officers, employees, contractors and representatives; and any other person, firm or corporation involved with the efforts or business of this corporation, shall be held liable or responsible for any claims or causes of action incurred as a result of the provision or restriction of information, services, contacts, adoptions, fostering, veterinary care or by the actions of any and all dogs transferred or referenced herein.

Moreover, there is absolutely no guarantee made or implied that any person requesting to adopt a dog being fostered through BEAR, or posted on BEAR's website, will be allowed to adopt a BEAR Akita. Rather, all adoption applications are subject to acceptance based on a review process that may require collecting information from references and visiting the applicant's home. All decisions on placing dogs in adoptive and foster homes are based solely on the judgment of the volunteers and coordinators of BEAR and adoption applications submitted through this form can be denied for various reasons. BEAR reserves the right to make all decisions regarding placement or final disposition of any rescued dog in its care whether in, or being placed in, a foster or adoptive home or other facility. In addition, many of the dogs posted on BEAR's Website are under the control of other shelters or owner placements, and BEAR has no control over how these dogs are placed.

**OPTIONS FOR SUBMITTING THE FORM:**

1. Mail the completed form to:

Big East Akita Rescue

1001 Fischer Blvd PMB 136

Toms River, NJ 08753

2. Fax the completed form to: 732-573-0122

3. Email the completed form to: BigEastAkitaRescue@verizon.net

Email or call with questions: 609-388-7004

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| **Information** |  |
| Date:  |  |
| BEAR Rep you have contacted: |  |
| Specific Akita on website you are interested in:  |  |
| Applicant Name:  |  |
| Address1  |  |
| Address2 |  |
| City  |  |
| State  |  |
| Zip  |  |
| Home Phone  |  |
| Work Phone  |  |
| Email Address  |  |
| Have you contacted another rescue group?  If yes, please list the group name, contact person and phone number. | No |
| Describe the type of Akita you are looking for: |  |
| Have you owned dogs before?  | Yes  No |
| How many?  |  |
| Any Akitas?  | Yes  No |
| Any large dogs?  | Yes  No |
| What happened to them?  |  |
| Why do you want an Akita?  |  |
| When are you looking to adopt?  | Right Away        In a few weeks   Over a month    |
| **Did you realize....** |  |
| Akitas cannot ever be off leash in an open area (such as a park, street, unfenced yard)  | Yes  No |
| Akitas are dog aggressive and normally do not get along with a dog of the same sex?  | Yes  No |
| Akitas have a strong prey drive and can hurt small animals such as rabbits and cats?  | Yes  No |
| Akitas CAN NOT be tied out in the yard?  | Yes  No |
| Akitas blow their coats twice a year?  | Yes  No |
| Akitas are naturally dominant and must go to obedience training with their owner?  | Yes  No |
| Akitas normally live to be 10-15 years old and need a commitment for that long?  | Yes  No |
| Do you still think that the Akita is the right dog for you?  | Yes  No |
| **Home & Family** |  |
| How long at current address?  |  |
|  Do you own your home?  | RentOwn |
| Plans to move?  | Yes  No |
| When & Where  |  |
| If renting, does lease permit large dogs?  | Yes  No |
| Landlord phone (area code)? |  |
| Size of lot? |  |
| Is lot fenced? | Yes  No |
| Fence material & height? |  |
| Crate available?  | Yes  No |
| Kennel available?  | Yes  No |
| Are you willing to buy a crate or kennel?  | Yes  No |
| Number of people in the house & relationship to you?  |  |
| Number of children & ages?  |  |
| Are children dog trained?  |  |
| Anyone allergic to dogs?  |  |
| Anyone afraid of large dogs?  |  |
| How do the children react to dogs?  |  |
| Will the Akita be in contact with other children?  Explain. Are there grandchildren/stepchildren or relatives w/children that visit frequently? Explain: |  |
| Other pets in the house: # of Dogs  # of Cats    | Birds Other |
| If other dogs in house, provide breed, sex, age & describe temperament: |  |
| Potential problems with current pets.  |  |
| Will the Akita be in contact with any other pets?  Explain:  |  |
| **Expected Routine** |  |
| How much time will be spent with the Akita on weekdays?  |  |
| How much time will be spent with the Akita on weekends?  |  |
| How many hours will the Akita be left alone daily?  | 0-2 Hrs2-4 Hrs |
| Do other people come in & out of your home when you are not there? | 4-8 Hrs8+ Hrs |
| Where will the Akita be when you work?  |  |
| Where will the Akita sleep?  |  |
| When will the Akita be outside?  |  |
| Will the Akita be tied out?  | Yes  No |
| How often will the Akita be walked?  |  |
| Where?  |  |
| By Whom?  |  |
| How often will the Akita be played with?  |  |
| By Whom?  |  |
| How often will the Akita ride in the car?  |  |
| Will the Akita be crated or restrained?  |  |
| Where will the dog be when you are away overnight?  |  |
| Will you take the Akita to obedience training?  | Yes  No |
| Unusual circumstances the Akita will need to adapt to?  |  |
| Other comments regarding daily routine.   |  |
| **References** |  |
| Employer Name  |  |
| Phone (area code)  |  |
| Address  |  |
| City / State / Zip  |  |
| Years at present job  |  |
| Occupation  |  |
| Current Veterinarian  |  |
| Phone  |  |
| Local animal control or shelter  |  |
| Phone (area code)  |  |
| Current trainer  |  |
| Phone (area code)  |  |
| Personal reference  |  |
| Phone (area code)  |  |
| Personal reference  |  |
| Phone (area code)  |  |
| **Applicant Disclosure** |  |
| Do you feel financially able to care for an Akita for its lifetime?  | Yes  No |
| Do you feel physically able to care for an Akita for its lifetime?  | Yes  No |
| Have the police been at your home for any disturbances?  | Yes  No |
| Do you or anyone in your family have a history of animal, spousal, or child abuse?  | Yes  No |
| Please list any additional information regarding your home that has not been covered in this document.  |  |

**AGREEMENT**

By signing this legally binding agreement you, the undersigned, are stating that you are at least 18 years of age and that you fully understand that any misrepresentation of yourself or any untruths herein this application that are discovered at a later date will invalidate any agreement, disqualify you from being an adopter/foster from B.E.A.R. and B.E.A.R. will immediately remove, without notice, any and all B.E.A.R. dogs from your care. In addition, by signing this agreement you, the undersigned, are stating that you fully understand that any misrepresentation of yourself or any untruths herein this application that are discovered at a later date that disqualify you from being an adopter/foster may be shared with other humane organizations if they query B.E.A.R.

Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Co-Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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