

# Leonberger Rescue Inc.

## Adoption Application

Toll Free: 1-866-443-4542

<http://leonberger-rescue.org>

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In order to assess the appropriateness of your home and lifestyle for the adoption of a Leonberger, please answer the following questions. The information you provide on this application will be held in confidence. Please answer all questions as completely and honestly as possible; the more information you provide, the better match we can make for you. If you do not provide a telephone number, your application will be discarded. PLEASE - write legibly!

A rescue dog is not just a cheap dog. Often, rescue dogs are wonderful pets caught in a bad situation at home such as a job transfer to a location where the pet cannot be kept or a divorce where neither person can keep the dog. But just as often, a rescue dog is a problem dog. Sometimes, people place their dog into rescue because they cannot deal with the dog's personality (not housebroken, not socialized) or physical traits (too big, too hairy, etc.). While we will fully investigate each and every Leonberger available for adoption, know and understand that with rescue, there are no guarantees. **Adoption donations vary. Young puppies are adopted with a s/n contract and refundable deposit. Other refundable deposits may apply in other cases. For additional information, please contact the regional representative nearest you.**

THANK YOU for taking the time to complete this application. We recognize that some of the questions are personal and invasive but such questions are in the best interest of the dog in need of placement so that an appropriate home can be found quickly and for the life of the dog. We will keep your application on file and contact you as soon as an appropriate placement becomes available.

Sincere-Leo, the Leonberger Rescue team

### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City

State

Zip code

Home Phone:

Work Number:

Fax Number (if applicable):



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Email Address:

Age:

Occupation:

### **SECTION 1: Your Family and Neighbors**

Are there other adults in your household?

If yes, please tell us their names, ages, occupations and relationship to you:

Do they agree with your decision to get a dog?

Are there children in your household?

If Yes, how many children do you have?

Please tell us their names, ages and level of experience with dogs:

If No, are you planning to have children in the next few years?

Will any children in your home be responsible for caring for this dog?

Are there a lot of children in your neighborhood?

Are you frequently visited by children?

If yes to either of the above 2 questions, do any of them have access to your yard/kennel/house when you're not home?

If yes, please explain, taking care to indicate how you intend to prevent them from teasing a dog, letting a dog out either intentionally or by accident, or doing any other thing that might be detrimental to the welfare of a dog in your care:

Is anyone in your household allergic to animals?

Is anyone in your household afraid of dogs?



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Is anyone in your household elderly or frail?

Do you have close neighbors who might be affected adversely by a barking dog?

## **SECTION 2: Your Experience with Dogs**

Have you previously owned a dog(s)?

If yes, of what breed?

Is this dog(s) still with you?

If yes, how many dogs currently live with you?

If yes, how many do you have and of what breed(s)?

Have you previously owned a Leonberger(s)?

If yes, is this dog(s) still with you?

If not, what happened to the dog(s)

How many years did this dog(s) live with you?

If you've never owned a Leonberger, have you seen and/or met one?

Have you done research on the Leonberger breed?

Do you understand the special needs of the Leonberger breed?

Briefly explain what you understand to be the needs of this breed:

**For EACH dog you currently own, please answer the following questions:**

**Dog 1:**

Breed?

Sex?

Age?

Temperament, particularly in regard to other dogs?

Spayed or Neutered?

If not, why not?

Current on all vaccinations?



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On heartworm preventative?  
Licensed in your town?

**Dog 2:**

Breed?  
Sex?  
Age?  
Temperament, particularly in regard to other dogs?

Spayed or Neutered?  
If not, why not?  
Current on all vaccinations?  
On heartworm preventative?  
Licensed in your town?

If you have additional dogs, please provide the information above for each additional dog on a separate sheet.

Why have you decided to get a dog (or another dog) at this point?

Why a Leonberger?

Why a rescue dog?

Have you ever adopted an animal from a shelter or rescue group before?  
If yes, give the name and address of the shelter or rescue group as a reference.

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter or rescue group?  
If yes, describe the circumstances:

Have you ever been bitten or attacked by a dog?  
If yes, explain the circumstances:



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Are you comfortable approaching dogs that you do not know?  
Please explain:

If behavior problems arose in your dog, how would you deal with them?

Are you familiar with the animal regulations in your area?

Do you know the requirements for obtaining a dog license in your town?

**Please give us contact information for three people who are knowledgeable about you and your care of dogs. Please include your vet as one of them, and two other people in the dog community (for example, a trainer, a groomer, a rescue person, or someone who has had dogs all their life and knows you well). You may include a shelter or rescue person that you once adopted a dog from, if you listed one above. If you do not know a person in the dog community that can give you a reference, please list two people who can give you a character reference, like an employer, a teacher, or a friend.**

**Without references we cannot complete your evaluation.**

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\***

**If you currently own or have owned animals in the past 5 years, one of your reference MUST be your veterinarian or we cannot process your application. (Please give your vet permission to share your pet's information with Leonberger Rescue, Inc.)**

Please provide a valid phone number OR email address for each person listed.

**Reference 1:**

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Relation to you:

**Reference 2:**

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Relation to you:



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**Reference 3:**

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:  
Relation to you:

**SECTION 3: Your Preferences with Dogs**

Age:  
Sex:  
Would you consider an older dog?      Would you consider a mixbreed?  
Would you consider a dog that has a health problem?  
If yes, explain:

Would you consider a dog that has an emotional or behavioral problem (for example, separation anxiety, shyness, fear aggression, etc.) that might be controlled or cured with training, behavior modification, or the use of drugs?

After researching the breed, are there any traits in the breed that you would prefer to avoid?  
If yes, explain:

**SECTION 4: Your Environment**

Is your neighborhood: rural      urban      suburban  
Do you live in a/an: apartment/condo      mobile home      single family home  
Farm      military housing



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Do you own or rent your property?

If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord to have pets on the property?

Do you live in a development or other area where there are a lot of houses nearby?

Do you have neighbors nearby, or do you share a house with other families?

If yes, are they aware that you intend to adopt a dog?

Do you have cats? If yes, are they socialized to dogs?

Do you have other pets or livestock on the property?

If yes, please list them:

Are there any restrictions as to the number of dogs and /or combination of dogs and cats that you may have at your residence? How large is your property?

Is your property located near a busy road? If yes, how far is it?

Do you have a fenced yard or outdoor kennel? If yes, what type of fence is it?

How large is the area it encloses? How high is the fence?

Do you have a pool on your property? YES NO

Is the pool independently fenced from the rest of your yard? YES NO

Anything else we should know about your home, yard, or neighborhood?

## **SECTION 5: Your Lifestyle With Regard to a Dog**

Are you willing to travel a distance to meet a dog? If so, how far?

Is there someone home during the day most days?

If not, how many hours will the dog be alone most days?

Will the dog live in the house with the family?

If not, where will it be kept during the day?

At night?

When you go away during the day, where will the dog be left?

If you go away for an extended period (overnight or longer), where will the dog be left?

Will the dog be allowed to run loose at any time?

If yes, please explain:



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Are you planning to enroll your dog in an obedience/training class?  
If not, how do you intend to train this dog?

If you intend to train the dog yourself, please give a detailed description of your previous experiences training dogs:

How do you intend to exercise this dog?

Please describe the kinds of activities you enjoy sharing with your dog(s):

How much are you willing to spend on vet care for a dog each year?

What do you see as the normal vet care requirements of a dog?

If it is determined that the Leonberger is in need of long term medical care, are you willing to commit the resources to do so? YES NO

Identify the problems that you feel you are capable of handling in a rescue dog.

If a Leonberger were placed with you and you could not keep the dog, what would you do with it?



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Using a separate sheet, please add any information about yourself that you think would be useful in helping us select the right dog for you.

**Are you willing to have one of our Volunteers come to your house for a home visit?**

**By submitting this application, I attest that all the information provided is true and accurate. I understand that falsification or fabrication of answers will be grounds to disallow the adoption of a Leonberger from Leonberger Rescue, Inc.**

**I understand that adoption donations vary. Young puppies are adopted with a s/n contract and a refundable deposit. Refundable deposits may apply in other cases. Adoption donations and refundable deposits are subject to change. Please contact the Regional Representative nearest you for further information.**

**I understand that Leonberger Rescue, Inc. has the right to refuse any applicant for any reason.**

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name

Spouse/Partner Signature

Date

Spouse/Partner Printed Name



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## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Please e-mail or mail your application to:

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