

SKANSEN KENNEL
Attention: Retired Schnauzers
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Application to Adopt a Retired Dog

(Please feel free to attach additional paper if necessary.)

Please check the size you are interested in:

- Giant
- Standard
- Mini

Your Name(s) & Age(s): _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work)

Full Mailing Address: _____

e-mail: _____

Fax: _____

Tell us about your daily schedule. What is a typical day like for you and your Skansen Schnauzer or your current dog?

Where do you live? In a rural/country setting, suburb or city? Do you own acreage? *Circle all that apply*

RURAL /COUNTRY SUBURB CITY OWN ACREAGE

We prefer that you continue to feed the RAW diet. If you have not owned one of our dogs please tell us about your experience feeding raw. Do you have a schnauzer or any other dog or cat now?

What kind of exercise do you currently provide for your dog? What kind of exercise program do you plan to provide for the retired dog?

All of our dogs have grown up in a ranch environment and therefore they are not housebroken, trained, etc. Will you use a crate to help with training? Have you used crates with previous or current dogs? What has your experience been with crate training?

Tell us about your views on spaying/neutering pets?

Are you currently vaccinating the pets you own? Do you agree to never again vaccinate the retired dog with the exception of the rabies as required by law?

Why are you interested in adoption a schnauzer? What qualities are most important to you in a companion animal?

Are there any children or grandchildren in your home at any time? If yes, please give ages, etc. *circle all that apply*

YES NO If yes, give ages _____

Did you read all the articles about adopting and what you should expect? Are you prepared to be patient?

Circle one

You will have to sign a contract for the retired dog. Below is a copy. Do you agree to the terms? **YES NO**

SKANSEN KENNEL, a California Corporation, agrees allow the above identified adopting party to adopt the above mentioned dog and stipulates as follows:

- The dog is in good health, and has received the following vaccinations: Parvo, Distemper and Kennel Cough. Although the dog has been vaccinated against Parvovirus, due to the nature of this disease, no guarantee of immunity can be given. The dog has been wormed for roundworms and tapeworms. No heartworm medication has been given nor should it ever be given.
- The dog has been fed a well-balanced nutritious diet and should continue to get the recommended diet. This diet should be substantially similar to the one recommended in the SKANSEN KENNEL INSTRUCTIONAL BOOKLET (Pages 2&3) OR on our *Feed Your Dog* section of our website www.skansen.com ; i.e. a minimum of one pound of raw meat (chicken, organ meat, or raw meaty bones), plus raw mashed vegetables and fruits, in a ratio of 75% meat, 25% vegetables and fruits, plus a regular supplement of Vitamin C (natural source). The dog must never be fed commercial dog food.
- Should the Kennel authorizes the return of the dog under these provisions, Purchaser is responsible for all costs involved in shipping the dog to the Kennel, and is also responsible for costs of shipping, crate, and health certification on the replacement dog, should the Kennel provide one as set forth in the above conditions. Any adopted dog must never be dropped off at an animal shelter.
- Skansen Kennel does not assume responsibility for any veterinary bills or any other expense incurred by Purchaser on behalf of the dog, before or after the dog has left Skansen Kennel.
- Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the dog has been sold solely as a pet or companion. Skansen Kennel does not sell dogs for the purpose of breeding, such as "stud dogs" or "brood bitches". Any adopted dog found to have had a litter after being adopted shall be re-possessioned by Skansen Kennel at their discretion.

- In addition to the conditions stated herein, Purchaser agrees that any and all disputes arising from this transaction shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration in Sonoma County, California, said arbitration to be conducted under the rules of the American Arbitration Association.
- American Kennel Club (AKC) registration papers will not be sent to Purchaser We do recommend spaying after a month or two so you have a chance to bond.
- The dog must be exercised regularly and kept in good condition. The dog must never be abused or mistreated in any way. The adopting party is also strongly urged to use the crate on a regular basis, especially when new people or dogs are brought into the home. Schnauzers are terrific guard dogs and need to be given the opportunity to become accustomed to the smells and sounds of new people, etc.
- Any adopted dog does not need to receive “boosters” or any other vaccinations on a yearly basis for Distemper, Hepatitis, Kennel Cough, Corona, etc. The sole exception to this policy is for Rabies vaccinations that are required by law. Seizures (which are also caused by feeding the wrong foods such as dry kibble), skin problems, cancer, and other autoimmune problems are, in the Kennel’s opinion, a direct result of over vaccination. For further information on the Kennel’s position, read the Skansen Kennel Instructional Booklet. We feel strongly that most allergies, cancers, autoimmune problems, thyroid deficiencies, etc. are triggered by a poor immune system—which is caused by a poor diet and yearly vaccinations. Thus, Skansen Kennel feels that dogs whose immune system are being compromised by over vaccinating will have a shorter life span. Our proof of this is that our own dogs (never vaccinated except for rabies) show none of these types of health problems. Also, our dogs are never given any toxins such as heartworm medications or flea preparations in tablets or by drops on the skin.
- Please be sure to ask any and all questions you may have about the contract. We want you to be completely informed about how to care for your new dog. Your being fully informed in advance is our best guarantee that there will be no problems in the future. Make sure you have read the adoption articles especially *Receiving an Adopted Schnauzer & Roscoe’s Story* which can give you a good idea of exactly what challenges you should expect to encounter. **Remember you can take the dog off the ranch but you can’t take the ranch out of the dog! Our dogs are not accustomed to city life and may take up to five months to adjust. Please keeps this in mind and exercise patience, understanding, and most importantly unconditional love.**
- We reserve the right to refuse the adoption of any dog to any person, for whatever reason. As we do not charge an adoption fee we do not offer any guarantees on adopted dogs.

Lastly, will you be able to visit the ranch or should we plan to ship?

I WILL PICK UP

SHIPPING NEEDED

If shipping is required please list the two choices for the closest international airports near you.

1st choice _____ or 2nd choice _____

If shipping is required the estimated costs will be:

Crate:

Giant (#400-#500) \$80-\$90

Standard (#300) \$70

Mini (#200) \$60

Health Certificate: \$50

Shipping: Depends on where you live and the size of the dog but approx. \$150-\$300

Overview of Skansen Kennel’s Adoption Program

These are the requirements you must meet in order to be eligible to adopt:

1. Your current pets must be altered
2. You must agree to continue the raw meat diet fed here at the kennel
3. You must agree never to vaccinate the adopted dog for anything except rabies (as required by law) for the remainder of the dog’s life as it is completely unnecessary.
4. You must read all the articles included in this pack as they give you a very clear picture of what to expect.
5. You must complete and return the adoption application to the kennel either by regular mail (always send to P.O. Box) or by fax (707) 795-4869
6. If you are adopting a giant or a standard, you must bring a choke chain & leash to pick-up or to the airport (for mini’s you can use a harness or collar with a leash). The appropriate chain size is 21-23 inches. These dogs are not used to the outside world at all. They are used to running free of a ranch de-void of traffic, etc. If the dog gets away from you, you will not be able to catch her.
7. If shipping required you must agree to pay for all transportation costs involved, including any costs, which may be incurred, should the dog need to be returned to the kennel.

Applicant Signature _____ date _____

PLEASE MAIL, FAX OR E-MAIL APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THIS APPLICATION.