

Dog's Name: _____ Dog's AT No.: _____

Dog's New Surname: _____



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AFRICAN TAILS ADOPTION FORM

This is a tale about a very special dog and a very special human. From the moment they met it was a match made in heaven. So they decided to make things official...

PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO: 086 585 5823

A few questions your new dog would ask if he/she could...

Is your property owned or rented?	
If renting, does lease allow for pets?	
Do you have plans to emigrate?	
Is anybody at home during the day?	
Number of family members in household? Ages of children in household	
Where will your pet sleep?	
What will your pet eat?	
Is your property fully enclosed?	
Please describe enclosure (fencing / wall, height, etc)	
Do you currently own pets? If yes, how many?	
Do you have a swimming pool? If "yes", is it fenced or covered?	
Are your pets sterilized? If "no", please motivate	
Do you or anyone in the household have pet allergies?	
How many hours per day will your pet be without human companionship?	
A pet costs about R5,000.00 per year in vet care, food, training classes, etc. Are you willing & able to afford these costs?	
Have you ever lost / had to give up or find another home for a pet in the past? If yes, please explain	
Are you prepared to commit to your pet for life? (15-20 years for a cat / 10 – 15 years for a dog?)	
What motivated you to get a new furry family member?	
Which veterinary clinic do you use?	
Who looks after your pets if you go away?	

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The finer details... (all fields to be completed)

Date		Human's name	
Dog's name		ID Number	
Fostered by		Place of Employment	
Breed		Home address	
Description			
Age (DOB)			
Sex		Tel (h)	
De-wormed	1 st – Next –	Tel (w)	
Vaccinated (1st)		Tel (c)	
Next vaccination	2 nd – 3 rd –	E-mail (2 contact email addresses required)	
Other important medical info			
Date of sterilization		Tel # of friend / relative	
Method of payment		Payment received by	
Site inspection done by		Comments	

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The technical stuff... please tick each point and initial each page

1. This adoption has been approved by African Tails, in its sole discretion, who reserves the right to:
 - a) Visit the premises where the animal will be kept
 - b) Visit the animal after adoption
2. On adoption the animal, African Tails remain the custodians with the applicant being the care-giver. Should the animal be treated improperly in the opinion of African Tails, we reserve the right to remove the animal for whatever reason we see fit.
3. The applicant agrees that he/she will not part with the animal except to return it to African Tails if he/she is unable to keep it.
4. If the animal adopted is under the adequate sterilization age, the animal will be sterilized at 5/6 months old at your own expense. Proof of the sterilization papers will be required.
5. **NO BREEDING OF RESCUE DOGS PERMITTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
6. The applicant accepts full responsibility for the adopted animal's health and welfare.

Please tick each criterion:

- I will feed the animal and provide its full daily nutritional requirements
- I will provide the animal with shelter at all times
- I will not chain or tie up the animal – if found chained or tied African Tails will remove the animal immediately
- I can afford the services of a private veterinary practitioner when necessary
- I will ensure that all vaccinations are kept up-to-date and in the case of injury or illness, professional veterinary treatment will be provided
- I will identify my animal with a collar and identification tag
- I will notify African Tails within 24 hours should the animal go missing and within 48 hours should the animal die
- At no time will the animal roam the streets without his/her owner
- I will not allow the animal to be used as a watchdog on any industrial or commercial premises – if found being used as such African Tails will remove the animal immediately
- I will not leave the dog at home alone for more than 6 hours at a time.
- I will not breed with the dog (sterilisation compulsory)
- I will not use the dog for dog fighting

In the event of any disputes, the SPCA will act as an arbitrator on our behalf.

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The moment of truth...

I, Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr (full names) _____

accept the conditions above and agree to pay R_____ to African Tails to cover the cost of vaccination, de-worming, de-fleaing and any other medical treatment rendered to date

Signed _____ at _____ date _____

Approved by African Tails representative:

Name _____

Signed _____ at _____ date _____

CONGRATULATIONS!

You've given this tale a truly happy ending...

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Banking Details

Nedbank Sea Point

Account Name: African Tails

Current Acc no: 1069401978

Branch code: 106909(13) – 8 digits are required please add the extra “13”

What does your new best friend need?

- **Good food.** To supply your pup with the best possible nutritional support, get the highest-quality food you can afford. Scientifically balanced diets may be more expensive, but you feed the dog less because they are designed to be nutrient dense. Follow the instructions on the bag and provide the correct amount of food for your dog’s weight. NOTE: overfeeding can be as unhealthy as underfeeding. Also, remember that dry pellets are much better for your dog’s teeth than soft foods and human foods, which can accelerate tooth decay. All dogs should be fed according to a regular routine – you can’t underfeed one day and then overfeed the next. Puppies need to be fed 3 times daily, and should be on a puppy-specific diet for the first 9 months to 1 year. A plentiful supply of fresh water must always be available
- **Good looks.** Regular brushing will keep your dog’s coat healthy and clean. It’s also great bonding time – and a sensory experience that your dog will love. Dogs do need washing, but don’t bath too regularly. Once every month or two should be fine – unless your furry friend has a love for mud puddles. If you walk your dog on fields or a mountain, play it safe and ensure he/she wears a tick collar at all times – also check fur for ticks after walking.
- **Good get-up-and-go.** Every dog requires plenty of exercise – as does every human. Now neither of you has any excuse for living a sedentary life. Get out and get playing, swimming, running, ball-throwing or simply walking. NOTE: if you walk your dog in a public area, a leash is essential. Too many dogs are victims of traffic accidents. At least one good outing a day (minimum 45 minutes) will keep both of you fit and strong. Plus, you’ll find your dog much more pleasant to live with if he isn’t suffering from cabin fever – most dogs who dig in the garden, chew things, bark too much or seem too boisterous are actually just bored and frustrated. Imagine if you were cooped up in a house or garden all day with no stimulation and now way to burn off excess energy. You’d probably tear up the flower beds too. Most importantly, take your dog to puppy socialisation classes and then to obedience training. And stick with it; it’s worth it. Good communication and mutual understanding will make both of your lives much easier and your pup will be much more adaptable and fun to have around. Ask African Tails for a good training school in your area.
- **N.B** The following foods can be fatal to dogs:
As few as 7 raisins or grapes can kill a dog.. Onions, chocolate, cocoa and macadamia nuts can be fatal, too.

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N.B Contact Details

- CAPE ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTRE (24 hours)
78 Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape Town - 021 674 0034
- CITIVET SEAPOINT (African Tail's chosen vet) – Reena Cotton
146 Main Rd, Sea Point – 021 434 1596/1553
- ANIMAL BEHAVIOURIST – Bernice Jaffe -079 883 7566
- DOG TRAINERS recommended:
 - Lindsey Norman (Claremont) 082 461 9259
 - Ashleigh (Sea Point, Vondis) 082 856 8832
 - Coral (Table View) 082 737 2268

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Remember that they can't do a lot of things for themselves and that they depend on you to make their life a quality life!

A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.....

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

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Enjoy and take good care of them. Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without these little creatures.

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