



# Adoption Questionnaire

The questions below are meant to help you determine if a Kerry is the right breed for you, and to guide you in thinking about all the ways a dog will impact your life. The questions address various aspects of dog ownership that should be given serious consideration before you decide to share your life with any dog. Your answers help us assess your suitability as a home for a Kerry, and to match a dog to your particular lifestyle. Please be as specific as possible, and answer all questions as completely and truthfully as you can. It helps us help you! Extra blanks are provided for additional comments. When you are finished, please send it to the Kerry Foundation Rescue Coordinator nearest you.

## You and Your Family

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please list every person who currently resides at your residence.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Relation to You	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at your current address?  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have a second home, please provide:

Who will be primarily responsible for the dog's care and training? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have any known allergies to animals?  Yes  No If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Preferences

Please check any preferences. (*Note that the age and pedigree of dogs rescued from animal shelters cannot be verified.*)

- Male     Female     No preference
- Puppy     Adult     No preference
- Purebred     Kerry mix     No preference

Any other preferences? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to consider a dog:

- with special medical or nutritional/dietary needs?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_
- who was abused or neglected and needs extra love and attention?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_
- with behavior problems that may require special training?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

How long are you willing to wait for a Kerry?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Why a Kerry?

How did you first learn about the Kerry Blue Terrier breed? \_\_\_\_\_

What attracted you to the Kerry Blue Terrier? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe the ideal dog for you and your family? *(Please be as specific as possible.)* \_\_\_\_\_

What other breeds have you considered? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you and your family discussed the pros and cons of owning a Kerry Blue Terrier?  Yes  No

What concerns do you have about the breed? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you familiar with the temperament and characteristics of terriers in general and Kerries in particular?  Yes  No

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain your experience and understanding of the breed. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously owned a Kerry?  Yes  No

If yes, when did you acquire it? Year \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's temperament \_\_\_\_\_

If no, have you personally met a Kerry?  Yes

No If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

## Pet Ownership

Why do you want a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever owned a dog before?  Yes  No

If no, have you ever lived in a household with a dog?  Yes  No How long ago? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any reservations about dog ownership, the commitment, responsibilities, the work, and resources required?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

What dog care responsibilities did you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all the animals that **currently** live in your household.

Type/Breed	Sex	Altered?	Age	Years owned	Where do you keep the dog?
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____	_____

## Pet Ownership—*continued*

Please list any dog you have owned *in the past* and explain what happened to it.

Type/Breed	Sex	Altered?	Age	Years owned	Dates owned	What happened to this dog?
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____
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_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____

Of the dogs that you own or have owned, what do you enjoy most about dog ownership?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you like least about dog ownership?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever trained one or more dogs?

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Have any of your dogs had puppies or fathered a litter?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever owned a “problem” dog?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What experience, if any, have you had with dog aggression? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had any complaints from others about your pets?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Based on your past dog experience, is there anything you might do differently with your next dog?

Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How will you safely introduce and integrate a Kerry with your existing pets? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide any information or anecdotes about your current or previous dogs that may be relevant to adopting a Kerry Blue Terrier.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Your Home

Which of the following best describes your current residence?

- Own a single family home
- Rent/Lease a single family home
- Own a townhouse/condo
- Rent/lease a townhouse/condo/apartment
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent/lease, is your landlord agreeable to your owning a dog?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your lease or home owners association have any covenants or restrictions on pet ownership? (*A copy of the lease will be requested before an adoption is finalized.*)  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your town or city have any restrictions on the number of dogs you can have?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

Would any of your neighbors object to your getting a dog?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Yard

Is your back yard completely and securely fenced?  Yes  No

If not, please explain how you plan to exercise your dog and allow it to relieve itself? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Is the fence secure and solid?  Yes  No

What type of gates do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Do all the gates have locks?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

Can children open the gates?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

Can a dog dig under the fence?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have a pool, is it fenced?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have a dog run, is it secure?  Yes  No

Is it shaded?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Does your yard contain any plants poisonous to dogs? (*Before answering, please see Poisonous Plants at [www.kerryblues.org](http://www.kerryblues.org).)  Yes  No*

If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your yard contain any objects or landscaping that the dog could use to climb the fence?

Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dangerous articles in your yard that could harm a dog?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What types of improvements are needed to provide a secure yard? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to make the improvements?

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when and how long will they take?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What distractions are you aware of outside your yard that could plague a dog (such as a neighbor's dog or cat, loose dogs on street, mischievous children)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you allow friends, relatives, and children to gain admittance to your home, property, and car without your knowledge or supervision?

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Can service people or strangers gain access to your yard without your knowledge or supervision?

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

## Care & Responsibility

Is someone normally at home most of the day?

Yes  No

How many days will the dog be alone in a normal work week? \_\_\_\_\_ days

How many hours per day? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

How much time do you have to spend with your Kerry on a normal workday? \_\_\_\_\_

On a normal free day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your Kerry spend the day?

Loose indoors

Basement

Crate

Garage

Kennel run

Loose outdoors in fenced yard

Tied up outside

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be some protection from the elements when outside?  Yes  No

Where will the dog sleep at night? (*Please be specific.*) \_\_\_\_\_

What routine family activities will your dog participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

How regularly (daily, weekly, or monthly) and for how long (miles or minutes) will the dog be exercised? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for exercising the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel frequently?  Yes  No

Who will take care of your dog while you are away? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog be professionally groomed?

Yes  No

If yes:

Groomer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grooming Shop \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

If not, who will groom the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how often will the dog be groomed?

Bathing \_\_\_\_\_

Brushing/comb out \_\_\_\_\_

Trimming \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the time, and are you physically able, financially prepared, and willing to:

• Pay someone up to \$65 or more to groom your Kerry?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

• Purchase a grooming table, clippers, scissors, and other accessories (\$250-\$300 investment) and devote the time to learn to groom your Kerry yourself?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

• Spend approximately one hour each week brushing and combing out your Kerry, or more if it gets into foxtails, burrs, or gets wet?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

• Pluck the hair growing inside the Kerry's ear canals every month to prevent ear infections?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

• Clean the eyes of accumulated matter every single day if necessary?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

• Pay for the cost of both routine veterinary care (worming, annual shots) and nonroutine/emergency veterinary care, especially as the dog gets older?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a veterinarian you have used before and plan to use with your next dog?  Yes  No  
If yes:

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Behavior & Training

Would you be willing to participate in a formal obedience training program with your Kerry?

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever trained one or more dogs?

Yes  No If yes:

Type of training \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

Method \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Are you familiar with crate training and its dos and don'ts?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to provide training to resolve behavior problems?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

What behavior problems have you solved through training? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of good behavior do you expect of this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you discipline your dog if he made a mistake? \_\_\_\_\_

What amount of time and effort do you want to devote to training your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your attitude about training (firm, tolerant, lenient, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you done any reading on animal behavior modification/dog training?  Yes  No

If yes, please list the books you have read \_\_\_\_\_

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## Commitment

*A Kerry Blue Terrier can live to be 15 years, representing a 15-year commitment to you. Consider how old you will be 15 years from now, and how you will feel about this commitment then.*

Are you and those living with you committed to spending the next 15 years providing health care, food, grooming, training, and attention to your Kerry?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a chance that you might move at least once in the next 15 years?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take your Kerry with you, and restrict your choice of housing to places where pets are allowed?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you carefully considered how the dog will fit into your current lifestyle, and how dog ownership will change your daily routine and schedule?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

What changes do you expect in your lifestyle and daily routine when you own a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a possibility that your current lifestyle is so busy you might not have the time or energy to properly care for a Kerry Blue Terrier?  Yes  No  
Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Think about what major changes might happen in your life in the next 15 years.

Marriage?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Divorce?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Children?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Job uncertainty?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Job transfer?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

New career?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

## Commitment—continued

Are you willing to continue spending the time, energy, and money to care for the Kerry as you deal with these life changes or new responsibilities?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do if your spouse or children can't get along with the Kerry? \_\_\_\_\_

If you're getting a pet for children you have now, how old will they be in 15 years? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to teach young or inexperienced children how to respect and properly handle a live animal?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to accept that the dog may not like all your children's friends?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you still want the Kerry after the kids have grown up and moved out?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously owned a pet that didn't live with you for 10 years or more?  Yes  No  
If yes, what happened to it? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do differently with this pet to prevent it from going the way your previous pet did? \_\_\_\_\_

Does everyone in the family want a dog?  Yes  No

What members are enthusiastic? \_\_\_\_\_  
Unenthusiastic? \_\_\_\_\_

What complaints or concerns have been raised? \_\_\_\_\_

## References

Please provide three names as references, including your landlord (if you rent your home), and your veterinarian, groomer, or dog trainer (if you have one). If you belong to a dog club or any dog-related group, include the name of an officer or associate. Other references could include a neighbor, your employer, a friend, or relative who owns a Kerry, another terrier, or another high maintenance breed (such as a Poodle or Afghan Hound).

Name	Phone Number	Relationship to applicant
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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## Placement Information

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. We appreciate people who are willing to consider adopting a Kerry Blue Terrier. Your answers will permit us to more effectively match available dogs' needs with your lifestyle and requirements. To help expedite the process, your Adoption Questionnaire may be shared with other Kerry Rescue Coordinators or Kerry breeders with dogs to place. If you have any comments or concerns about adopting a Kerry Blue Terrier or about our Rescue program, please feel free to share them with us.

The Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity working to ensure the continued welfare of our breed by rehabilitating and placing Kerries and Kerry mixes from various situations, including rescues from shelters. We do not charge for placing Rescue Kerries in new homes. However, to continue our rescue work, we ask for a donation to our organization if we are successful in matching you with a Kerry. You may also need to assume any shipping charges and related expenses regarding the delivery of the dog to you.

In addition, you will be asked to sign an Adoption Contract which requires, among other things, that the dog be returned to the Foundation immediately should you no longer be able to keep it. It may not be sold, transferred, or given to any individual or establishment. In the unlikely event that the dog is unaltered, you will be required to have it spayed or neutered within 90 days of adoption. Under no circumstances should the dog be bred. You will also be required to take the dog to a veterinarian within 3 days of the date of the Adoption Contract for a checkup and any necessary medical treatment.

The Foundation makes no representation as to the physical condition, temperament, habits, personality features, or other aspects of the dogs available for adoption. The Foundation is in no way liable or responsible for any damage, accident, or injury resulting from the adoption of any dog or the future conduct of that dog.

*All of the information I have provided in the questionnaire is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any deliberately false, misleading, or omitted information that may affect a placement decision is grounds for removal of a dog from my possession. Should a Kerry be placed with me, it will reside in my home as a pet. I agree to provide the dog with adequate food, water, shelter, affection, and medical care, and to fulfill the conditions of the Adoption Contract.*

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

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

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_