



Humane Educational Society  
212 N. Highland Park Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

# Rhea County Puppy Mill Adoption Application

## Before applying, please note:

Most of the dogs seized from this puppy mill have special medical needs and significant behavioral challenges due to the conditions they have been subjected to for their entire lives. HES will receive more applications than we have Rhea County dogs available for adoption. These dogs will be matched by knowledgeable staff with potential adopters based on the needs of the dog.

These dogs will be placed in the HES foster program with selected applicants until it is determined that they can be released as adopted.

## Application deadline:

The deadline for applications will be Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will contact you by the end of the day on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> if your application has been chosen. *Please do not call or email to inquire about the status of your application, we have a very limited staff.*

## How to apply:

Fill out the entire application and then submit by the deadline, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Submit in person or mail to:

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*(please note: if we do not receive the mailed application by November 14<sup>th</sup>, the application cannot be considered)*

Submit online, fill out this form electronically or print/scan and email to:

[adopt@heschatt.org](mailto:adopt@heschatt.org)

To submit via fax, send to

(423) 624-5017

*Thank you for helping these special needs animals! You are enabling us to save lives in our community every day and we are truly grateful for your support and patience.*





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**What kind of pet are you interested in?**

- Size:  Small  Medium
- Age:  Puppy  Young Adult  Adult  Senior  Doesn't matter
- Breed:  Yorkshire Terrier  Chihuahua  Doesn't matter

**Why are you interested in adopting a pet? (check all that apply)**

- Companion  Gift  Company for other pet
- Child's pet  Guard dog  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What qualities are you looking for in a pet? (check all that apply)**

- Friendly  Playful  Energetic  Quiet
- Laid back  Affectionate  Aggressive  Gentle
- Behavior special  Medical special needs

**What energy level are you looking for?**

- High energy  Medium energy  Low energy
- Daily, vigorous exercise* *A daily walk* *Couch buddy*

**How do you feel about the following behaviors?**

- |                            |   |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Potty training issues      | <input type="checkbox"/> OK or manageable | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot tolerate |
| Fearful                    | <input type="checkbox"/> OK or manageable | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot tolerate |
| Shy                        | <input type="checkbox"/> OK or manageable | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot tolerate |
| Doesn't like other animals | <input type="checkbox"/> OK or manageable | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot tolerate |
| Doesn't like kids          | <input type="checkbox"/> OK or manageable | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot tolerate |
| Not affectionate           | <input type="checkbox"/> OK or manageable | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot tolerate |
| Separation anxiety         | <input type="checkbox"/> OK or manageable | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot tolerate |

**If a behavior cannot be tolerated or changed after adoption, what steps would you take?**

- Return to shelter  Give away  Consult a professional trainer

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you currently have pets in the home?**

- No  Yes Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of identification do they wear?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of people in household:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where do you live?**

- house  apartment  condo/townhouse  mobile home

**Do you own or rent?**

- own  rent  live with parents or homeowner

**If you rent, is a pet deposit required?**  yes  no  don't know **Deposit paid?**  yes  no

**If you rent, provide name & phone number of landlord:** \_\_\_\_\_

*REQUIRED*



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How many hours will your pet be left alone each day?

- 1-2 hours     3-4 hours     4-6 hours     8-10 hours     10+ hours

What are your plans for the pet when you are **NOT** at home?

- Outside:**     in a fence     on a chain/runner     in kennel  
 in garage     outside with no fence     on patio

Description of answer checked: \_\_\_\_\_

- Inside:**     free roam     in crate     confined to a room

Description of answer checked: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans for the pet when you **are at home & at night**?

- Outside:**     in a fence     on a chain/runner     in kennel  
 in garage     outside with no fence     on patio

Description of answer checked: \_\_\_\_\_

- Inside:**     free roam     in crate     confined to a room

Description of answer checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fully fenced yard?     yes     no

How would you describe your lifestyle? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your past experience with pets. \_\_\_\_\_

How long did you have previous pets and why are they no longer with you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a regular veterinarian?     yes     no    Vet's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all pets you currently have up-to-date on annual vaccines?     yes     no

Have you previously adopted or fostered an animal from a shelter or rescue?     yes     no     adoption     foster

Which shelters or rescues have you worked with in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of experience do you have with rescuing animals? Please be specific.

Please provide contacts for any rescue, foster, or shelter references: \_\_\_\_\_



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Do you have dogs at home?  yes  no    What are their breeds and ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you agree to regular follow ups and check ins by HES?  yes  no

Have you participated in rehabilitating a puppy mill dog before?  yes  no  
Even if you have not, what kind of challenges do you anticipate and how are you suited to remediate them?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I have direct experience with the following issues/behaviors....**

- Separation anxiety     Difficult to housebreak     Unsocialized     Nippy     Scared     Slow learner
- Not trusting of people     Doesn't walk on a leash     Not desiring to be petted/picked up
- Skin issues     Eye issues     Grooming issues
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I am willing to learn to help remediate the following issues/behaviors based on advice from HES....**

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take on a dog that may never be comfortable interacting with people?  yes  no  
Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take on a dog that may never be fully housebroken?  yes  no  
Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Anything else you would like us to consider?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to foster or adopt other dogs (not from Rhea Co. Puppy Mill rescue) from the shelter?  yes  no  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_