

PUGUSTA CLUB OF CENTRAL MAINE: Application to Adopt a Pug

CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Name: _____ Phone number you prefer to be contacted at: _____

Address (town, state, zip): _____

How long at this address? _____ E-mail address: _____ Age: _____

Home: ___ house (rent / own) ___ apartment ___ trailer (private land / park) Fenced in yard? Yes No

If Rent: Landlord's Name and phone _____

REFERENCES

Your veterinarian's name, facility, town, and phone (if you don't have one, list the one you plan to use for your pug)

3 personal references (one can be a family member)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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HOME ENVIRONMENT

Please list the relationship (e.g., spouse, child) and age of everyone living with you:

_____ Age: _____ _____ Age: _____

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Please list your current pets.

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Please list your previous (recent) pets.

Breed: _____ No longer have because: _____

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Are all your current pets up-to-date on vaccinations? Yes No

If you do not own a pug, have you in the past? Yes No

If "Yes", please indicate when and how long you had the pug(s) for.

- If "No", you must read the attached overview of pugs. They have needs specific to the breed, which if not met will result in an unhappy/unwell pug and a dissatisfied owner. Our adoptions are meant to be "forever", so please know what you are getting into before bringing a pug into your life! We suggest talking with other pug owners as well.

I have read the overview and am committed to providing a pug with the environment and veterinary care it needs for optimum health and happiness. _____ (initial)

Pugs, like many purebred dogs, can have significant medical expenses, especially as they age. You must be prepared to shoulder this responsibility. Please indicate your income level and place of employment.

Employed by: _____ Location: _____

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WHAT TYPE OF PUG ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Age (Circle all acceptable. Note that pug life expectancy is approx. 12-14 years)

Puppy 1-4 years (energetic) 5-7 years (moderate) 8+ years (sedentary)

Gender: Male Female Doesn't matter

Color: Black Fawn Doesn't matter

Would you consider a pug mix, such as a puggle (pug/beagle), pug/shih tzu mix, etc.? Yes No

Would you consider a bonded pair of pugs? Yes No

If you plan to travel, will the pug go with you? If not, what arrangements will be made for his/her care?

How many hours a day will the pug be left alone? Will the pug be put in a crate?

(Note: animals should not be in a crate more than 6 hours at a time)

Is everyone in the family on board with your decision to adopt a pug? Yes No

Please note that there are usually more adoptive homes available than pugs! We will do our best to find you a pug that will best fit your home and lifestyle (meaning we rehome by best match, not date of application submission). If there are any changes to this application, or you find a pug from another source, please let us know so we can update your file!

If we find a pug for you but the match does not turn out as we had hoped, the Pugusta Club will take the pug back.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Please return this form to Laura Boudreau, 43 Charles Street, Winthrop, ME 04364-1303

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PUGS BEFORE ADOPTING ONE

Pugs are wonderful companion animals! They are affectionate, attentive, entertaining, and personable. Those who recognize their endearing qualities tend to become quite obsessed with them! However, there are special issues associated with this breed that you must be aware of before choosing to adopt one.

- 1) Like most purebred dogs, pugs are prone to expensive health problems.
 - Wrinkles and ears must be cleaned regularly to avoid infection, and nails must be clipped often, as pugs often clean their faces with their paws like cats
 - Anal glands need to be expressed frequently
 - Those short noses result in breathing problems. This can sometimes be ameliorated through surgery, but pugs still can't tolerate hard exercise, nor can they tolerate temperature extremes.
 - Other health problems include a tendency toward eye problems; elongated soft palates, excessive facial folds which interfere with vision and must be corrected surgically, pug dog encephalitis, and liver shunts.
 - Pugs have sensitive eyes which are easily injured. Care must be taken outdoors and near small children. Nearly all pugs require some form of eye treatment during their lives.
- 2) Pugs were designed to be lap dogs. They consequently require a lot of time and attention, as it is their "job" to accompany you 24/7. If no one is home all day, a pug is likely to become depressed and exhibit behavioral problems. If you work long hours, a pug is *not* a good choice for you.
- 3) Pugs cannot be left outdoors for long periods of time. They physically cannot tolerate extreme temperatures, and are often sensitive to bee stings. Pugs are also often stolen, or find their way out of enclosures.
- 4) Pugs shed a lot. Really. A LOT. Year round, too! Do you care?
- 5) Pugs can be difficult to housebreak, and often have accidents even when they are considered "housebroken."
- 6) Pugs are not good swimmers because of their front-heavy build, and many don't like the water at all. They must be supervised near deep bodies of water.
- 7) Pugs have a tendency to gain weight, but at the same time LOVE their food and will try to stare you down and make you feel guilty for not sharing treats. Just a little bit of people food provides a tremendous caloric intake for them, so it must be done very sparingly. Added weight is hard on their already burdened breathing.
- 8) If you are thinking of breeding pugs, please know that this is very expensive, both because of potential health problems and the fact that many pug dames cannot give birth on their own and require veterinary assistance. The puppies require constant care to ensure survival, and of course veterinary checkups. Reputable breeders know how to breed out major health conditions, and usually breed for the love of the breed, not to make money.



And is all this worth it?

OH, YES IT IS!

Puppies are a lot of work, just as they are in any breed. Please consider adopting a rescue, relinquished, or senior pug. They are very deserving and make just as wonderful pets as puppies!