

YAMNUSKA WOLFD OG SANCTUARY



ADOPTION PACKAGE



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We are so excited that you want to add a wolfdog to your family!

The sanctuary houses many wolfdogs of differing wolf content. The degree of wolf content in a wolfdog ultimately dictates whether they can be a good companion animal or not. Therefore, it is only our low content wolfdogs (meaning wolfdogs that have a fairly small degree of wolf content in them), that get placed up for adoption.

Our adoption process is detailed and more rigorous than most animal adoption processes—but when the right match for both family and wolfdog is found, a deep and truly special bond is formed.

Important requirements are:

Adequate Containment

Wolfdogs are master diggers and climbers, and when given the opportunity they will escape. Containment requirements vary from wolfdog to wolfdog, however, enclosures should be a minimum of 6ft tall and may require dig guards.

Time and Companionship

Every low content wolfdog needs dedicated time and engaging companionship from their new family. Often, having another well-adjusted/balanced dog at home can be a benefit.

Mental Stimulation

Wolfdogs are highly intelligent and need positive ways to explore that intelligence. Training and problem solving are two activities that help keep your low content wolfdog engaged, mentally stimulated, and hopefully out of trouble.

Exercise

Most wolfdogs require more than only one on-leash walk per day. They crave freedom and independence, so we encourage adopters to off-leash train their low content wolfdogs as soon as they feel comfortable to do so.

In the following pages, we'll detail our adoption process. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to write to:

info@yamnuskawolfdogsanctuary.com



WILD AT HEART



Our Adoption Process

Step One: We review your adoption application

When your adoption application arrives, we review it closely so that we may determine which wolfdog would best suit your home, schedule and lifestyle. Our goal is to ensure a smooth introduction of the new low content wolfdog into your family.

The link for the adoption application is found at the end of this PDF.

Step Two: Once you've been pre-screened and an initial match is made, we arrange for you to meet the wolfdog.

We will schedule a meeting with you and the wolfdog. We encourage you to then go home and discuss the decision further. We do not allow for same-day adoptions. If more meetings are required, we will happily coordinate them, including introducing the wolfdog to your current dog(s).

Step Three: When everyone feels good about the adoption, we make it happen!

In order to finalize the adoption of the low content wolfdog, we will require the adopter to fill out an adoption contract as well as provide us with an adoption fee. The standard adoption fee for a low content wolfdog is \$400.





Qualifications & Requirements

- You must provide a safe, loving, stable environment for the wolf-dog.
- You must understand that while we do the best we can at matching you to the right animal, many of these animals have endured major traumas and their temperaments may change as the animal gets more comfortable in its new environment. This includes issues like house manners, housebreaking, and behaviour towards other canines in the household.
- You must provide pictures of your home, family and pets (since we bypass home checks that way) upon the completion of your application.
- You must be honest in your application so that we may be sure to match you with the appropriate animal.
- You agree to contact Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary with any and all concerns, issues, questions you may have.
- You must be able to provide proper containment for wolfdogs.
- You understand that wolfdogs can be difficult to housetrain, can be very destructive chewers, may not be good around small animals and children, and are likely to be timid around strangers:
- You are prepared to feed a premium dog kibble (ie. No “no-name” or grocery store kibble) or raw food if necessary.
- You agree to use positive reinforcement methods to continue the training of the low content wolfdog. If any major issues arise, you agree to consult a trainer and contact Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary for advice if needed.
- If for any reason at any time you should decide the adopted wolfdog is not right for you and your family, contact Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary immediately to make arrangements for his return. Reasonable amount of time should be given prior to the return of the wolfdog to Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary. ‘Ownership’ of the adopted wolfdog is not transferable to any other individual or organization. Should an adopter return the adopted wolfdog, the adoption fee will not be refunded.



Bringing a Wolfdog Home



Choosing to adopt a wolfdog is an exciting, wonderful thing. The companionship these animals bring to our lives is unmatched—and with patience, work, and love, they bring years of laughter and adventure to you.

Often wolfdogs have strong tendencies with one or many of the following behaviours:

- Being possessive
- Being territorial
- Timid/shyness
- Destructive behaviours
- A high prey drive
- Being excellent escape artists

Although many of these “undesirable” behaviours will never disappear completely, they can be dampened with consistent training.

Basic Obedience and House Training

The commands “sit”, “stay”, “down”, “drop it”, and “take it” are an important part of a low content wolfdog’s home life development. And house training is often at the top of the list, too.

General Socialization

We request that our adopters be ready to work on animal encounters, stranger encounters, and children encounters—in controlled environments.

Fearfulness/Shyness

Many wolfdogs need work in this area. Dealing with fearfulness and shyness requires patience and positive reward training. With some wolfdogs this can be a lifelong process.

Resource Guarding

In many cases, wolfdogs are highly possessive of things they believe are theirs. We encourage our adopters to work with their adopted wolfdog on their obedience training, as well as the trading game—you have something better in trade for what they have in exchange.

Alone Training

Many wolfdogs will become bored or unsettled when left alone which can result in destructive behaviours indoors, or escaping behaviours outdoors. In these cases, continuous alone training will be required to work on these issues.



Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What are the costs associated with adopting a wolfdog?

A: Our standard adoption fee is \$400. This helps us cover some of the costs associated with their veterinary, feeding, and training costs.

Q. What if a behavioural problem begins to show with the wolfdog?

A: Often times behavioural problems can be properly dealt with by introducing a consistent positive training method. Yamnуска Wolfdog Sanctuary can be contacted to discuss the problematic behaviours and offer any suggestions and advice.

Q. How many wolfdogs can be adopted at once?

A: Unless a wolfdog pair is being adopted as a bonded pair, it is highly recommended that only one wolfdog is adopted at a time. This is to ensure the wolfdog is able to bond with you the owner during their transition into their new home.

Q. I work a full 8 hour day. Can I still adopt a wolfdog?

A: Many of our adoptable low content wolfdogs are perfectly fine to be kept at home while you are away at work as long as their needs are being met. This includes containment needs, mental stimulation needs, and of course their physical stimulation requirements.

Q. Do I need to have access to a vehicle in order to adopt a wolfdog?

A: Yes. A vehicle is required to adopt a wolfdog in order to transport them whenever necessary. This includes vet visits, trips to the dog park, etc.

Q. I live in an apartment. Can I still adopt?

A: No. Wolfdogs require a lot of space to be happy and usually love being outdoors. Often times, wolfdogs can be destructive when left unattended indoors, especially if not given the appropriate amount of exercise.

Q. I don't have a fenced yard or a dedicated containment area. Can I still adopt?

A: Wolfdogs are master escape artist and if given the opportunity will choose to wander. A fenced yard of at least 6 feet is a MUST in order to be considered for adoption. The well being and safety of our wolfdogs is of utmost importance to us.

Q. Will the wolfdog I choose to adopt be spayed or neutered? Can I breed?

A: All the wolfdogs at the sanctuary are spayed and neutered on arrival to the sanctuary. We do not support the backyard breeding of wolfdogs, and therefore any wolfdogs placed for adoption are spayed and neutered prior to going to their new home.



Ready to Apply?

Here are the next steps:

- Visit www.YamnuskaWolfdogSanctuary.com/adoption-application and fill out the form entirely.
- Be sure to have photos of your home ready to share, as we often use the photos to bypass home checks.
- We'll review your application and be in touch if we feel you are the right match for a wolfdog adoption. A meeting between you and the wolfdog will be scheduled...and we'll go from there!

Let's do this!