

Bloomfield Board of Health
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Attn:

Karen Lore, MSW, LCSW, BCD, Acting Director of Health & Human Services
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Martha Felix, Member
Councilwoman Peggy O' Boyle Dunigan, Council Liaison

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter of recommendation regarding Jeff Coltenback, and his suitability to adopt a Pit Bull dog. I have known Jeff well for several years, have visited his place of business many times, have met and interacted with his own Pit Bull dogs and with numerous Pit Bulls which have been in his care as fosters. I have come to know Jeff as a very competent, responsible and careful rescuer of Pit Bulls, who has deep and broad experience with the characteristics and behavior of the breed. I can think of no better person than Jeff Coltenback as an adoption candidate for a Pit Bull.

I also know Jeff to be a well-respected trainer of dogs, and an expert in their rehabilitation. Jeff is focused on his responsibilities to others, both human and canine, as all animal rescuers should be. Jeff is a man of integrity, honesty and objectivity. His dedication and compassion towards others are an inspiration to many.

My wife and I have owned Great Danes continuously since 1981, and have been very active volunteers with the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League for the past ten years. We have adopted five Great Danes from our organization over the years, and currently own three, a male and two females. In addition, we have transported, fostered and rehabilitated many orphaned Great Danes during that time, and we, too, take our responsibilities to the community and to the dogs very seriously. I am a phone screener of adoption candidates for our organization, and am involved in home evaluation visits as well. The Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League is an all volunteer 501 C-3 non-profit corporation in existence since 1976, with approximately 250 members in state chapters from New York to Virginia. As an organization we successfully place approximately 250 rescued Great Danes annually.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance, and thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Jack Keenan
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