WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DIVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL

APPLICATION FOR HYBRID CANINE PERMIT

INSTRUCTIONS: This Application for Hybrid Canine Permit (3 pages) is accepted any time for new permits; renewal Applications are required annually and must be submitted between December 1 and December 31. Please read the Information for Permit Applicants (pages 4 and 5 of this form) carefully prior to completing this Application. An individual Application form must be completed and submitted for each hybrid canine. Incomplete Applications will not be processed. Only Applications bearing live signatures will be processed; Applications delivered by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Please submit your Application by mail or hand-delivery to the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Division of Animal Control, C.C. Porter Animal Shelter, 27252 Porter Lane, Abingdon Virginia, 24210. Upon approval of your Application by the Division of Animal Control, please submit a copy of the approved Application form and remit the permit fee ($50.00 per canine for both new permits and renewals) to the Washington County Treasurer's Office, 174 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210 to receive a hybrid canine permit and appropriate license tag for your canine.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

APPLICATION FOR [check one only, please]: _____ - NEW PERMIT _____-RENEWAL

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT:

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Full Name of Applicant

HOME ADDRESS OF APPLICANT [one mailing address only, please]:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Street Address or P.O. Box City State Zip Code Area Code & Telephone #

APPLICANT'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____
Month/Day/Year

MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT [if different than home address]:

_____ _____ _____ _____
Street Address or P.O. Box City State Zip Code

ADDRESS WHERE HYBRID CANINE WILL BE HOUSED [if different from home address]:

_____ _____ _____ _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

HYBRID CANINE DESCRIPTION:

SEX [please check one]: _____ -MALE _____ - FEMALE _____ - NEUTERED/SPAYED

COLOR: _____

SPECIES [provide percentage, if known]: _____

DATE OF BIRTH OF HYBRID CANINE [actual or estimated]: _____
Month/Date/Year

HEIGHT AT THE WITHERS (SHOULDERS): _____ Inches LENGTH (NOSE TO END OF TAIL): _____ Inches

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAGS, TATTOOING OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS:

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HYBRID DESCRIPTION (continued):

COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF HYBRID CANINE:

(STAPLE RECENT FULL BODY PHOTO HERE)

ORIGIN OF HYBRID CANINE [Please provide name and address of breeder or previous owner of hybrid canine]:

PRINTED NAME OF BREEDER/PREVIOUS OWNER:

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Full Name

MAILING ADDRESS OF BREEDER/PREVIOUS OWNER [one mailing address only, please]:

Street Address or P.O. Box	City	State	Zip Code	Area Code & Telephone #

NAME OF VETERINARIAN RESPONSIBLE FOR HYBRID CANINE:

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Full Name

MAILING ADDRESS OF VETERINARIAN [one mailing address only, please]:

Street Address or P.O. Box	City	State	Zip Code	Area Code & Telephone #

HYBRID DESCRIPTION (continued):

VACCINATION RECORD [please attach photocopy documentation of listed vaccinations to last page of this form. For Renewal Applications, submit only vaccinations since last renewal]:

TYPE OF VACCINATION	DATE VACCINATED	DATE VACCINATION EXPIRES	ADMINISTERING VETERINARIAN
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I HEREBY AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE *2002 CODE OF THE COUNY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA*, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE PROVISIONS WHICH RELATE TO THE HOUSING OF HYBRID CANINES. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION FORM IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. IN ADDITION, I HEREBY CONSENT TO INSPECTION BY WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DIVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL PERSONNEL OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE HYBRID CANINE IS CONFINED FOR THE PURPOSE TO CONFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2002 COUNTY CODE. IN ADDITION, I HEREBY CONSENT THAT IF THE DIVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL DETERMINES THAT VIOLATION OF ANY CONDITION OF THE PERMIT OR OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE KEEPING OF HYBRID CANINES HAS OCCURRED, ANIMAL CONTROL PERSONNEL MAY TAKE THE HYBRID CANINE(S) INTO CUSTODY PENDING CORRECTION OF THE INSUFFICIENCY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD OR FOR EUTHANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3.1-796.119 OF THE *1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA*, AS AMENDED.

FURTHER, I HEREBY AGREE THAT NEITHER THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA NOR ANY OF ITS DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE KEEPING OF A HYBRID CANINE PURSUANT TO PERMIT ISSUED BY THE COUNTY.

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Date of Application

FOR DIVISION ANIMAL CONTROL USE ONLY:

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED: _____ RECEIVED BY: _____
Initials

PRINTED NAME OF INVESTIGATING ACO: _____

DATE OF ACO INSPECTION: _____

ACO EVALUATION OF CONDITIONS OF HYBRID CANINE CONFINEMENT [state reasons for non-approval here]:

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CONFINEMENT CONDITIONS ARE _____ - APPROVED _____ - NOT APPROVED

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Signature of Investigating ACO Date

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INFORMATION FOR PERMIT APPLICANTS:

THE FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM THE 2002 CODE OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA:

Sec. 10-110. Definitions.

Adequate confinement shall mean a securely enclosed and locked structure of sufficient height and design to (i) prevent the animal's escape; or if the hybrid canine is determined to be a dangerous dog pursuant to this Article, the structure shall prevent direct contact with any person or animal not authorized by the owner to be in direct contact with the hybrid canine, and (ii) provide a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet of floor space for each adult animal. Tethering of a hybrid canine not under the direct supervision and control of the owner or custodian shall not be considered adequate confinement.

Direct supervision and control, for purposes of management of a hybrid canine, shall mean on a leash, lead, rope, or chain and under the immediate control of a competent adult handler.

Hybrid canine shall mean any animal which at any time has been or is permitted, registered, licensed, advertised or otherwise described or represented as a hybrid canine, wolf or coyote by its owner to a licensed veterinarian, law enforcement officer, animal control officer, humane investigator, official of the department of health, or state veterinarian's representative. Hybrid canine shall include, but not be limited to, the offspring resulting from the mating of a domesticated dog and a wolf, coyote or other similar wild animal as well as their subsequent offspring.

Responsible ownership shall mean the ownership and humane care of a hybrid canine in such a manner as to comply with all laws and ordinances regarding hybrid canines and to prevent endangerment by the animal to public health and safety.

Sec. 10-111. Hybrid Canine Permit.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own or to have in a person's custody a hybrid canine, four months or older, in the county, unless such person holds a valid permit for the ownership of such hybrid canine in accordance with the provisions of this article. A separate permit shall be obtained for each hybrid canine, four months or older.

(b) Any hybrid canine permit issued in accordance with this article shall be valid for a period of no more than one (1) year from the date of issuance. The permittee shall have sole responsibility for ensuring that all permit renewals are timely initiated to ensure that a valid permit is continuously in effect throughout the period of the permittee's ownership of a hybrid canine within the county.

(c) No permittee shall own more than two (2) hybrid canines, four months or older, at any time.

(d) All permits issued in accordance with this article shall be subject to the following:

(1) Each hybrid canine shall wear a collar bearing identification, including the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the hybrid canine.
(2) Whenever it is on the property of its owner or custodian, each hybrid canine shall be maintained in an adequate confinement while not under the direct supervision and control of its owner or custodian. Direct supervision and control of the hybrid canine, as defined in this Article, is required at all times that such animal is not maintained in an adequate confinement.
(3) Each hybrid canine shall be muzzled and kept under the control of a competent adult handler, on a leash, lead, rope, chain, or in a crate whenever it is not on the property of its owner or custodian.

(e) A hybrid canine permit shall be issued or renewed upon review and approval by the Chief Animal Control Officer or his designee. The decision to issue or renew such a permit shall be based upon the following criteria:

(1) The type, quality and extent of the confinement of the hybrid canine while on the property of its owner or custodian. The Chief Animal Control Officer or his designee shall inspect the facility proposed to house the hybrid canine(s) to confirm that such facility meets the requirements of adequate confinement, as defined in this Article; and
(2) Ability to handle safely the hybrid canine while not on the property of the owner; and
(3) The knowledge and demonstrated experience of the owner to adequately care for, keep, and handle hybrid canines while on or off the property of the owner.

INFORMATION FOR PERMIT APPLICANTS (continued):

Sec. 10-113. Penalty, Violations.

(a.) Any person, whether an owner, temporary custodian, agent, or employee, violating, causing, or permitting the violation of this article regarding regulation of hybrid canines or the conditions of a hybrid canine permit shall be guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor for the first violation and a class 1 misdemeanor for a second or a subsequent violation.

(b.) If the owner or custodian of a hybrid canine fails or refuses to obtain or renew any required permit or violates a provision of this Article or any other law pertaining to the responsible ownership of the hybrid canine, then the department may require the owner to dispose of the hybrid canine or the department may take such hybrid canine into its custody for euthanasia in accordance with Virginia Code § 3.1-796.119.

(c.) In the event that any hybrid canine is found in any condition inconsistent with the requirements set forth in this Article, any permit issued for such hybrid canine shall immediately be deemed null and void.

(d.) The department may revoke a permit or deny renewal of the permit if the owner has violated a provision of the permit or this article or any other law pertaining to the responsible ownership of the hybrid canine, including, but not limited to the escape of the animal from the confinement or any death, damage, or injury caused by the hybrid canine, or if the owner has failed to renew any required permit in a timely manner.

Appendix A – Fee Schedule

Hybrid canine permit fee, Section 10-112…….$50.00