

## Operation Save A Shelter Dog Adoption Contract

This ADOPTION CONTRACT is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Between \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called "Adoptee") and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called the "Adopter").

The Adopter agrees to adopt the following dog (hereinafter called "Animal):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

We want you to enjoy your new pet and are interested in both your satisfaction and in the welfare of the Animal. In order to ensure these objectives, the Adoptee and the Adopter jointly agree to the following:

### **Adoptee agrees:**

1. To transfer the Animal to the Adopter.
2. To provide (a) initial inoculation using the DHPP shot; (b) current Rabies vaccination; (c) a routine deworming; **PREVENTATIVE MEDICATIONS** (d) heartworm treatment (Heartguard) up to date; and (e) Flea and Tick (Frontline Plus) up to date.

### **In return, as Adopter, I (We) agree to the following:**

1. Not to keep the Animal primarily outside or on leased or rented property where a "No Pets" policy is on force.
2. To provide adequate fresh food and water, clean and dry shelter, vaccinations, annual vet care and daily exercise.
3. To provide all medical care and treatment needed by the Animal. This includes annual checkups, any vaccinations and preventative medications. The preventative medication for the dog described above is next due on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
4. To obey all applicable laws governing control and custody of the Animal.
5. To provide a safe collar with a rabies and I.D. tags with the Adopter's address and telephone number at all times.
6. To prevent Animal offspring
7. To sterilize the Animal within 3 months of this contract \_\_\_\_\_ (date). Please provide proof of spay/neuter via e-mail to Adoptee at [OperationSaveAShelterDog@gmail.com](mailto:OperationSaveAShelterDog@gmail.com). If the Adopters veterinarian is of the opinion that the animal is not ready to be sterilized by the above date, the Adopter's veterinarian must provide a letter to us on letterhead stating the reasons for the postponement and the new surgery date. If proof of altering is still not provided, Adoptee retains full right to reclaim the dog.
8. To contact Adoptee in the event the Animal needs routine veterinary care or emergency care during the 2 week trial period. You MUST contact us so we can schedule an appointment with an approved veterinarian. Pre-approval MUST be given in writing or Adoptee will NOT cover costs incurred.
9. To adopt the Animal ONLY as a personal pet and family companion, NOT as a chained guard dog and NOT EVER to be used for research purposes.
10. To allow Adoptee to complete a follow up vet check and/or visit my premises to ensure that the terms of this contract have been kept.

11. To return the Animal to the Adoptee rather than to abandon, give, transfer or sell it during the Animal's life. I (We) agree to give the Adoptee a 3 week notice to take the Animal back into their animal assistance program. I (We) agree to return the Animal with current inoculations including rabies, bordatella, distemper and a current test showing heartworm status. I (We) agree to return the Animal with all known medical issues taken care of per vet recommendation or a donation to total the cost of necessary vet care.
12. To pay the costs, including attorney's fees, if Adoptee has to take legal action against Adopter or his or her representatives or agents to enforce any of the terms of the Animal Adoption Contract.
13. To pay the non-refundable adoption fee set forth below. I understand that I have the Animal for a trial period (typically 2 weeks) and that I may return the Animal within the trial period, if I so choose, and receive a full refund. The trial period is agreed to end\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that to receive an extension to the trial period, I must contact Adoptee and get a written authorization to add additional time to the trial period.
14. To accept liability for and to prevent any damaging behavior. While in the care of the Adoptee, the Animal displayed the following behaviors:

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**The above description does not guarantee the Animal will always exhibit such behavior or that it will not develop new behaviors; it is simply meant to describe the Animal's exhibited personality while in the Rescue's care. These behaviors were documented by volunteers who are neither professional nor certified animal behaviorists nor trainers.**

**Release of Liability and Indemnification:**

The Adopter understands that all work done with Operation Save a Shelter Dog and/or its rescue animals is at his/her own risk, and hereby releases Operation Save a Shelter Dog, its officers, volunteers, agents, employees, contractors and representatives from any claims relating to adoption, ownership, or possession of the animal. The Adopter also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless adopting agent, its officers, volunteers, agents, employees, contractors and representatives from any and all losses, fines, claims or damages including reasonable attorney's fees arising out of or relating to the Animal or his/her voluntary adoption of said Animal, including any claims for injury or damage to persons or property caused by the Animal.

**Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

Unusual conditions for the contract:

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**If any of the above conditions are not met by the Adopter or the Adoptee comes to find any falsified or omitted information from the original adoption application; ownership of the Animal shall revert back to Operation Save a Shelter Dog upon demand. I give my permission for an agent of Operation Save a Shelter Dog to remove the Animal from my premises and entry shall not constitute a trespass upon the premises occupied.**

**Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Fee in the form of check or money order can be made out to **Ryan Gibbs** or **Julia Buie** at the time of trial. Otherwise cash or credit/debit can be accepted.

**Adoption Fee for Animal is as follows:** \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older, and fully understands the contractual obligations set above.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Joint Adopter Print \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Adopter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoptee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep in touch with us! We would love to hear from you about your animal's progress, photos and growth; we too have grown attached to your dog in the time we cared for it!