

**\*\*HANDS ARE A GOOD THING. Never reprimand your dog with your hands. Never put your hands or point your fingers in your dog's face for scolding purposes.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)**

**\*\*Tug-of-war games only make aggressive dogs.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)**

**\*\*Before ever thinking about scolding a dog for bad behavior, be honest and ask yourself if you have given the dog enough physical and/or mental stimulation. A tired dog is a happy/good dog. When a dog is chewing something they are not supposed to, never just remove it from their mouth and/or scold them and walk away; always substitute what the dog should not be chewing with what they are allowed to chew.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)**

**\*\*Mutt Rescue, Inc. offers FREE BEHAVIORAL ADVICE to help to make the transition for everyone as easy as possible.**

**\*\*Never reprimand a dog if you come home to a mess, whether it be potty or destruction. It is too late! If you come home to a potty mess, please pick it up and don't get angry. If a dog is scolded for the mess, you will only teach the dog to eat the evidence. Please potty train properly.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)**

**\*\*Most of the dogs up for adoption have been starving at some point or most of their life and if there are multiple dogs in the new home. Please be patient and understand that there "could" be food aggression for a while and there should be monitoring so the dogs remain eating from their own bowl.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)**

**\*\*IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 1 DOG, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REMOVE THEIR COLLARS FOR WHEN THEY PLAY EITHER INDOORS OR OUT. ONE'S JAW CAN GET CAUGHT UNDER THE OTHER'S COLLAR AND CHOKE THE OTHER DOG, CAUSING BROKEN JAWS, BROKEN BLOOD VESSELS OR EYES BULGING OUT OF THEIR SOCKETS OR POSSIBLE DEATH.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)**

**\*\*Mutt Rescue strongly emphasizes that adopters bring the puppy/dog immediately to their veterinarian with a fecal sample and show the vet all the paperwork.**

**Please initial that you have read and understand this contract. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)**