

## ADOPTION AGREEMENT RELEASE CONTRACT

Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Altered Y/N: \_\_\_\_\_

This adoption agreement is made by (Rescuers name) \_\_\_\_\_, which hereinafter shall refer to the same entity.

I agree to adopt the pet known as \_\_\_\_\_ (described above) and by doing so, I accept the terms of this agreement as set forth below. I understand and agree that \_\_\_\_\_ (Rescuers name) reserves the right to reclaim the dog if any of the conditions described below are not met.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Rescuers Name) may also repossess the pet if there is reason to believe that the pet is being mistreated, abused (physically or verbally), neglected, or is in an unhealthy condition. I further understand that \_\_\_\_\_ (Rescuers Name) representatives may make a follow up visit, at a mutually convenient time, to ascertain that all conditions continue to be satisfied. If I fail to comply with the terms of this agreement, I will reimburse \_\_\_\_\_ (Rescuers Name) for any costs incurred to reclaim and remedy the breach of contract (lawsuits, etc.).

Please Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial each of the following conditions below to signify that you have read and agreed to each:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1) The dog will be housed at my home as a family pet, will sleep indoors at night and shall have access to the residence. He/She will not be restricted to the yard nor tied there. **OUR POLICY IS TO PLACE DOGS AS FAMILY PETS ONLY.** A lawsuit will be filed against any person adopting an animal from us for any other purpose(s) whatsoever, including Guard Dog Service or any illegal activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2) I will provide veterinary care and treatment as necessary and agree to maintain recommended vaccinations. I agree to license my dog as required by local ordinances. I will provide proper nutritional food and fresh water will be available at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3) A personalized identification tag with my name and two phone numbers will be worn all times. When in public areas, streets, parks, etc., the dog will be leashed at all times. Leashes will be a maximum of six feet in length, and will be attached to a martingale-type collar or head halter. I will not use a retractable leash.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4) I understand that adopting a pit bull, pit bull-type or pit bull mix requires additional responsibility to promote positive perceptions of the breed. I understand my obligation to be a Responsible Owner by further educating myself on the special needs and challenges of this breed. As a Responsible Owner I agree to obedience train, provide a structured environment and establish a positive leadership role.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5) I understand my responsibility to ensure that this pet is always supervised in the presence of small children or other animals, as should every dog. I also understand that part of basic dog management is to carefully supervise my dog in new situations or in any situation that may be stressful to him/her.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6) IF FOR ANY REASON I AM UNABLE TO KEEP OR PROVIDE ADEQUATE CARE FOR THIS PET, I MUST RETURN IT TO \_\_\_\_\_. I will not sell or give this pet to any other person, friend, relative, organization, medical laboratory, or animal shelter.

\_\_\_\_\_7) If I move to a new location I will notify \_\_\_\_\_ of my new address and phone number. \_\_\_\_\_ MUST BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY IF THE PET SHOULD BECOME LOST (also notify if deceased).

\_\_\_\_\_8) To assist us in continuing our rescue work, we request an adoption donation of \$200.00. This donation is immediately used to pay the ongoing costs of caring for additional rescue dogs including food, veterinary care, supplies, etc.

There is a **two-week trial period** that begins the day you take home your adopted dog. If, for some reason, you are not happy with your new companion you may return him/her.

- 100% of the donation is refundable for three days.
- 80% of the donation is refundable for two weeks.

The adoption donation covers only the vaccinations given to date. After the trial period, I understand my gift to \_\_\_\_\_ is non-refundable.

I understand that \_\_\_\_\_ (Rescuers Name) makes no guarantees or warranties regarding the health or temperament of this dog. I promise and agree to be solely responsible for this dog, and to indemnify and hold harmless \_\_\_\_\_ (Rescuers Name) from any and all claims of liability for the conduct of this animal on or after the date of this adoption contract. This Release of Liability and Indemnification shall apply to all known and unanticipated damages resulting from my adoption, ownership or control of such dog. In addition, I agree to read and sign the attached Voluntary Release / Waiver of Liability concurrently with the execution of this Agreement.

**I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND WILL KEEP THE DOG DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A FAMILY MEMBER. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A BINDING CONTRACT ENFORCEABLE BY CIVIL LAW.**

From this day forward, I hereby release \_\_\_\_\_ (Rescuers Name) from any liability for injury or property damage arising from any ownership of the pet. I have read and understand the terms of this agreement and I sign it freely and voluntarily.

**Adopter(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopting Guardian (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone  
**Rescuer**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature