

ADOPTION AGREEMENT

<Rescue Name>

<Rescue Name> and the undersigned person (the "Adopter/you") in consideration of the mutual promises in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, intending to be legally bound by this Agreement, agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. **The Animal.** We are placing the following sterilized animal with you, the new owner:

Name: _____ Male Female

MICROCHIP/MANUFACTURER: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Color/Markings: _____ Weight: _____

2. **Adoption Fee.** We require an adoption donation for the animal, to help defray the veterinary care and daily expenses incurred for the animal. For your convenience, <Rescue Name> can accept money orders, cashier checks, or cash. We have a very limited budget; if the animal is not a good fit for your family and you return the animal within three weeks from the date of this Adoption agreement, the adoption donation will be returned less \$50 (for administrative costs). By signing this agreement, you agree to the adoption fee of **\$.00** for the above-mentioned animal.
3. **No Representations.** You understand that this animal was previously unwanted, lost and may have been rescued by us from a dangerous, unhealthy, and/or cruel situation. This could have long-lasting effects on the animal. You agree that we are making no representations or warranties about the health, condition, personality, or temperament of the animal.
4. **Care of the Animal.** You agree to provide the animal with a life-long caring home, fresh water, wholesome food, and adequate outdoor exercise, unless this is a cat. Cats can never be outside unless taken for a veterinary visit and kept in a crate. You will treat the animal as a household pet, companion, and family member. You agree to abide by the animal laws in force for your municipality/state. You agree to ensure that this pet never be subjected to cruel or inhumane treatment. The animal shall never be kept chained. Nor shall the animal be tied or left outside unsupervised. This animal is to be kept as an inside pet **only**.
5. **Veterinary Care.** You agree to have the animal examined by a licensed veterinarian within 10 days of placement and yearly thereafter. You will consult with a veterinarian for appropriate vaccination schedules, heartworm preventative, and other required treatment. In case of illness or injury, you agree to seek prompt veterinary care.

6. **Transfer/Euthanasia.** In the event that you are unable to keep this animal, you agree to notify **<Rescue Name>** immediately by either mail or phone. You agree not to abandon, give away, sell, place in another home or dispose of the animal in any way without providing **<Rescue Name>** the opportunity to re-home the animal. You agree that you may not euthanize the animal except in the case of the animal's terminal illness or injury, or old age accompanied by pain and suffering. A licensed veterinarian must perform euthanasia and you will notify **<Rescue Name>** of the euthanasia.
7. **Lost Dog.** You agree to make a serious effort to find the animal if it becomes lost, by immediately (a) filing lost reports with the local police, animal control authorities, animal shelters, local veterinarians, and **<Rescue Name>** (b) posting lost dog signs and (c) putting an ad in the paper.
8. **Breach of Agreement/Liquidated Damages.** **<Rescue Name>**, reserves the right to follow through on this adoption in order to protect the welfare of the animal. In the event that you do not comply with the terms of this Agreement, or the animal is abused or neglected while in your care, one of our remedies will be to recover the animal from you upon demand. To this end, you will agree to allow visits to your home to assess the status of the animal and the conditions under which the animal is kept. After the demand, you will immediately surrender the animal to us. In addition, without waiving any of our rights under this Agreement, you will owe us a payment in the amount of \$250, agreed between us as just and reasonable liquidated damages to compensate us for our costs and expenses in connection with your breach of this agreement.
9. **No Liability.** **<Rescue Name>** is not liable for any claims, legal actions, losses, injuries, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities whatsoever in connection with your adoption or ownership of the Dog.
10. **Entire Agreement/Modification/Binding Effect.** This Agreement is the entire agreement between you and us, and supersedes any prior understandings between you and us with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. No modification of this Agreement will be valid unless in writing duly signed by both parties. This Agreement is binding upon your and our heirs, assigns, successors, personal representatives, and executors. This agreement between the parties is contained herein. You will notify **<Rescue Name>** if there is a change of address or telephone.

Dated

ADOPTER

(Signature)

Print Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

Email

<Rescue Name>

(Signature/Title)