



## ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This Adoption Agreement is made on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011, between **Operation Paws for Homes, Inc.**, hereinafter referred to as Rescue, and **Adopter** - \_\_\_\_\_.

The Adoption Agreement ensures that the adopter provides this pet with the best care and treatment throughout its life.

OPERATION PAWS FOR HOMES

### DESCRIPTION OF ADOPTED FAMILY MEMBER

Name of pet: \_\_\_\_\_ Rescue ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Altered? YES NO

Obedience training required: YES NO \_\_\_\_\_ Trial adoption: YES NO \_\_\_\_\_

### ADOPTER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License # and State \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the above information is true and accurate and is provided for the sole purpose of adopting a pet.*

### Signature of Applicant

**Refund Policy:** In consideration of adoption identified above, Rescue agrees to allow Adopter to adopt pet listed below under the terms set forth in this contract. Fifty (50) percent of donation is refundable upon request provided the Adopter personally returns the living animal to Rescue within seven (7) days of its adoption and releases Rescue of any further liability. There is no refund for pets returned after that time. Adoption Fee (and spay/neuter deposit if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Trial adoptions only:** In special circumstances Rescue may allow a trial adoption, in which case Adopter shall receive a refund of full donation upon request provided the Adopter personally returns the living pet to Rescue within fourteen (14) days of its adoption and releases Rescue of any further liability. Adopter will contact the Rescue with any health or behavioral questions during the trial.

During a trial adoption, adopter understands they must receive approval for vetting reimbursement prior to taking the dog to a vet office or clinic. Adopter and Rescuer must initial here to indicate whether this is a trial adoption: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:** I understand that a \$25 charge will need to be paid to Operation Paws for Homes if my check bounces. \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopter agrees to comply with all local, state, and federal laws regarding the treatment of animals, proper licensing, and vaccines for an animal of the type adopted.** \_\_\_\_\_

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT (please initial by each item):**

1) This pet shall not be sold, rehomed, given, or surrendered to another party, entity, business, animal rescue or animal shelter without the express written consent of Rescue. \_\_\_\_\_

2) **If adopter is unable or unwilling to care for this pet, adopter shall notify Rescue immediately.** Adopter shall continue to provide care for pet as per the terms of this agreement for up to 14 days following notification to allow time for Rescue to find a foster home. Adopter shall transport pet to Rescue's principal place of business (Alexandria, VA), or another location designated by Rescue at Adopter's own expense. Adopter shall provide copies of all vet records (including those given at time of adoption and vet records after adoption), tags, microchip information, etc., and shall provide information to assist Rescue in finding an appropriate home. \_\_\_\_\_

3) The pet shall reside inside Adopter's home, and live as a family member. The pet shall not be left alone outdoors while Adopter is not at home, and shall be kept under Adopter's control while outdoors, and shall not roam freely. The pet may be crated for no longer than eight (8) hours in a row. The crate must be large enough for the pet to turn around and to lie comfortably. Pet shall not ride in an open area of any vehicle, nor be left in a vehicle unattended for extended time periods. \_\_\_\_\_

4) Adopter shall provide adequate quality food, water, shelter, grooming, and exercise, and shall care for the pet in a devoted and humane manner for the remainder of pet's natural life. \_\_\_\_\_

5) The pet shall not be left alone with small children (under the age of 5) for any length of time. \_\_\_\_\_

6) Pet shall wear a humane collar and display identification tags. \_\_\_\_\_

7) Pet shall be seen by a licensed veterinarian within ten (10) days of adoption, and at least once per year thereafter. Adopter will maintain appropriate vaccinations and preventative health care. Pet shall be kept on year-round heartworm as prescribed by veterinarian and flea/tick preventative. If vet deems that this pet should not be on heartworm preventative, Adopter shall provide written notification. Unless directed by veterinarian for reasons, cosmetic surgery will not be performed, including, but not limited to, tail docking or ear cropping. \_\_\_\_\_

8) Rescue has little knowledge of the pet, including its specific breed, age, medical condition/background and disposition/temperament. Rescue makes no guarantees or warranties with regard to the health or temperament of the animal and disclaims any liability for the animal's temperament or medical condition, sickness or disease.

- Adopter understands that the dog may have a virus, illness, etc. that was unknown at the time of adoption. Adopter will contact the rescue if issues arise within 10 days of adoption. \_\_\_\_\_
- Adopter has received any test results, vaccines, and spay/neuter information. \_\_\_\_\_

9) Upon adoption of pet, Adopter releases Rescue from any and all claims and actions, whether for property damage caused by the pet(s), or for personal injury to any human or other animal (personal pets or livestock) from biting, scratching, transmittal of disease, and/or any other matter attributable to said pet(s). \_\_\_\_\_

10) Rescue shall, for the express purpose of assuring the pet's well-being, exercise its right to take the pet through a claim and delivery proceeding. Should it become necessary for Rescue to take action to recover pet, or otherwise enforce the provisions of this adoption agreement and Spay/Neuter agreement, the undersigned Adopter(s) shall be responsible for court costs and attorney fees representing either Adopter or Rescue, as well as costs of pet recovery and veterinary care necessary to restore pet's health to adoptable condition. \_\_\_\_\_

11) If alerted that the adopter may be in violation of this contract, Rescue reserves the right to follow up on the adoption, to inspect the pet and where it is kept, and to determine compliance with this contract. If the adoption agreement terms or Spay/Neuter agreement are not upheld by Adopter, Rescue reserves the right to terminate this contract and Adopters agrees to allow a Rescue representative to reclaim the pet without notice or refund. Adopter further agrees to pay liquidated damages, in the amount of fifty (50) dollars per day, for every day the adopter fails to comply with the agreement. \_\_\_\_\_

12) If the dog becomes lost, seriously injured, or dies, Rescue shall be notified within five (5) business days. Notification shall include all relevant paperwork. \_\_\_\_\_

13) Adopter authorizes any animal care or control agency to release pet to Rescue, hereby designated as Agent for Adopter, if pet is found running at large or is brought into a sheltering facility for any reason. \_\_\_\_\_

14) Adopter shall notify Rescue and microchip registry, if any, of any changes in address, telephone number, or email address within twelve (12) days of the change. \_\_\_\_\_

***I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of New Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of New Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Operation Paws for Homes Representative, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date