



OPERATION PAWS FOR HOMES

Check/Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made on this date: \_\_\_\_\_,  
between **Operation Paws for Homes, Inc.**, hereinafter referred to  
as Rescue, and the **Adopter** - \_\_\_\_\_.

### DESCRIPTION OF ADOPTED FAMILY MEMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rescue ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Altered? YES NO  
Obedience training required: YES NO \_\_\_\_\_ Trial adoption: YES NO \_\_\_\_\_

### ADOPTER INFORMATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License # and State \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

***I certify this information is true and accurate, and provided for the adoption of a pet.***

### Signature of Applicant

#### ***Refund Policy:***

- In consideration of this adoption, Rescue agrees to allow Adopter to adopt dog listed above under the terms set forth in this contract. Fifty (50) percent of donation is refundable upon request provided the Adopter personally requests to return the dog to the Rescue within seven (7) days of its adoption. The dog must be returned with all records and adoption the adoption folder, and Adopter will release Rescue of any and all liability. \_\_\_\_\_
- IMPORTANT NOTE: There is no refund for dogs returned after the 7 day time period. \_\_\_\_\_
- **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 must be paid to Operation Paws for Homes if my check for this adoption bounces, is returned, or is undeliverable. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Applicable State, County and Federal Laws:**

- 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 dog shall not be sold, rehomed, given, or surrendered to another party, entity, business, animal rescue or shelter without the express written consent of Rescue.** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) **If adopter is unable or unwilling to care for dog, adopter will notify Rescue immediately.** Adopter shall continue to provide care for dog 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 dog to Rescue's principal place of business (Alexandria, VA), or a location designated by Rescue at Adopter's own expense. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Adopter shall provide all vet records (including those given at adoption and vet records after adoption), tags, microchip info, etc., and shall provide photos and requested information to assist Rescue. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The dog shall reside inside Adopter's home, and live as a family member. The dog 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 outside of a fenced in yard or dog park. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) The dog should not be crated for longer than eight (8) hours. Puppies should not be crated for more than 4 hours in a row. The crate must be large enough for the dog to turn around and lie comfortably. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Dog will not ride in open area of a vehicle, or be left in a vehicle unattended for extended time periods. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Adopter shall provide adequate quality food, water, shelter, grooming, and exercise, and shall care for the dog in a devoted and humane manner for the remainder of dog's natural life. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) The rescue does not recommend that the dog be left alone with small children (under the age of 5) for any length of time. You understand that dogs should not be left alone with children they are not familiar with without proper supervision. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Dog shall wear a humane collar and display identification tags. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Dog 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. Dog shall be kept on year-round heartworm as prescribed by veterinarian and flea/tick preventative. If vet deems that this dog should not be on heartworm preventative, Adopter shall provide written notification. Unless directed by veterinarian, cosmetic surgery will not be performed, including, but not limited to, tail docking or ear cropping. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) **Rescue has little knowledge of the dog, including its specific breed, age, medical conditions and disposition/temperament.** Rescue makes no guarantees with regard to the breed, health or temperament of a dog and disclaims any liability for the dog's temperament or medical condition, sickness or disease.
  - Adopter understands the dog may have a virus, illness, etc. that was unknown at time of adoption. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Adopter will immediately contact the rescue if issues arise within 10 days of adoption. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Adopter has received copies of any test results, vaccines, and spay/neuter information. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Upon adoption of dog, Adopter releases Rescue from any and all claims and actions, whether for property damage caused by the dog(s), or for personal injury to any human or other animal (personal dogs or livestock) from biting, scratching, transmittal of disease, and/or any other matter attributable to the dog(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Rescue shall, for the purpose of assuring the dog's well-being after being notified that the dogs health and/or well-being are in jeopardy, exercise its right to take the dog through a claim and delivery proceeding. Should it become necessary for Rescue to take legal action to recover dog, or enforce the provisions of this agreement and Spay/Neuter agreement, the Adopter(s) is responsible for court costs and attorney fees representing either Adopter or Rescue, as well as costs of dog recovery and care necessary to restore dog's health. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) If alerted Adopter may be violating this contract, Rescue reserves the right to inspect the dog and where it is kept, and to determine compliance with this contract. If the 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 dog without refund. Adopter further agrees to pay liquidated damages, in the amount of fifty (50) dollars per day, for each day the adopter fails to comply with the agreement. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) If the dog becomes lost, seriously injured, or dies, Rescue shall be notified within five business days. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) Adopter authorizes any animal care or control agency to release dog to Rescue, hereby designated as Agent for Adopter, if dog is found running at large or is brought into a sheltering facility for any reason. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) For one year following adoption, Adopter shall notify Rescue of any changes in address or email. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of OPH Representative Date