ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This Adoption Agreement is entered into on this date: _____ between <u>Operation Paws for Homes.</u>
<u>Inc.</u>, OPERATION PAWS FOR HOMES referred to as Rescue, and the Adopter, _____

DESCRIPTION OF ADOPTED FAMILY MEMBER

Pet's Name: _____   Rescue ID #: _____

Pet's Estimated Breed: _____ Age: _____ Altered? YES ____ NO ____

Obedience training required: YES _____ NO ____   Trial adoption: YES ____ NO ____

*** For all new pet owners, we highly recommend you enroll in a training course***

ADOPTER INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____   State: _____   Zip: _____

Driver's License # and State of Issue: _____

Home Phone: _____   E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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

_____ (Signature of Applicant)

Refund Policy:

_____ Rescue agrees to allow Adopter to adopt pet listed above under the terms in this contract. Fifty percent of the donation is refundable upon request provided the Adopter returns the pet to the Rescue within 7 days of adoption. The pet must be returned with <u>all records and adoption folder or NO refund will be issued</u>. Upon return, the Adopter releases Rescue of any and all liability. Refund checks can take 4 weeks for issuance.   OPH has 14 days from receipt of all return paperwork to find an open foster home.

_____ **IMPORTANT NOTE**:   There is no refund for pets returned after the 7 day time period.

Trial adoptions (Approved by Adoption Team) — Only Trial Adoptions complete herein:

Rescue may allow a trial adoption, where Adopter will receive a refund of full donation upon request provided the Adopter agrees to the following terms:

   a. Adopter will personally return the pet to Rescue within 14 days of adoption if they do not wish to complete the adoption; Reason for the trial _____

   b. Adoption folder and records will be returned with pet; and

   c. Adopter releases Rescue of any and all liability.

_____ Adoption checks will be deposited and a refund can take 4 weeks for issuance.

_____ Adopter will contact the Rescue with any health or behavioral questions. During a trial adoption, adopter understands they <u>must</u> receive explicit prior approval for vetting reimbursement with a specific approved Rescue partner veterinarian.

_____ and _____ Adopter and Rescue initial here to confirm a trial adoption.

Payment:

_____ I understand that a $25 charge must be paid to Operation Paws for Homes if my check for this adoption does not clear my bank, is returned, or is undeliverable.

_____ I further understand that the ownership of the pet will revert to the Rescue if I am unable to provide payment for the agreed upon adoption fee.

_____ A $25 Administrative Fee will be deducted from all Trial Adoptions.

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 AND CONDITIONS OF OPH RESCUE ADOPTION 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 shelter without the express written consent of Rescue.
2. _____If adopter is unable or unwilling to care for pet, adopter will notify Rescue immediately.   If Rescue is able to accept the dog back into the program, Adopter shall provide care for up to 14 days following confirmation of all return paperwork has been received by the Rescue. This Term does not guarantee that Rescue will take every dog back into the Rescue.
3. _____Adopter understands that this time is necessary to allow the Rescue to find a foster home.
4. _____Adopter shall transport pet to Rescue's principal place of business (Alexandria, VA), or a location within VA, DC, MD or Southern PA that is designated by Rescue at Adopter's own expense.
5. _____Adopter shall provide all veterinary 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.
6. _____The pet shall reside inside the 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 outside of a fenced in yard or a pet park without proper training and supervision.
7. _____The pet should not be crated for longer than 8 hours. Puppies should not be crated for more than 4 hours at one time. The crate must be large enough for the pet to turn around and lie comfortably.
8. _____The pet will not ride in open area of a vehicle, or be left in a vehicle unattended for extended time periods.
9. _____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.
10. _____CHILDREN SUPERVISION - Rescue does not recommend that the pet be left alone with small children (under the age of 5) for any length of time. Adopter understands that pets should not be left alone with children they are not familiar with without proper supervision and that you put children at risk without supervision.
11. _____The pet shall be seen by a licensed veterinarian within 14 days of adoption, and at least once per year thereafter. Adopter will maintain appropriate vaccinations and preventative health care. Pet shall be kept on heartworm and flea/tick preventative (unless vet deems - in writing - this pet should not be on heartworm preventative). Unless directed by veterinarian, cosmetic surgery will not be performed, including tail docking or ear cropping.
12. _____Rescue has little knowledge of the pet, including its specific breed, age, medical conditions and disposition/temperament. Rescue makes no guarantees regarding the exact breed of the pet and we base our breed listing on available information. Rescue makes no guarantees about the health or temperament of a pet and disclaims any liability for the pet's temperament or medical condition, sickness or disease.
13. _____Adopter understands the pet may have a virus, condition, health defect or illness, etc. that not detected by a veterinarian, by the Rescue or by a foster and was unknown at time of adoption.
14. _____Adopter will immediately contact the Rescue if issues arise within 10 days of adoption.
15. _____Adopter has received copies of test results, vaccines, and spay/neuter information.
16. _____Rescue reserves the right to inspect the pet if alerted that the Adopter may be violating this Agreement.
17. _____Upon adoption of the 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 the pet(s).
18. _____Rescue shall, for the purpose of assuring the pet's well-being after being notified that the pet's health and/or well-being are in jeopardy, exercise its right to take the pet through a claim and delivery proceeding. Should it become necessary for Rescue to take legal action to recover pet, or enforce this Agreement and Spay/Neuter Agreement, the Adopter(s) is responsible for all court costs and attorney fees incurred by either the Adopter or Rescue, as well as all costs incurred by Rescue to recover the pet and care necessary to restore pet's health.
19. _____RESCUE RIGHT TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT- If Agreement terms or Spay/Neuter agreement are not upheld by Adopter, Rescue reserves the right to terminate this Agreement and Adopters agrees to allow a Rescue representative to reclaim the pet without receipt of any refund for Adoption donation.
20. _____If the pet becomes lost, seriously injured, or dies, Rescue shall be notified within five business days.
21. _____Adopter authorizes any animal care or control agency to release the pet to Rescuer hereby designated as Agent for Adopter, if pet is found running at large or is brought into a sheltering facility for any reason.
22. _____If Adopter surrenders the pet at a sheltering facility, humane society or other/third party without prior OPH approval, Adopter agrees to pay Rescue a $500 penalty and all court costs incurred by Rescue to claim such penalty from Adopter.
23. _____Pet shall wear a humane collar and display identification tags.
24. _____For one year following adoption, Adopter shall notify Rescue of any changes in address or email.

MY SIGNATURE INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DURING THIS ADOPTION AGREEMENT. BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS.

_____   _____   _____   _____
Signature of New Owner (Adopter)   Date   Signature of New Owner (Adopter)   Date

_____   _____
Signature of OPH Representative   Date

White copy – OPH   Yellow copy - Adopter