

# A.D.O.P.T. DOG ADOPTION CONTRACT

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## LEGAL INFORMATION

Please read the conditions of this contract before signing

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1. ADOPT makes no warranty of the subject dog, expressed or implied, concerning the condition, temperament, pedigree, or its fitness or suitability for any particular purpose or environment. Therefore, the subject dog is adopted with all its faults, if any, and at the adopter's own risk. The undersigned hereby agrees to release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue ADOPT, its officers, agents servants, or employees from any liabilities, now or in the future, for any damages to persons or property caused by this dog.
  2. ADOPT believes this dog to be in good physical condition, however, ADOPT makes no guarantee of health for this animal. It is recommended that this dog be taken to a veterinarian within 14 days of adoption for a thorough exam.
  3. The adoption fee is nonrefundable. However, if a vet, in an initial checkup within 14 days of adoption, discovers a serious (life threatening) health condition, this dog may be returned with written certification from the examining vet to ADOPT for a full refund.
  4. The dog must be kept as a house pet and humane treatment provided, including providing sufficient food and fresh water daily, adequate shelter to maintain its health and comfort, affection, exercise, and medical attention including all necessary shots whenever needed and full preventative and medical care.
  5. The dog must be licensed and maintained in accordance with any relevant law or ordinance governing the keeping of animals in adopter's municipality. Please notify ADOPT of any change in address. Rabies Tags should be purchased through your county animal control.
  6. The dog must wear a proper Identification Tag on it's collar at all times that is legible and provides a means to contact you as the owner of the dog.
  7. The dog is not being adopted for anyone other than the undersigned.
  8. For placement of puppies not yet altered, the undersigned agrees to alter said pet in accordance with ADOPT's requirements and 225 ILCS 605/3.3 of the Illinois State Law, *i.e.* the animal will be altered within 30 days or at a time in accordance with veterinary certification. A deposit will be held and will be refunded once said animal has been altered by ADOPT or a veterinary statement of altering from a personal vet is presented.  
Must be completed by:
  9. The adopter agrees that the dog companion is entrusted to the care of involved, compassionate adults. Children are not capable of administering to the needs of animal companions. The adopter further agrees that the dog will not be subjected to rough handling or abuse and that there will be adult supervision at all times. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAILY CARE OF THIS DOG RELIES SOLELY ON THE ADULT ADOPTER.
  10. If the dog is lost or stolen, ADOPT is to be notified immediately.
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The information included in this disclosure statement represents the entire agreement between ADOPT and the undersigned, and any oral representations made by ADOPT are not binding. I understand all conditions and assume full responsibility for this dog over its lifetime. If I am unable to keep it or give it proper care, I will first offer the return of this dog to ADOPT with the understanding that ADOPT may not accept the dog. I further understand that I am not to sell or give this animal to anyone before contacting ADOPT. I fully understand and agree that if I fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions herein enumerated, ADOPT may take action, including requiring the surrender of the dog to ADOPT upon demand. Any expenses incurred by ADOPT to repossess the dog shall be my responsibility. The agreed value of the dog is \$500 plus all legal costs. I hereby attest that this disclosure was posted on or near the cage of the dog for adoption and that I have read all the disclosures. I further understand that I am entitled to keep a signed copy of this disclosure.

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Signature of Adopter dated \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby attest that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature of Adoption Counselor dated \_\_\_\_\_