



DOG ADOPTION AGREEMENT

I, (We), _____ the undersigned Adopter(s), (hereinafter referred to as ADOPTER), agree to all the terms and conditions set forth within the pages of this adoption agreement as provided by the ORPHAN Network, (hereinafter referred to as ORPHAN), and confirm that the information provided in the associated Application for Adoption is complete and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. We agree to these terms and provide an adoption fee in order to adopt the pet,

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Description: _____

(Hereinafter referred to as PET).

I, (We), understand that non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement, at the sole discretion of ORPHAN, or misstatement of facts on the Application for Adoption grants ORPHAN the right to reclaim PET with no refund or recourse due ADOPTER.

This agreement will be in effect as of ___/___/___ and will continue until the death of PET, repossession of PET by ORPHAN, or return of PET to ORPHAN (for any reason) by ADOPTER. All litigation, arbitration or other legal matters regarding this adoption are to be resolved under the appropriate legal office of the state of Ohio and in the state of Ohio. ADOPTER further agrees that should any such legal actions be resolved in favor of ORPHAN, ADOPTER will reimburse ORPHAN for attorney's fees and expenses incurred as a result of the dispute.

RELEASE of LIABILITY and INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of allowing me/us to adopt PET, I/We promise and agree to be solely responsible for this animal and to indemnify and hold harmless ORPHAN, affiliated organizations, volunteers and representatives from all claims of liability for the conduct of this PET on or after the date of this agreement. The undersigned(s) further agrees and intends that this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION shall apply to all known, unknown, and unanticipated damages resulting from my/our adoption, ownership or control of such animal.

We have read and hereby agree to abide by all the TERM AND CONDITIONS of this ADOPTION AGREEMENT concerning the adoption of PET. THIS IS A BINDING CONTRACT, ENFORCEABLE BY CIVIL LAW.

ORPHAN SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT Name: _____

ADOPTER SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT Name: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: (____) ____ - _____ WORK PHONE: (____) ____ - _____

EMAIL: _____

Terms and Conditions of Adoption Agreement

- (1) To treat PET as an indoor family pet, with affection and kindness and not subject Pet to abuse, cruelty or neglect as defined by ORPHAN at any time.
- (2) To give PET at least 3 to 4 weeks after adoption to adjust to new surroundings, in consideration of the fact that it takes this time period for an animal to adjust to a new environment, and for both PET and ADOPTER to adjust to each other.
- (3) To return PET only to ORPHAN if unable to keep.
- (4) To notify ORPHAN immediately by telephone if PET is lost or stolen and to make every effort to locate the PET including placing advertisements in local newspapers, notifying local law enforcement officials and regularly checking local animal shelters and pounds for a period of two weeks.
- (5) To never take PET to an animal shelter, pound or humane society for the purpose of releasing ownership to such organization.
- (6) To never allow to be used or to use PET in animal research.
- (7) To never allow to be used or to use PET for fighting, fight training, baiting or related activities whether legal or illegal in the state of residence.
- (8) To never allow to be used or to use PET for protection training, attack training or as a guard animal for any agency, firm corporation or organization.
- (9) To provide regular veterinary care, including annual checkups; vaccinations as needed; heartworm and other parasite checks, prevention and treatment; and dental care.
- (10) To provide proper food, shelter, fresh water, adequate companionship at all times, and to keep PET on a leash or in a crate when not on ADOPTER's property.
- (11) To feed and maintain PET on a premium, meat and vegetable based dog food at all times.
- (12) To never transport PET in an open vehicle without proper restraint designed specifically for this type of pet (this practice is illegal in many states). To never leave PET alone in a parked car, nor in any way to endanger the dog in similar fashion.
- (13) To immediately license, put and keep personal ID tag on PET with an adequate and generally recognized safe, strong, collar and agree to never leave a choke collar on the pet when unattended.
- (14) To notify ORPHAN within 5 days if I (we) move and to provide new address and phone numbers for work and home.
- (15) To notify ORPHAN within 5 days of the death of PET.
- (16) To allow ORPHAN representatives to periodically check on PET to assure compliance with items #1 through #15 of this agreement.

ADOPTER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ORPHAN HAS STATED THAT THIS PET HAS:

Health problems: _____

Behavior problems: _____

Problems in specific circumstances: _____

Information provided regarding temperament and health is based upon knowledge acquired during the time PET has been under the care of ORPHAN, and does not reflect facts not available to ORPHAN at the time of adoption.

ADOPTER has been advised of these facts, understands the ramifications of such, and agrees to accept all responsibility for the behavior and well-being of PET chosen for adoption while in their possession, and agrees to ALL CONDITIONS of this agreement.

ORPHAN: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

ADOPTER: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____