



# ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC.

## ADOPTION CONTRACT

This binding contract is being entered into on this day \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Between: Almost Home Dog Rescue, Inc, PO Box 213, Terra Ceia, FL 34250

and X \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER

who resides at

X \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_

Upon the execution of this contract by both parties, the dog identified below will become the sole responsibility and property of the ADOPTER. From that time on the ADOPTER agrees to care for, be responsible for, and give due diligence to the needs of the below named dog.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER \_\_\_ SPAYED \_\_\_ NEUTERED \_\_\_

COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

COAT TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

MICROCHIP# \_\_\_\_\_

I, the ADOPTER, understand and agree to the following stipulations:\_\_\_\_

- The dog named above MUST be given adequate time to adjust to his/her new home, family, and other pets in the home. The ADOPTER agrees to separate animals as needed and to slowly introduce the new dog into the home.
- The ADOPTER agrees to contact a volunteer of ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC. for help with any problems they are experiencing with the new dog.
- If after a trial period it is decided for any reason that the dog is not satisfactory and the ADOPTER is not willing to work with the dog, to work out problems that have arisen, the said dog MUST be returned to ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC.. The ADOPTER will drive the dog back to a rescue volunteer. To do anything else is breach of contract.
- The ADOPTER may not sell, give away or abandon the above named dog, including leaving the dog with any shelter or other rescue. The dog must be returned to ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC.
- The dog named must live with the ADOPTER and be a personal pet and companion for the ADOPTER and cannot be given as a gift to someone else. Any other person taking ownership of the said dog must be registered with the rescue and must fill out an adoption application.
- The ADOPTER agrees to periodic phone calls to checks on compliance with all the terms of this contract.
- ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC. has the right to visit the dog to assure that the conditions of care are proper and have the best interest of the dog at forefront. If the dogs' living conditions, care, etc. are deemed to be improper or neglectful, ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC. reserves the right to retrieve the dog immediately without refund of fees paid to the rescue.

I, the ADOPTER, agree to and understand the following specific conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Provide good quality food at feeding times and clean water available at all times.
2. Patience and understanding will be exercised at all times with the dog. Any abuse of the dog will constitute breach of contract.
3. Ongoing training for obedience will be attended to by the ADOPTER as needed, or by a professional trainer.
4. This dog must live in the house with the ADOPTER, as a part of the family, and not be kept outside, in the garage, storage room, out building, etc. At no time shall the dog be tied up or tethered by the neck unless on leash for walking, etc.
5. All veterinary needs will be attended to and will not be withheld from the dog when needed. The ADOPTER agrees to accept complete responsibility for all illness or injury that may occur after the date of the adoption of the dog.
6. Provide continuing heartworm preventative (such as HeartGuard, Plus) for the life of the dog.
7. The microchip will be registered, at the cost of the ADOPTER, in the name of the ADOPTER immediately upon adopting the dog. It is requested that the secondary contact on the registration be ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC. so that if the dog becomes lost and the owners are not able to be contacted, an agent of our rescue can be contacted to pick up the dog.
8. Agree to take on all risk associated with being a dog owner, including injury or damage, caused by or in association with, the named dog. I understand that ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC. cannot guarantee the future health, temperament, or size of the named dog.
9. Identification tags shall be on the dog at all times.
10. The dog shall never be allowed to run loose/off leash outside a securely fenced in area. The dog must be leashed when out in the public.
11. In the event that the dog is ever lost or stolen, ADOPTER agrees to immediately notify ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC. If the dog is ever picked up as a stray by animal control, the dog shall be immediately reclaimed by the ADOPTER. To leave the dog at the shelter/pound constitutes abandonment and will, after a short period of time in most cases, result in the dog being euthanised. This is a breach of this contract.
12. Hold harmless and assert no claim, charge or demand of any kind against ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC for any reason.

The adoption fee, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, will be used to pay for veterinary expenses such as spay or neuter, inoculations, heartworm tests, dental cleanings, microchips, worming, any surgeries for injuries or internal problems and all associated procedures, foster care costs and other expenses involved with rescue, such as shelter fees, the cost of gas for transporting dogs from shelters, vet offices, etc.

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The named dog has been examined by a veterinarian, is up to date on rabies and other inoculations (see attached medical sheet), spayed or neutered if old enough, checked for heartworm and had a stool check and been de-wormed when needed. Also a microchip has been inserted under the skin.

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#### BREACH OF CONTRACT PENALTY

The violation of any of the terms of this legal binding contract may be cause for actionable penalty of damages up to the legal amount allowed by the law, attorney's fees, court costs, and the named dog shall be returned to ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC.

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I, the ADOPTER, attest that I have read and understand all the conditions and terms of this contract and pledge to abide by them.

ADOPTERS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTERS drivers license # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_

ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC. agent signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for adopting a homeless dog .  
Only 1 out of 10 dogs born in the USA ever lives in a loving home.  
The other 9 die on the streets or in shelters.  
We must stop puppy mills from breeding more unwanted dogs and  
creating a life of suffering for so many.  
If we can do this perhaps there would be no need for rescues.*

*MaryLu Kinlaw  
and the volunteers of  
ALMOST HOME DOG RESCUE, INC.*