

# Charlotte County SPCA

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## ADOPTION CONTRACT/APPLICATION FOR DOGS & PUPPIES

**DOG/PUPPY'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEX:** M  F  **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BREED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to ensure a good home for each dog/puppy adopted as well as ensuring a suitable pet for the adopting family. Please answer all questions. The CCSPCA reserves the right to refuse adoption if we are not satisfied that the animal will not OR cannot be cared for properly. Your answers may be investigated and, if false information has been given, such adoptions shall be void and the animal will be surrendered to the CCSPCA.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE (if under 18):** \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you live in a house, apartment, elsewhere? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you rent or do not own your current dwelling do you have permission to have this dog/puppy Y  N   
If you rent we require Landlords/Homeowners name & telephone number for confirmation of information given  
**LANDLORD/HOMEOWNERS NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you have any other pets? Y  N  Cats \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is your current Veterinarian or which Veterinarian do you plan to use? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are there children in your home, and if so, have they been taught that animals deserve respect and must be given proper care and attention at all times? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Where will this dog/puppy spend most of it's time? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have proper shelter for this dog/puppy should it be outside for any amount of time? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you prepared to allow an adjustment period should this dog/puppy need extra training & care. Please note how long you are willing to give this dog/puppy to settle into your household \_\_\_\_\_
9. In rare instances we allow some dogs/puppies to go home before they have been altered. If this dog has not been altered, are you aware that failure to bring this dog/puppy to the scheduled veterinary appointment may make the adoption contract null and void and said dog/puppy may be seized by the CCSPCA? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Are you aware that all dogs/puppies in the county of Charlotte, New Brunswick MUST by law wear an identification tag, which we may require you to purchase at time of adoption? \_\_\_\_\_ The current fee for this tag is \_\_\_\_\_  
If you live outside the County of Charlotte, N.B. are you aware that this dog must have I.D. tags? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you aware that this dog/puppy needs yearly vaccinations? \_\_\_\_\_ this dog will need his/her next vaccinations on \_\_\_\_\_
12. Have you ever surrendered a pet to an SPCA or animal shelter? Y  N  If so, when and under what circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you or any other resident of your household have allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

# **PLEDGE FOR NEW DOG/ PUPPY ADOPTERS**

- I Pledge to make a reasonable commitment of time and effort, and to affect scheduling and lifestyle changes in order to make this a successful adoption.
- I pledge to make sure that my dog/puppy is not exposed to the elements of weather without proper shelter, shade cover, dry ground, access to fresh water and at least 1 hour of loving companionship and play a day (I understand that this is a minimum and will strive to keep the dog/puppy with me as much as possible and treat him/her as an important member of my family)
- I pledge to provide appropriate and timely veterinary care for the life of my dog/puppy
- I pledge to keep this dog/puppy indoors at night and to include him/her in the activities of the household while we are home as much as possible
- I pledge to provide my dog/puppy with mental stimulation in the form of either play, interactive toys, training or off-territory leash walks DAILY
- I pledge to provide my dog with enough training and/or behavioural management so as to enable him to be a welcomed part of my community, or managed safely
- I pledge to provide a home in which my dog clearly knows there are certain rules to which I will insist on and he can count on
- I will not allow my dog/puppy to run free/out of control and chase cars, bicycles, children etc.
- If need be I will seek professional help to get my dog to be quiet, or keep him quiet both when I am home and away, so as not to disturb my neighbours
- I pledge to get professional help if my dog has or develops behaviour or temperament problems
- I pledge to keep my dog groomed and free of parasites and matting
- I pledge that if I have to move residences for any reason, I am aware that finding housing that accepts pets can take longer than average, but that I will commit to moving with my dog/puppy, as I would move with a member of my family
- I pledge that if, for any reason, I can no longer keep this dog/puppy, I will NOT abandon this dog/puppy, and I will return him/her to the shelter (if required) or leave ample time to find a new, appropriate hime, tell teh new owners truthfully all the dog's behaviours, good and bad, and follow up occassionally to make sure the dog is safe and content.

**I have read the above statements and pledge that I will honor this pledge and make this dog/puppy a treasured part of my household for it's lifetime \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Current Adoption Fee for this dog/puppy is \_\_\_\_\_ this fee is NON-REFUNDABLE under any circumstance.** We currently do not have a dog shelter and we are charged a daily kennel fee for each dog we house, we are unable to give refunds for dogs that are returned. Adopting a dog/puppy is a big responsibility, please make sure you are emotionally and financially capable of dealing with a new family member who will rely soley on you for his/her care.

Should you not be able to keep this dog/puppy for any reason, it is your responsibilty to aid in finding said dog/puppy a new home. The CCSPCA will take back dogs/puppies at any time for a surrender fee.

**The current surrender fee for a dog/puppy is \$50**

The CCSPCA makes a committment to give full disclosure on all dogs/puppies in our care. We evaluate dogs as adoptable based on behaviour at the time said dog/puppy is under our care. If the dog/puppy was surrendered by an owner, all information that the previous owner has given us will be passed on to potential adopters. In many cases the dogs/puppys under our care come in as unclaimed strays, so no previous record of behaviour is available. The CCSPCA deems dogs that have been evaluated as chronically ill, dangerous or those that are known and documented biters as unadoptable and said dogs/puppies are not made available for adoption to the public. We do everything in our power to see that our animals are healthy at time of adoption. From time to time there are health problems in dogs/puppies that have not been diagnosed and may be found at a later date. The CCSPCA accepts financial responsibility for dogs/puppies only while they are under our care. We accept no financial responsibility for dogs/puppies once they have been adopted. Potential adopters shall have the opportunity to have dogs/puppies they may wish to adopt checked by their own veterinarian at their own expense before adoption.

**I \_\_\_\_\_ have read this entire document and fully understand both the contract and my responsibility for this dog/puppy. I am able and prepared to offer this dog/puppy a loving home for the duration of his/her lifespan.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**