



ADOPTION CONTRACT

Second Chances Rescue, Inc.

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Dog Name: _____ Breed Guess, Sex, Color: _____ Date of Adoption: _____

I, _____, (the adopter), do hereby agree to adopt from Second Chances Rescue (SCR), the dog described above (the Dog), in consideration of an Adoption Donation of \$_____ to be paid in full to SCR.

Furthermore, the parties hereto agree that the adopter shall abide by the following conditions:

1. The Dog is being transferred to the adopter with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the Dog to treat and to be responsible for him/her as their own dog.
2. The Dog will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. The adopter will do their best to ensure the Dog's safety and well-being.
3. The adopter will feed the Dog at least twice a day and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.
4. The Dog will live inside the adopter's home and will not be isolated from the family. The adopter will never let the Dog run loose or roam, keep the Dog chained or tied up, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen, or leave the Dog outdoors, even in a fenced yard, when no one is home.
5. The adopter will not have the Dog attack-trained nor will the adopter use him/her for any purpose other than companionship. The adopter will not have any cosmetic surgery performed on the Dog (e.g., ear cropping, tail docking). The adopter will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the Dog.
6. The adopter will take the Dog to a licensed veterinarian for regular preventative care at least once per year. The adopter will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care as recommended by the attending veterinarian, including but not limited to: rabies shots, booster shots, fecal checks for internal parasites (worms), consistent heartworm preventative and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.
7. The adopter will ensure proper licensing of the Dog and the adopter will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state requirements.
8. The adopter will not use a choke/prong/shock type collar at any time, except for training under the guidance of a qualified dog trainer. This includes the use of an electronic bark collar or other kinds of correction collars.
9. The adopter is adopting the Dog for themselves and agrees to not give away, sell, or trade the Dog, even as a gift to a friend or family member. The adopter will neither take the Dog to a shelter nor abandon the Dog. The adopter understands that they must notify SCR, without delay, if the adopter can no longer care for or keep the Dog, and agrees to give SCR (72 hours) reasonable time to rehome the Dog. The adopter is responsible for all logistics/expenses to physically return the dog to an SCR representative in Pennsylvania if needed. Adopter must notify SCR of any behavioral problems that have occurred at any time before the adopter returns the Dog, and the adopter agrees to pay for a professional trainer's evaluation in the case of biting or aggression.
10. In the event the Dog becomes lost, stolen or dies, the adopter will immediately notify SCR. The adopter will also immediately notify SCR of any change of contact information for the adopter (address, phone number, email address).
11. This Dog's known background and medical history has been discussed with the adopter. However, the adopter understands that SCR has made no representation concerning the breed, health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the Dog. The breed listed by SCR is a visual guess based upon physical appearance at the time of intake.

12. **Training:** The adopter agrees to:

___ take the Dog to basic obedience training classes taught by a qualified trainer.

___ personally teach the Dog basic obedience skills.

13. **Spay/Neuter:** If not already done, the adopter agrees to have the Dog spayed/neutered as noted in the Spay/Neuter Addendum, which is a part of this agreement, and will forward proof of such to SCR within 7 days of completion. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the immediate return of the Dog to SCR.

14. The adopter agrees to take all necessary and recommended precautions when introducing the new animals into the current house hold, including a two week shut down period, proper introductions and allowing adjustment/decompression time for ALL animals.

15. **Medical/Behavioral Addendum:** If checked, the adopter agrees to

_____ work with a professional trainer/behaviorist and/or qualified veterinarian per the terms of the attached Medical/Behavioral Addendum, which is a part of this agreement.

16. **Adoption Donation.** The adopter understands that the adoption donation (including any deposits) help defray SCR's expenses for food, sheltering, spaying or neutering, vaccinations and veterinary care, as well as the administrative burden for processing this adoption. Accordingly, adoption donations are NOT refundable. If the Dog is determined to not be a good match, SCR may work with the adopter to find another SCR dog, at SCR's sole discretion. SCR will always take our Dogs back, but NO part of the adoption donation is refundable.

17. The adopter will allow SCR to make inquiry about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after adoption. This can include visits to the adopter's home and contact with the adopter's veterinarian.

18. The adopter affirms that no member of the household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment etc.

19. The Dog is not legally adopted until the adopter has paid the adoption donation in full and submitted this properly executed contract.

20. THE ADOPTER UNDERSTANDS THAT SCR HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND RETURN OF THE DOG IF THE ADOPTER DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS. SCR has made a lifetime commitment to the Dog. If SCR finds a reasonable basis for believing that any of the above conditions and requirements have not been met, SCR will first notify the adopter by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the reclamation and ask that the dog be returned. The notice will state clearly the circumstances under which SCR is acting and state a date when the adopter may meet with representatives of SCR to discuss the situation. After seven days from the receipt of this notice, if the adopter has not contacted SCR, or has not accepted the notice, legal action will be taken by SCR to retrieve the Dog. If the Dog is in a situation that may endanger its life, SCR may call animal control in the adopter's locality to recover the Dog on SCR's behalf immediately. In the event that either of these situations occurs, or if for any reason the Dog is returned to SCR, the adopter may request a meeting to discuss the matter within 10 days after the dog is reclaimed. Any decision of SCR is final as to whether the dog shall be returned to the adopter.

21. **Release:** The adopter agrees to accept responsibility and ownership of the Dog at the adopter's own risk. The adopter, and for the adopter's spouse, heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns agrees never to bring a claim or suit against SCR. The adopter releases SCR and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from all liability arising from the adoption or behavior of the Dog. The adopter understands that this agreement discharges SCR and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability to the adopter and the adopter's spouse, heirs executors, and assigns, with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other loss that may result from the adoption or behavior or activities of the Dog. The adopter releases SCR and discharges SCR and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability for SCR's own negligence or liability that may result in bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other loss to the adopter. The adopter agrees that SCR may use any photograph of the adopter and the Dog taken by SCR or its agents, or provided by the adopter to SCR, in promotional materials, consents to SCR's use of the adopter's likeness in such promotional materials, and specifically releases SCR from any claim arising out of SCR's use of the adopter's likeness or photographs of the adopter in such promotional materials.

I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with SCR. By affixing my signature to this adoption agreement, I agree to ALL the above conditions of adoption.

ADOPTER PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

ADOPTER ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____