

# ADOPTION APPLICATION for independent rescuers

PET ADOPTION CONTRACT BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ (OWNER  
OR RESCUER) and \_\_\_\_\_ (ADOPTER)

*Please print clearly. All adopters must be at least 18 years of age.*

Animal's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog/cat: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/female:

\_\_\_\_\_ Breed/description: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADOPTER'S INFORMATION

Driver's license no./state:

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home address,  
city and zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer:

How long will the animal be left alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_ Indoors or  
outdoors? \_\_\_\_\_ Where will it sleep?

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you  
or your spouse/partner travel frequently? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how often? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with the pet when you travel?

\_\_\_\_\_ What will you do with the pet if you have to  
move? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing/able to purchase and use a crate if needed or advised?

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a pet door? \_\_\_\_\_ How will you handle the  
pet's potty needs? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you house trained an animal before?

\_\_\_\_\_ If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you exercise the pet?

Do you live alone? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, does every adult in the household agree to adopt this pet?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are there children under 12 in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Do they know how to interact with dogs?

\_\_\_\_\_ If needed, can you commit to behavior and/or obedience training for the dog?

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_ House/apt? \_\_\_\_\_ If renting, does your lease allow pets?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is your pet deposit paid? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you confirm  
payment? \_\_\_\_\_

Rental manager's name and phone number

Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_ What type of fence and how high?

Do you have a pool? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, is the area fenced off?

Have you owned this breed/mix before? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you owned a rescued animal before? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever adopted from a rescue group or shelter? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what group/shelter? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your adoption application ever been declined? If so, why \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever given up animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, why? (please do not leave blank) \_\_\_\_\_**

**What happened to the animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_**

What qualities are you looking for in a pet? (Please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

What traits or characteristics are you sure you do not want? \_\_\_\_\_

**PET OWNERSHIP HISTORY**

Please provide information about two (2) current or most recent pets

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog/cat: \_\_\_\_\_ How acquired? \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/female \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed/neutered: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of ownership: \_\_\_\_\_ On heart worm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_ When last administered? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Where does this animal sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Where does it stay while you are away or at work? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this pet have any medical conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you still own this pet? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what happened to it? \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog/cat: \_\_\_\_\_ How acquired? \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/female \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed/neutered: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of ownership: \_\_\_\_\_ On heart worm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_ When last administered? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Where does this animal sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Where does it stay while you are away or at work? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this pet have any medical conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you still own this pet? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what happened to it? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INITIAL EACH ITEM**

\_\_\_\_\_ **1. I agree to let the OWNER/RESCUER visit my home prior to adoption to do a home check. I also agree to allow OWNER/RESCUER to do follow up checks on the animal. I UNDERSTAND THAT OWNER/RESCUER MAY REMOVE THE ANIMAL FROM MY HOME IF ANY OF THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS CONTRACT ARE NOT BEING MET OR IF OWNER/RESCUER REASONABLY BELIEVES THE ANIMAL IS BEING MISTREATED OR NEGLECTED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. I agree that I will never sell, trade or give away this pet or relinquish it to a shelter or pound, whether "no-kill" or otherwise. I will notify OWNER/RESCUER if I am unable or unwilling to keep the pet and will return it to OWNER/RESCUER after arrangements have been made for such return. If the pet is lost or stolen, I will notify OWNER/RESCUER within 24 hours. I will keep tags on the dog with current information at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ **3. I agree that all future medical and health maintenance treatments are my responsibility unless OWNER/RESCUER has specifically agreed to pay for them under the "Special Provisions" section of this contract. I agree to administer monthly heart worm preventative to the dog year round. If the dog is heart worm positive, I agree to take it to my veterinarian for proper heart worm treatment and will follow the vet's instructions and recommendations. I will not use any over the counter flea preventative but only medication purchased from my vet**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. During this pet's entire lifetime, I will protect it with annual vaccinations and routine medical care and health maintenance as recommended by my veterinarian. I will seek immediate veterinary care if this pet becomes ill or is injured.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. The pet will be primarily indoors interacting with me and my family and will not to be banished to the back yard. I will never tie my dog to a chain or rope or leave him/her unattended for long periods of time.

\_\_\_\_\_ **6. I agree that the pet SHALL NOT be physically altered in any manner (docking tails, cropping ears, declawing, etc.) at any time. I understand and agree that if I do alter the pet, it will constitute breach of this contract and agree to relinquish the animal to OWNER/RESCUER upon their request.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. I agree to comply with all state and local ordinances related to the confinement, care, and licensing of this pet. I will reclaim the pet promptly and pay any required fees if it is picked up by an animal control agency. Rabies and ID tags will be kept on the animal at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. I understand that this is a rescued animal and that its living conditions and treatment prior to rescue may be unknown. OWNER/RESCUER does not make any guarantees regarding the age, nature, temperament, disposition or health of this pet. I assume all risk and responsibility of ownership of this pet once it is in my possession. I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless OWNER/RESCUER against any and all claims including claims of property damage and/or personal injury which may arise from my adoption of this pet.

\_\_\_\_\_ **9. If I fail to fully and timely comply with the terms of this contract, I will, voluntarily and immediately release ownership, possession, custody and control of this pet to OWNER/RESCUER. If I fail to do so, OWNER/RESCUER will be entitled to enforce specific performance of this contract in addition to any other legal remedies available to OWNER/RESCUER.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. I affirm that all information in this document is true, complete and correct and agree that any false or misleading statement herein will constitute a breach of this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. SPECIAL PROVISIONS of this contract, if any, are as follows:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My signature below affirms that I have read this contract and understand and agree to everything in it.

Signature

Date

ACCEPTED BY OWNER/RESCUER (signature)  OWNER/RESCUER phone#: OWNER/RESCUER email address:	CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PRIOR VET
Medical Records Delivered On:	Heart worm Preventative Due On:
Flea/Tick Preventative Due On:	Microchip Information: