

DOGWORKS, INC.
Canine Rescue & Placement
Toledo, OH

ADOPTION CONTRACT

This Agreement is made and entered into on _____, 20____, by and between Dogworks, Inc. (hereinafter "Rescue") and the following individual(s) _____ (hereinafter "Adopter").

WHEREAS: Adopter wishes to adopt one or more animals from Dogworks, Inc. This executed Adoption Agreement ("Agreement") is binding for the following animal(s):

Name	Age	M/F

Please initial the following:

_____ **Adequate Care:** Adopter will provide proper and sufficient food, water, shelter and kind treatment for the dog at all times. Dog will have indoor living quarters in a temperature-controlled portion of the home and will receive adequate, supervised daily exercise. Adopter will arrange for adequate care for the dog when leaving for an extended period and will not leave dog crated for more than 8 hours at a time, except at bedtime. Dog will not be used, given away, or sold for the purpose of experimentation or fighting.

_____ **Veterinary Care:** Adopter will provide all necessary medical care and have the dog immunized (including rabies and distemper shots) and examined ANNUALLY, at Adopter's expense. Dog will be kept current on heartworm preventative and flea/tick control as needed.

_____ **Abide by Local Laws:** Dog will be licensed in the city/town where the adopter resides. Adopter agrees to abide by all local leash laws and other dog-related laws. Adopter will not permit the dog to run at large or to become a public nuisance. Dog will wear identification tags at all times.

_____ **Adjustment Period:** Adopter will give adequate time for the dog to adjust to his or her new surroundings. Contact Rescue immediately for assistance and/or counseling if any problem(s) should arise.

_____ **Transfer of Ownership:** Adopter will not sell, abandon, or give the dog away to anyone. If adopter can no longer keep the dog, the dog must be returned to Rescue.

_____ **Lost or Deceased:** Adopter will notify Rescue immediately if the dog is lost, stolen, or dies. In the case of a lost or stolen dog, Adopter will make every effort to find the dog and will immediately retrieve the dog from any animal shelter when notified the dog is being held at such a location.

_____ **Hold Harmless:** Adopter accepts the dog as is and assume all risk of ownership of the dog, including risk of injury or damage caused by the dog, including bites. Adopter understands that Rescue cannot predict what medical or temperament problems a dog may have in his or her lifetime and accepts sole responsibility for any illness or injury occurring after adoption. Adopter will assert no claim, charge, or demand of any kind against Rescue or its agents for any expenses that have been incurred by the Adopter, including veterinary fees, in connection with the dog once the adoption is finalized.

_____ **Training:** The only function for the dog is for in-home companion animal. Not to be trained for attack or used as a guard dog for any agency or organization. Dog must not be maintained as an outdoor yard dog or used for the sole purpose of hunting.

_____ **Rights and Reservation:** Adopter will inform Rescue of any address and/or telephone change in the event of a move. Adopter may receive periodic follow-up telephone calls and inspections from the Rescue Agent to be assured of compliance to all terms of this agreement. If the terms and conditions of this Adoption Agreement are not upheld, Rescue reserves the right to terminate the agreement and to reclaim the dog at any point during the dog's life with no legal commitment to any monetary refund. If, for any reason, the adoption is not found to be satisfactory for the dog and/or the Adopter, the dog must be returned to Rescue. **No refund will be made for dogs returned after the fourteen (14) day trial period.**

_____ **Returns/Refunds:** The dog may be returned within fourteen (14) days of the above date if the Adopter is not satisfied with the adoption for complete refund of adoption fees. After fourteen (14) days from above date no refund will be given for return. **Adopter should allow Rescue reasonable time to find foster care for returned dog.**

_____ **Fee: The adoption fee is \$** _____. All fees collected are used to cover rescue expenses, including foster care costs and veterinary bills incurred by Rescue. The rescued dog has been examined by a veterinarian and received the following standard veterinary care: spay/neuter, vaccinations, heartworm test and GI dewormer. The dog also received the following veterinary treatment while in Rescue's care:

_____ **Spay/Neuter:** If the dog is not already spayed/neutered prior to adoption, then the dog **MUST** be spayed/neutered at Adopter's expense by 6 months of age and **MUST NOT** be used for breeding prior to spay/neuter. Adopter must submit proof of spay/neuter signed by the veterinarian who performs the surgery to Rescue by _____, 20____. If proof of spay/neuter is not received by this date, Rescue may terminate adoption and reclaim dog from Adopter without refunding adoption fee or \$75 spay/neuter deposit. Rescue will refund \$75 spay/neuter deposit to Adopter when proof of spay/neuter has been received.

Adopter is aware of the following special considerations regarding this dog:

I fully and completely release Rescue and its agents/volunteers harmless from any claim, cause, or demand as a result of my adoption, ownership, care, maintenance or retention of the dog.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the adoption agreement.

Printed Name (Adopter)

Signature

Date

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Primary Phone Number

Secondary Phone Number

Email Address

Printed Name (Rescue Administrator)

Signature

Date