

## DOG ADOPTION CONTRACT

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

The parties hereto agree that the owners shall abide by the following conditions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_, Hereinafter referred to as the dog, is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the dog to treat and to be responsible for it as their own dog.
2. The dog will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the dog's safety and well-being.
3. I/we will feed the dog at least twice a day (more often if needed) and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.
4. The dog will live inside my home and will not be isolated from the family. I will walk my dog on a leash (if trained to) or exercise my dog in a fenced yard, which must be provided unless waived by Beverly Weddington. I will never let my dog run loose or roam, keep my dog chained or tied up, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen, or leave my dog outdoors, even in a fenced yard when no one is at home.
5. I will take the dog to a licensed veterinarian when shots are due but in no event later than one year from the last vet visit. I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including: rabies shots as required every one or three years; yearly booster shots for DHLPPC; yearly fecal checks for internal parasites (worms); and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.
6. If not already done, I will have the dog spayed/neutered and teeth cleaned by \_\_\_\_\_ and will immediately forward proof to Beverly Weddington. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a fine of \$500.00.
7. I/we affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment, etc.
8. I am adopting the dog for myself and I agree to not give away, sell, or trade my dog, even as a gift to a friend or family member. I will neither take the dog to a shelter nor abandon the dog. I understand that I must notify Beverly Weddington, without delay, if I can no longer care for or keep my dog and agree to give Beverly Weddington reasonable time to re-home my dog or place my dog in an approved foster home, if available.
9. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at my own risk and I release

Beverly Weddington from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my dog. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for my pet as of the date of this contract. Beverly Weddington will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the dog.

10. This dog's background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that Beverly Weddington has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the dog.

11. I agree to permit Beverly Weddington to make inquiry about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after adoption. This can include visits to my home and contact with my veterinarian.

I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE DOG TO BEVERLY WEDDINGTON.

12. I understand that this dog is being adopted and there is no Health Guarantee or AKC Registration of any kind.

13. I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with Beverly Weddington. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by Beverly Weddington. In the event there is a violation of the agreement, I agree to pay a minimum of \$500.00 in damages. Additionally, in order to facilitate the collection of damages for breach of contract, I waive any challenge to venue and agree that the appropriate venue for this matter is the City of Clearwater, and the county of Pinellas.

Furthermore, I agree to accept service of process by certified mail, return receipt requested to the address provided in this adoption contract, and specifically waive any right to receive personal service.

14. This Dog Adoption Contract as stated, has been read and completely understood by the BUYER. In addition, the BUYER understands that Florida Statute 828.29 gives me alternative rights. Pursuant to Florida State Statutes 828.29, I freely and voluntarily waive all rights and accept the above provisions as my sole recourse. FLORIDA STATE STATUTE 828.29 - "It is the consumer's right, pursuant to section 282.29, Florida Statutes, to receive a certificate of veterinary inspection with each dog or cat purchased from a pet dealer. Such certificate shall list all vaccines and deforming medications administered to the animal and shall state that the animal has been examined by a Florida licensed veterinarian who certifies that, to the best of his knowledge, the animal was found to have been healthy at the time of the veterinary examinations. In the event that the consumer purchases the animal and finds it to have been unfit for purchase as provided in Section 828.29(5), Florida Statutes, the consumer must notify the pet dealer within 2 business days of the veterinarian's determination that the animal was unfit. The consumer has the right to retain, return, or exchange the animal and receive reimbursement for certain related veterinary services rendered to the animal, subject to the right of the dealer to have the animal examined by another veterinarian".

Adopter Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License  
#/State \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone  
\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Non-refundable Adoption Fee: \$250

Adopter Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Beverly Weddington Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks returned by the issuer's bank for any reason are subject to the maximum penalties allowed under the laws of Florida.