

Homeward Bound Animal Rescue
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ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This agreement, entered into under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, _____ by and between **Homeward Bound Animal Rescue (referred to herein as "Homeward Bound Animal Rescue," "Homeward Bound," and "Rescue")** and the adopting individual(s) (whose name(s) are printed below and will be hereinafter referred to as the "New Owner").

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____
Home Phone Number: _____
Employer: _____
Business Phone Number: _____
E-mail Address: _____

In consideration of the adoption of _____ (the "Pet" or "adopted animal") and in further consideration of mutual obligations herein, **Homeward Bound Animal Rescue** authorizes the adoption of the following animal to the New Owner.

The Pet

Name of Pet at time of Adoption: _____
New Name of Pet (if known): _____
Description: _____ Breed: _____
Age: _____
Male/Female: _____
Spayed/Neutered: _____

Surgery Due: N/A or by nine months of age (Circle One)

Veterinary Care Records: *Provided / To Be Mailed (Circle One)*

New Owners Responsibilities

1. I agree to make a ***non-refundable*** minimum adoption donation of \$_____.

New Owner's Initials: _____

2. I agree to provide a safe and loving home for the lifetime of the Pet. If at any time, and for any reason, I am unable to continue to provide such a home, I agree to notify **Sue Hollenbach, Director of Homeward Bound Animal Rescue at the email address listed in the letterhead**. Homeward Bound will list your pet on their website as a courtesy listing to help you re-home the pet. I agree that the pet is my responsibility, and I will provide it with a loving home until a new home can be found. If I am no longer able to care for the pet, and would like to arrange for the Pet's transfer to relatives, friends, acquaintances, or any other person(s), I will notify **Homeward Bound Animal Rescue at suehollenbach@homewardboundanimalrescue.org** of the transfer of ownership. I also agree to provide the full name, address and phone number of the person(s) adopting the Pet. **I agree to never give up my pet to a shelter.**

New Owner's Initials: _____

3. I agree to keep the Pet indoors and to safeguard the dog from loss or mishap. This means not allowing the dog to run at large unsupervised and keeping the animal on a leash or in a securely fenced-in yard with supervision at all times. I agree to make every reasonable effort to recover my pet should it become lost.

New Owner's Initials: _____

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4. I agree to provide medical care, including yearly examinations and vaccinations, as directed by a licensed veterinarian. **I agree to take the pet to a veterinarian within 10 days of adoption for a check up and to establish an account.** As pets fostered by Homeward Bound are very often released to the Rescue from substandard shelters or are abandoned in unfavorable weather conditions, Homeward Bound cannot guarantee that they will not have illnesses. I agree that Homeward Bound is not liable for any costs associated with treating such illnesses. I also acknowledge and agree that the stress of moving to a new home situation can uncover issues that were not apparent to the rescue at the time of adoption. I acknowledge that I should expect to invest some money in veterinary care upon the Pet's first veterinary visit. Many standard health measures for pets require multiple treatments – especially those for worms, coccidian, giardia, fleas and mites. I acknowledge that although the Rescue treats for such issues that are diagnosed by the Rescue's veterinarian, it cannot guarantee that these issues are completely remedied prior to adoption. Kennel cough and worms are common in dogs and puppies pulled from standard shelters. It is especially important to take small puppies to the vet upon first noticing such a problem. Though Homeward Bound does the best it can to identify any health issues, Homeward Bound Animal Rescue cannot guarantee the absence of kennel cough, worms, or any other parasites in dogs or puppies.

New Owner's Initials: _____

5. I acknowledge and agree that **HOMeward BOUND ANIMAL RESCUE DOES NOT REIMBURSE FOR VETERINARY CARE AFTER the adoption.** You need to be prepared to budget a minimum of \$500 a year for veterinary costs for your new pet.

New Owner's Initials: _____

6. If the Pet is not yet spayed or neutered, I agree to have the surgery performed. I acknowledge that Ownership of the pet will not be officially relinquished by Homeward Bound Animal Rescue until I provide proof of spay/neuter. Our vets refuse to fix an animal younger than 6 months of age due to the effect of anesthesia on young puppies and the negative impact of removing their sexual organs at such a young age. Homeward Bound will remind you of the need to spay or neuter your pet when it is nine (9) months old if we don't hear from you. Most veterinarians recommend spaying/neutering at 6-12 months of age. Spaying and neutering prevents health problems in your pet such as ovarian and testicular cancer and will help you avoid behavioral issues such as spraying or leg lifting. I acknowledge that I must mail or deliver proof of spay or neuter to Sue Hollenbach, Director of Homeward Bound Animal Rescue within 30 days of the 9-month notice or the Rescue will seek return of the pet. In the event it becomes necessary for Homeward Bound to take legal action to enforce this provision, I agree that I will be liable for and will pay all reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred by Homeward Bound.

New Owner's Initials: _____

7. I understand that, while Homeward Bound Animal Rescue describes the pet as accurately as possible according to its volunteers' interactions with the Pet, the Rescue has limited information regarding the temperament, age and habits of the Pet; I agree to accept the Pet as described. I understand that there may be an adjustment period while the pet is getting used to its new environment and that the pet may not behave as it did in its previous environments. Further, many of the animals adopted by Homeward Bound are mixed-breed animals. I understand that Homeward Bound makes no guarantee as to breed mix or eventual size of the animal.

New Owner's Initials: _____

8. I agree to release Homeward Bound Animal Rescue and its Foster Parents, and hold them harmless for any and all claims arising from my ownership and control of the Pet, including, but not limited to, damage to property and/or injuries to persons caused by the Pet.

New Owner's Initials: _____

9. I understand that puppies are like newborns and that their immune systems are not fully developed. **I agree to not take the puppy into any pet stores, public places, dog parks, or any other place where they could be exposed to dogs who are carriers of a multitude of viruses and parasites until the puppy is two weeks beyond its third set of "puppy shots" (parvo/distemper vaccination).** I agree that the first two weeks after adoption, I will provide my puppy or dog with a stress-free environment and will not subject the puppy or dog to large groups of people or adult dogs that do not live with me. As in humans, stress can lower the Pet's immune system, and if they have been exposed to any viruses, they can become ill. I also understand that if I go to places like pet stores, dog parks, or public places where other puppies or adult dogs are present

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that I can carry viruses home on my clothing, shoes and hair. I will do everything to ensure that I do not purposefully expose my puppy to any contaminants.

New Owner's Initials: _____

10. I agree that if I put a stop payment on a check or if my check is returned for any reason, I will be responsible for immediate payment via PayPal of the full adoption fee plus a \$40 service fee charge. Homeward Bound will pursue criminal charges for checks returned for any reason if the adopter does not make good within 24hours of notification. I also agree that in the event it becomes necessary for Homeward Bound to take legal action to enforce this provision then I will also be liable for and will pay all reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred by Homeward Bound.

New Owner's Initials: _____

New Owner: _____ (sign)

Print Name: _____ (print)

Suzanne M. Hollenbach, Director (by, _____), or authorized representative of Homeward Bound Animal Rescue.

Contract Addendum

Additional Provisions regarding Puppy/Dog: _____ (insert name)

These additional matters pertain to your Pet:

New Owner's Initials _____