



DOG ADOPTION AGREEMENT

SOFA RESCUE ID # _____

Dog's Name:		Breed:	DOB:
Sex:	Description:		Weight:
Microchip #		Medical records on file at:	
Rabies Tag #			

ADOPTION ORGANIZATION'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Southeast Alaska Organization for Animals, Ltd (hereafter referred to as "SOFA"), agrees to the following terms and provisions:

- SOFA will provide a dog that has been examined by a licensed veterinarian, received core vaccinations as noted above, dewormed, treated for fleas/ticks, and microchipped. Medical history and treatment records will be provided to the adopting Adopter, and the Adopter will be notified of any known history of medical or behavioral issues. The Rescuer makes no representations or warranties about the condition, personality, or temperament of the Dog and does not guarantee the Dog's temperament or compatibility with the Adopter or other members of the household.
- If the Adopter is ever unable or unwilling to keep the Dog for any reason, SOFA agrees to accept the return of the dog and/or to assist the Adopter in placing the Dog in a suitable home.**
- SOFA agrees to notify the Adopter of any change of contact information (address, phone number, and/or email address) within two (2) weeks.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA ORGANIZATION FOR ANIMALS

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JUNEAU, AK 99803

(907) 957-9059

contact@akSOFA.org

Printed Name of SOFA Representative

Signature of SOFA Representative

Date

ADOPTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

*PLEASE NOTE: Please read the following carefully. If there is/are any condition(s) that you are unwilling or unable to comply with, please notify the SOFA Representative **now**. This agreement may be modified to make allowances for special circumstances for committed, responsible adopters, if a reasonable alternative can be identified.*

The Adopter agrees to the following terms and provisions:

- The Dog is being transferred to the Adopter with the understanding that he/she is taking possession of the Dog to treat and to be responsible for it as his/her own Dog. The Adopter assumes all legal risks and obligations of ownership and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold SOFA harmless for any loss of, damage to, or injury to persons, animals or property caused by the Dog.
- The Adopter will do his/her best to ensure the Dog's safety and well-being, including but not limited to:
 - The Adopter will feed the Dog adequate **nutritious, species- and age-appropriate food and clean, fresh water** to maintain good health and normal development; provide the Dog with a **safe, clean environment and access to shelter** at all times; and provide adequate outdoor **daily exercise** on a leash, in a secure fenced yard, or under direct supervision of a responsible person in accordance with state and local laws and ordinances to maintain the physical and mental health of the Dog.
 - The Adopter will never let the Dog run loose or roam.** The Adopter will ensure compliance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances regarding care and control of animals.
 - The Adopter will ensure that the Dog is wearing a **non-choking collar at all times** with an up-to-date **identification tag** and/or appropriate license attached. A choke- or pinch-collar will only be used during



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training or walking and always used in a humane manner that does not cause pain, injury, or risk of injury to the Dog.

- d. The Adopter will **never keep the Dog chained or tethered to a fixed point** except for short periods of time (no more than thirty (30) minutes) while the Adopter completes a task. If the Dog must be restrained with a chain or tether for longer than thirty (30) minutes, the Adopter will use a trolley/runner type tie-out that provides the Dog adequate room and mobility to exercise freely without risk of becoming tangled, strangling, or otherwise becoming injured.
 - e. The Adopter will **never keep the Dog confined or isolated from the family for more than nine (9) hours** in a fenced yard, garage, patio, balcony, pen, kennel, or other means of confinement, including a trolley/runner type tie-out.
 - f. **The Adopter will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care**, including but not limited to: vaccinations as required by state and local laws; adequate routine veterinary care and services to maintain the health of the Dog; veterinarian-approved treatment and/or preventatives to ensure the Dog is free from parasites including fleas, worms, and heartworm; and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury. SOFA strongly recommends that the Adopter provide all vaccinations as recommended by their licensed veterinarian and in accordance with current AAHA guidelines.
 - g. The Adopter will not train or use the Dog as an attack or protection-trained Dog and the Dog **will not be used for guard work**.
 - h. The Adopter will **never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the Dog**.
3. The Adopter agrees to notify SOFA as soon as possible if the Dog becomes lost or dies. The Adopter also agrees to **notify SOFA of any change of contact information** (address, phone number, and/or email address) as soon as possible.
 4. The Adopter agrees to **make a serious effort to find the Dog if it becomes lost** by immediately (a) filing lost reports with animal control authorities and/or local police, animal shelters, humane societies, and local veterinarians and (b) posting ads and signs in appropriate places such as newspapers, community Internet sites, bulletin boards, etc.
 5. **The Adopter agrees not to abandon, give away, sell, trade, transfer, or dispose of the Dog in any way**, without giving SOFA a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice and/or without the express consent SOFA. In the event that the Adopter is no longer able or willing to keep the Dog, **SOFA retains the right of first of refusal and must be notified first of any decision regarding placement of the Dog**. Upon request, the Adopter agrees to provide SOFA with a complete medical and behavioral history of the Dog.
 6. In the event that the Dog is **surrendered to, or seized by, an animal control or police agency, the Adopter will notify SOFA within twenty-four (24) hours**. The Adopter will also notify the animal control or police officer handling the case of the terms of this Agreement immediately and will provide the officer with SOFA's contact information.
 7. The Adopter agrees that in the event of the Dog's terminal illness, injury, or old age accompanied by pain and suffering, **a humane euthanasia may be performed by a licensed veterinarian**. The Adopter agrees not to euthanize the Dog by any other means.
 8. Liquidated Damages: Adopter agrees to pay SOFA the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) as liquidated damages in the event the terms of this Agreement are breached; this liquidated damage value is agreed to for the purpose of establishing value of the Dog and does not bar SOFA from seeking return of the Dog by a judicial process or other means. Said liquidated damages shall be paid to SOFA by Adopter whether or not SOFA is able to recover the Dog through a judicial process or other means.
 9. Each party has contributed to the drafting of this Agreement and in adopting the terms set forth herein. Adopter and SOFA agree that the rule of construction providing that the terms of an agreement may be construed against the drafter of the agreement has no application to this Agreement.



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The Adopter acknowledges that if he/she knowingly fails to comply with any of the above terms and conditions, or in any way puts the Dog in a situation which endangers its health or welfare, the Rescuer may take appropriate action, including reclaiming the Dog and/or legal action against the Adopter.

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The Adopter agrees to permit SOFA to inquire about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after the adoption. This can include visits to the Adopter's home at a time that is agreed upon by both parties and contact with the Adopter's veterinarian, animal control, and/or police agencies. The Adopter agrees and consents to allow SOFA to inquire with the Adopter's veterinarian about the Dog after the adoption. The Adopter will instruct his/her veterinarian to cooperate with and supply copies of medical histories and treatments to SOFA.

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The Adopter affirms that no member of his/her household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation, such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment, etc.; or of a domestic/family violence violation, such as aggression, assault, sexual abuse, battery, endangerment, or threat thereof; in any jurisdiction.

The Adopter understands that by voluntarily signing this Agreement, he/she is entering into a legal and binding contract with SOFA. Breach of any term(s) of this Agreement is deemed actionable by SOFA. In the event there is a violation of this Agreement, the Adopter agrees to reimburse SOFA for any expenses associated with reclaiming and rehoming the Dog, including but not limited to legal expenses, veterinary services, and care of the Dog. The terms of this Agreement are binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Adopter's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

Printed Name of Adopter

Signature of Adopter

Date

ADOPTER'S INFORMATION

Primary Adopter:

Full Name: _____ Driver's License #: _____
 Physical Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____
 Email: _____

Check one: I will be sole owner. Dog will be co-owned by my spouse. Dog will be co-owned by my partner.

Second Adopter:

Full Name: _____ Driver's License #: _____
 Physical Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____
 Email: _____

THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING A SOFA DOG!