

Dust Bowl Animal Rescue

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Dog Adoption Agreement

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| Adoption Date: | Dog Name: | Foster Parent: |
| Dog Age: | Breed: | Color: M/F |

In adopting my dog, I agree to the following:

- 1) I do not live in nor will I move to a building or community whose restrictions on the number, breed or size of pets interfere with my fulfilling my commitment to this dog.
- 2) I will provide a safe and loving home for my dog. Adopter agrees the dog is to be a family companion and agrees to provide the dog with a safe home, adequate food, water, proper care, exercise, love and attention. Adopter agrees not to violate any laws or ordinances with the dog. The dog is not to be used as an attack or protection trained dog and will not be used for commercial guard work.
- 3) I agree to keep a collar on the dog at all times and acknowledge that legally dogs are required to have a collar with current rabies tag / town dog license. Due to risk of accidental choking we recommend not using choke collars outside of training and walks.
- 4) I agree that the dog will be confined inside the home or in a fenced outside area with adequate shelter when no one is at home. If I am to go away for a prolonged period of time or vacation, I will prearrange proper care for the dog.
- 5) The dog is not to ride loose in the bed of pickup trucks, convertibles or to be left in a car when air temperatures exceed 70 degrees.
- 6) I agree to have a clean, secure fenced area for the dog. If a fenced enclosure is not available, I agree to leash walk dog. If I will use invisible fencing, the dog is to be sufficiently trained before releasing it inside the system. Under no circumstances is the dog to be kept routinely on a runner or tie out.
- 7) I will provide my dog with proper food, water, shelter, training, exercise, attention, and medical treatment as necessary. I will provide lifetime care, including annual Veterinary exams, vaccinations, and booster shots, and immediate medical attention when necessary.
- 8) If I can no longer provide adequate care for my dog, I agree and commit to return my dog directly to Dust Bowl Animal Rescue. I understand that to the best of Dust Bowl Animal Rescue's knowledge, the dog I am adopting is in good health (unless problems are specified) and that I have been provided such health records as Dust Bowl Animal Rescues provides. I will not hold Dust Bowl Animal Rescue liable for any future medical bills my cat may incur.
 - a. Name of Vet that will care for dog _____ Phone (____) ____ - _____
 - b. I authorize Dust Bowl Animal Rescue to contact the vet listed above for a vet check

_____ Date _____
- 9) I will not euthanize my dog unless my dog's health is beyond reasonable medical assistance. I further understand that medical care for a dog can be costly, especially as my dog ages. I agree to make adequate and reasonable efforts to attend to my dog's medical needs, and I will not euthanize my dog just because I do not want to incur the medical expense.
- 10) If euthanasia is being considered *other than under recommendation by a licensed veterinarian* within 6 months of adoption I will notify Dust Bowl Animal Rescue *before* the dog is euthanized. If the dog dies within 6 months of the adoption date I will notify Dust Bowl Animal Rescue of the death and circumstances.

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Dog Name: _____

- 11) I understand that Dust Bowl Animal Rescue is not responsible for the behavior of my dog once delivered into my possession. I also understand that dogs, especially untrained puppies, can cause expensive damage to carpets, furniture, and other personal belongings and I agree to work with my dog and train him to prevent such undesirable behavior. I assume full responsibility for my dog's actions and recognize that Dust Bowl Animal Rescue is not liable for any damage that may occur from the time of adoption forward.
- 12) I understand that although every effort has been made to evaluate the temperament of my dog, it is impossible to assess each dog in every situation. I understand that dogs may act dramatically different under stressful circumstances (such as storms, holiday fireworks, strangers, other aggressive animals). I also understand that all dogs, by being animals, are never 100% predictable: any dog is capable of biting and Dust Bowl Animal Rescue is not responsible should this dog do so.
- a. To the best of Dust Bowl Animal Rescue's knowledge this dog gets along with:
- i. Other Cats Yes/No Dogs Yes/No Children Yes/No
- 13) I can return my dog in the same condition for any reason within 10 days of the contract date to receive a full adoption donation refund (7 days for kittens). After 10 days, there is no refund of the adoption donation but of course the dog may be returned at any time.
- 14) I will keep Dust Bowl Animal Rescue apprised of my current address if I move within 6 months of the adoption date.
- 15) I will contact Dust Bowl Animal Rescue immediately should my dog get lost.
- 16) I understand that Dust Bowl Animal Rescue may contact me to check on my dog's safety, living conditions, health or well-being. Dust Bowl Animal Rescue reserves the right to reclaim the dog at once should it learn that any of the foregoing is unsatisfactory.
- 17) I agree to spay/neuter my dog by ____/____/____. By law the dog must be fixed within 30 days of the adoption date or within 30 days after it is deemed old enough to be fixed (6 months for female / 8 months for male). I will provide notification via veterinary records or follow-up home inspection that this has been done to Dust Bowl Animal Rescue on or before this date. Failure to provide documentation that the dog has been spayed/neutered is just cause for Dust Bowl Animal Rescue to reclaim the animal with no refund of the adoption fee. **Sterilization of the dog is required under Chapter 828 Health & Safety Code and a violation is a criminal offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.**
- 18) I understand that refusing to spay/neuter may result in Dust Bowl Animal Rescue reclaiming the animal from me with no refund of the adoption fee.

I have read and consent to all of the above. I understand this contract is legally binding and if there is any breach of its terms Dust Bowl Animal Rescue can reclaim my pet with no refund of the adoption fee. If I fail to surrender my pet under such circumstances I will be required to pay liquidated damages of \$750 plus attorney fees and costs.

Signature of Adopter: _____ Date: _____

Adoption Fee Amt \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ TX Driver's License #: _____

Phone (Day): _____ Phone (Eve): _____

Phone (Cell): _____ Email: _____