



# AGAPE

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## ANIMAL RESCUE

### Adoption Contract

This ADOPTION CONTRACT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ between Agape Animal Rescue  
(hereinafter referred to as AAR), and \_\_\_\_\_

(hereinafter referred to as Adopter, whether one or more persons).

WHEREAS, in order to protect abandoned dogs, AAR does accept for placement from individuals, animal shelters, humane societies and other persons and entities, dogs which are homeless.

WHEREAS, AAR does attempt to place such dogs where possible in suitable homes in consideration for the payment of a fee determined in each case.

Now, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. AAR does agree to place for adoption the following described dog (hereinafter referred to as dog) with the adopter

NAME OF DOG: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ SPAYED/NEUTERED: YES

COLOR/Description: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROX. AGE OR DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

RABIES TAG NO. with dog AAR ID NO \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGIN OF DOG: TN

Microchip Information \_\_\_\_\_

2. Adopter agrees to pay the sum of \$ 175.00 to defray the costs of the AAR. **Returned checks are subject to an additional \$35 fee.**
3. Adopter agrees that dog will be kept as a home companion and will share Adopter's home, being given the same considerations, as would a human family member.
4. Adopter will not use, nor will he/she allow the dog to be used for any illegal purpose. Adopter agrees that the dog will not be attack or protection trained and will not be used for guard work in any commercial endeavor.
5. It is expressly understood that the Adopter, by signing this contract, is agreeing to adopt and keep this dog for the length of the dog's entire life. If for any reason Adopter feels unable to keep this dog for its entire life, Adopter must agree to try every available means to solve the problem, including formal training, prior to contacting AAR and making arrangements to return dog to AAR.
6. Adopter agrees not to sell, give away, or dispose of the dog in any other manner (except euthanasia for medical reasons at the advice of a licensed veterinarian) without first contacting AAR to obtain permission. Adopter agrees that even if the AAR accepts the dog back into the Rescue, the Adopter must keep the dog in his/her possession, with proper care, until the AAR has available space to take possession of this dog.
7. Adopter agrees to keep a nylon or leather collar or harness, with the dog's current rabies and identification tags on it, on the dog at all times. The Adopter further agrees to use a "training collar" only under the direction of a professional and only for training purposes.
8. It is expressly understood that AAR places the dog with no warranty as to the physical condition or temperament of the dog. Adopter accepts this dog as is with all defects, either observable or unobservable, and assumes all risk for such dog from the date of signing of this contract.
9. Adopter agrees to care for the dog in a humane manner, including but not limited to providing water, premium quality food, shelter, exercise and veterinary care, including annual inoculations, for the duration of said dog's life, all in a manner satisfactory to the AAR.

10. Adopter agrees to provide a fenced enclosure constructed of either chain link or wood of an appropriate height to contain the dog or that the dog must be protected by being on a leash when outside a fenced enclosure. If routinely contained in a fenced enclosure, said enclosure shall be no less than 300 square feet. Under no circumstances is the dog to be routinely tethered as a means of confinement.
11. Adopter agrees that at no time will the dog be transported in the open bed of a pickup truck, or left inside a vehicle unattended.
12. Adopter agrees that the dog will be confined in a house or secured fenced area when left alone, except for prolonged absences such as vacations when secure and proper care will have been prearranged for the dog.
13. Adopter agrees to two (2) home visitations by a representative of AAR within the first three (3) months following the effective date of this Adoption Contract to determine if the adoption is successful. An annual visitation thereafter will be permitted at the discretion of the AAR.
14. Adopter agrees to notify AAR of any change of telephone number and/or address within two weeks of such change.
15. Adopter agrees to notify AAR immediately by phone in the event this dog is lost or stolen, and at the time of its death. AAR reserves the right to request and receive a veterinarian's "cause of death" statement in the event of the dog's death.
16. Adopter assumes all responsibility for the dog's actions after the effective date of this Adoption Contract as first set forth on page one. Adopter agrees to hold the AAR and its Representative harmless from any and all liability associated with any illness of the dog, or damage or injury caused hereafter by said dog.
17. Should Adopter breach any of the agreements contained in this Adoption Contract, the AAR shall have the right to rescind this Adoption Contract and demand return of this dog. Should Adopter fail to return dog the AAR may seek an Order from a Court of competent jurisdiction for the return of said dog and liquidated damages from Adopter in the amount of \$750.00 in addition to any sum paid for this dog pursuant to this Adoption Contract plus attorney's fees and court costs.
18. This contract is to be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am initialing this statement declaring that I have received "Living with a New Dog." This document provides me with a general guideline for how to care for my new dog and transition him/her into a new life with me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am initialing this statement declaring that I have received information about dogs and kids and that I understand the precautions necessary when children interact with animals. I have read this information and understand what I have read and been told about children and dogs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been made aware that AAR offers training advice and follow up training opportunities. It is understood that any advice received is limited by the experience and training our volunteers have received and should not be a substitute for receiving professional training if needed.

\*\* In the event that an animal is returned to AAR there will be no refund after the 10<sup>th</sup> calendar day as it will be considered a donation to the organization. \*\*

AAR cannot vouch for the temperament, health, or lineage of the dog, other than stated in this contract, as the dog may have been in an unusual situation, and in many cases without history, and many not show its true capture or health for some time after placement.

Signature of Adopter \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of AAR Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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