



# WAGGYTAIL RESCUE

## ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This is an agreement for the adoption of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter referred to as "Animal"), a \_\_\_\_\_ (name of animal) \_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years between \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter referred to as "Adopter"), and Waggytail Rescue. \_\_\_\_\_ (sex and breed) \_\_\_\_\_ (full name of adopter)

**BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT AND TAKING POSSESSION OF THE ABOVE NAMED ANIMAL, ADOPTER CERTIFIES TO HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1) Adopter agrees to make a minimum adoption contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.00. The Adopter understands the contribution is not a sale price, and is therefore **non-refundable** under any circumstances including if adopter returns the animal. This contribution allows Waggytail Rescue to continue to save to lives of abused, neglected, and sick animals. **Initial Here** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) If, for any reason, Adopter is ever unable to keep the Animal, Adopter will immediately notify Waggytail Rescue and arrange to return the Animal. Adopter will not give this Animal to anyone else without the prior approval of Waggytail Rescue. **Adopter will not give this Animal to another shelter or rescue group!**
- 3) Adopter will provide Animal a healthy diet, fresh water, proper exercise and indoor shelter at all times.
- 4) The Animal shall not be trained, encouraged, nor misrepresented for the purpose of protection, aggression, or any aggravated display of behavior.
- 5) Adopter will give the Animal proper grooming, which includes removing hair from ears if applicable, eye care, ear care, and regular brushing, baths, nail clipping and haircuts (if applicable).
- 6) Adopter agrees to give Animal all the attention, affection, interaction and mental stimulation appropriate to a highly intelligent and social creature. Adopter agrees to treat him/her like a treasured member of Adopter's family.
- 7) Adopter understands that with domesticated animals such as dogs, that modifying certain behaviors may require training, expert advice and patience. Adopter agrees to work with the Animal to modify any such undesirable behavior including, but not limited to barking, aggression, house soiling, biting, scratching (people, furniture, woodwork), digging, mounting people's legs, urine marking without the use of negative reinforcement or other methods which may harm him/her. Adopter also understands that certain behaviors may never be entirely eradicated. No one representing Waggytail Rescue has told Adopter that this pet will not engage in any of these behavior patterns.
- 8) Adopter agrees to contact Waggytail Rescue in the event in the event he/she can no longer keep the adopted Animal. Adopter agrees that the Animal will never be sold or given to a pet shop, animal shelter, research facility or abandoned. The animal is not to be euthanized without notification to and permission by Waggytail Rescue.
- 9) Adopter agrees to pay Waggytail Rescue the sum of \$1,000.00 as liquidated damages in the event that Adopter breaches any if the terms of this agreement. Payment of liquidated damages does not bar Waggytail Rescue from requiring the return of animal or seeking payment of further damages.

10) Adopter agrees if not already altered to have Animal neutered on before his first birthday. Proof of alteration will be supplied to Waggytail Rescue within six months of adoption or Adopter agrees to redeem dog or agree to have it done within a week.

11) Adopter agrees that if any of the terms of this agreement are not satisfactorily met, Waggytail Rescue may reclaim this animal. Adopter will be responsible for any veterinary or boarding fees incurred by Waggytail Rescue in readopting the animal.

IF, AT ANY TIME, IT BECOMES THE OPINION OF WAGGYTAIL RESCUE THAT THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT BEING MET, I UNDERSTAND THAT WAGGYTAIL RESCUE MAY RECLAIM THIS PET IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY DONATION OR OTHER EXPENDITURES THAT I HAVE MADE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A LEGAL AND BINDING CONTRACT. Except as set forth above, Waggytail Rescue makes no representations, warranties or guarantees and assumes no liability for the health, age, sex, temperament (including the capacity to bite), behavior, or condition of the Animals available for adoption. Waggytail Rescue is operated for the benefit of the Animals that we place. While we are not veterinarians, if any problems or questions arise as to the behavior or care of your Animal, we welcome and encourage your inquires.

**Waggytail Rescue's Reservation of Rights:**

Waggytail Rescue reserves the right to follow up on this adoption to inspect where the animal is kept for the sole purpose of determining compliance with the terms of the contract by making a personal visit to the premises of the adopter at anytime during the entire life of the Animal. If the terms and conditions of this contract are not upheld by the adopter and/or any misrepresentations have been made by the adopter, Waggytail Rescue reserves the right to terminate this contract and the adopters will agree to allow a representative of Waggytail Rescue to reclaim the Animal without notice or refund. The adopter further agrees to surrender the Animal at the time the incident has become knowledge of Waggytail Rescue. Waggytail Rescue's reservation of rights also includes not adopting an Animal into an area or environment that may endanger the life of the Animal, which includes relocating with the Animal after the adoption agreement. If the Animal becomes lost, seriously injured, and/or permanently disfigured, or for any reason the Animal dies, Waggytail Rescue must be notified immediately.

Should it become necessary to take action to recover an adopted Animal or otherwise enforce the provisions of the adoption contract agreement, the undersigned adopter(s) will be responsible for all court costs and all attorney fees representing either the adopter or Waggytail Rescue.

[ ] Check if animal is unaltered - Adopter agrees to pay a \$100 refundable spay/neuter deposit. The animal must be neutered within 1 month from adoption day.            INITIAL

**I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND IT AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS:**

Name, Signature, Date

Address City, State, Zip

Home Phone Work/Cell Phone E-mail

Driver's License/ID/Passport Birthdate

Witness Signature and Date