

Puppies Are Worth Saving, Inc. Adoption Contract 2023

The Adopter agrees to adopt the following animal from Puppies Are Worth Saving Inc. (hereinafter called PAWS).

Animal's Name: _____ Adopter's Name: _____ (print)

Second Adopter/Spouse (print): _____

As Adopter, I agree to the following:

1. To allow a representative from PAWS to visit my property and ensure that all conditions of this contract are being kept, if PAWS has good reason to do so;
2. To provide a PAWS representative with proof, upon request, that conditions of this contract are being kept;
3. To provide the animal with adequate fresh food and water, clean, dry, a safe indoor environment, and daily exercise;
4. To provide a safe collar with Rabies and ID tags to be worn at all times;
5. To obey all applicable laws governing control and custody of animals, including registering the animal within the county that you reside;
6. To have a clean, secured, fenced in area for dogs. If a fenced in enclosure is not required, adopter agrees to leash walk the dog. If an invisible fence is used, adopters must properly train the dog before releasing them into the enclosed area;
7. Under no circumstance are dogs allowed to be kept in runners or kennels outside, or left on a "lead" or "tie-out" for more than 30 minutes. All dogs outside on leads must be supervised. Our dogs are adopted as indoor dogs only, and should only be outside for recreational activities and for bathroom breaks.
8. Adopter agrees to have the animal examined by a licensed veterinarian within 14 days of adoption;
9. Adopters are responsible for any future vaccines, preventatives, and medications. You must call your vet immediately after adopting to schedule these to prevent them from being late;
10. Adopter must have the animal examined yearly by a licensed veterinarian and animals must be kept up to date and current on all vaccinations and medications for the duration of its life. Heartworm prevention is mandatory. Any necessary treatments recommended by the veterinarian need to be covered by the adopter to ensure the animal's health;
11. Adopters will not have elective alterations performed to the animals, such as tail docking and ear cropping;
12. I agree to enroll my dog into an obedience or socialization class, at my own expense, within 2 months of adoption. The class shall be completed in full;

13. I agree that I am responsible for a fine of \$1,000 if I, or any other person, is found to be in breach of contract of line 1-12 as mentioned above;

14. **The animal is not to be sold or given away for any reason.** If it becomes necessary to find the animal a new home, the adopter must contact PAWS and return the animal to PAWS without refund. The adopter must bring the animal back to headquarters. I understand that it may take a while to find an open foster home. If I must surrender immediately, I agree to place the dog in boarding and to pay for it myself until a foster home is found. In order to surrender, I will submit all vet records and a recent written behavioral training evaluation from a certified trainer. The dog must be up to date on all vaccines and preventatives as well, with a current negative heartworm test within the past 12 months. Violation of this clause will result in a \$2,000 fee. Initial here _____;

15. Adopters will feed their animal the food that was recommended via email until successfully weaned onto another safe and healthy food alternative, if desired. This needs to take place slowly over 2-4 weeks;

16. PAWS makes no guarantees regarding the animal's age, breed, health, or temperament. While PAWS has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of the animal, PAWS is not able to make any guarantees. PAWS is available for consultation and advice pertaining to the animal's health, training, and compatibility;

17. Adopters agrees to release PAWS and its representatives of any and all possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by the animal to any person, animal, or property. Adopter accepts this animal as is with all defects, either observable or unobservable, and assumes all risk for the animal upon signing of this contract, and is liable for all medical bills from this day forward.

18. If your adopted animal becomes ill in any way within 14 days of adoption, you will notify the rescue in writing within 24 hours. We are not able to reimburse veterinary expenses, but we need to be notified in case it is a contagious disease.

19. I agree that I have been provided with an opportunity to review this contract, and requested a copy as desired.

As Adopter, I agree to accept full responsibility for the care of this animal, releasing the previous owner as well as PAWS and its representatives of any liability from this date forward. I agree to abide by the adoption conditions and realize that I am committed to this animal for his/her life. I have read and fully understand that PAWS may repossess this animal at any time if the adoption conditions are violated or the animal is mistreated.

This adoption contract is entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2023, between Puppies Are Worth Saving, Inc, and

Adopter's Full

Name: _____/_____

Adopter's Signature: _____/_____

PAWS Representative Signature: _____

Adoption Fee: _____