



CANINE ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dog's Name _____

- ✓ We are here to promote a healthy relationship between you and your pet.
- ✓ We encourage you to call us with any questions and concerns and ask that you respond to our follow up requests by phone or email: (703-753-1219) debbie@grayfaceacres.org
- ✓ The adoption fee is \$200, cash, or check payable to Gray Face Acres. Or, for credit card payments, go to the donation button on the website: www.grayfaceacres.org

The parties hereto agree that the owners shall abide by the following conditions:

1. I am 18 years of age or older.
2. I understand that I am adopting this animal in an "as is" condition, and I realize that this animal may need further training or treatment.
3. I will take the animal to a veterinarian within 14 days of adoption for a general physical examination and any necessary vaccinations, deworming, medications or medical treatment, at my own expense.
4. The dog will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the dog's safety and well-being.
5. I will provide a humane environment, regular exercise and companionship for my pet. I will have the animal inoculated against rabies and abide by animal control laws.
6. I understand and agree that Gray Face Acres makes no express or implied warranty, representation or promise to the age, health, breed, habits, disposition or safety of the animal. I hereby accept the animal as is, assume all risks and responsibilities associated with the ownership of the Animal, including bites, and I hereby fully and completely release, indemnify and hold harmless Gray Face Acres, its directors, officers, volunteers, servants, and employees from any claim, cause of action or liability of any sort or nature, whether known or unknown, directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the adoption, care or ownership, maintenance, temperament or condition of the Animal.
7. The dog is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the dog to treat and to be responsible for the dog as their own dog.
8. I/we will feed the dog at least twice a day and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.

9. The dog will live inside my home and will not be isolated from the family. I will walk my dog on a leash or exercise my dog in a fenced yard, which must be provided unless waived by Gray Face Acres. I will never let my dog run loose or roam, keep my dog chained or tied up, or in a pen for more than 4 hours, except at night, if that is where it sleeps.
10. I will not have the dog attack-trained nor will I use the for any purpose other than companionship. I will not have the dog's ears cropped nor will I have the dog's tail docked. I will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the dog.
11. I will take the dog to a licensed veterinarian when vaccinations are due but in no event later than one year from the last vet visit. I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including: rabies shots as required every one or three years; yearly booster shots for DHLPPC; yearly fecal checks for internal parasites (worms); and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.
12. I will make sure that the dog receives proper heartworm, flea, and tick preventative medicine.
13. The following statement is required by Virginia law: STERILIZATION OF ANY ADOPTED ANIMAL IS REQUIRED BY TITLE 3.1, CHAPTER 27.4, ARTICLE 6.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA. THE ADOPTER AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 3.1-796.126:1-7, WHICH PERTAIN TO THE TIMELY STERILIZATION OF THE ADOPTED PET. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO CIVIL PENALTY. THE NEW OWNER MAY BE COMPELLED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.
14. If not already done, I will have the dog spayed/neutered within 60 days and will immediately forward proof to the Gray Face Acres office.
15. I/we affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment etc.
16. I will ensure proper licensing of the dog and will attach the appropriate license tags, rabies tag, and personal identification tag to a non-choke collar to be worn at all times. I will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state statutes.
17. I will not use a choke-type collar at any time.
18. I am adopting the dog for myself and I agree to not give away, sell, or trade my dog, even as a gift to a friend or family member. I will neither take the dog to a shelter nor abandon the dog. I understand that I must notify Gray Face Acres, without delay, if I can no longer care for or keep my dog and agree to give Gray Face Acres reasonable time to rehome my dog or place my dog in an approved foster home, if available.
19. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at my own risk and I release Gray Face Acres and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my dog. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for my pet as of the date of this contract. Gray Face Acres and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the dog.
20. In the event the dog becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify Gray Face Acres. I will also immediately notify Gray Face Acres of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address).
21. The dog's known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that Gray Face Acres has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the dog.

I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with Gray Face Acres. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by Gray Face Acres.

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the foregoing adoption contract and that I will comply with the same.

Adopters signature

Date

Gray Face Acres authorized signature

Date