

PUPPY DOG RANCH RESCUE AND SANCTUARY
ADOPTION AGREEMENT

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Adopter Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of Dog: _____

By initialing each item below, I/We promise and agree to:

- _____ Spay or neuter this dog at the age of six months or by the date specified on my Adoption Application;
- _____ Never to abuse or neglect this dog;
- _____ Not to allow anyone else to abuse or neglect this dog;
- _____ To treat this dog as a beloved member of my family, including providing a safe and loving home, a balanced diet, and veterinary care as necessary;
- _____ To keep an identification tag, with my/our current address and telephone number, fastened to this dog's collar;
- _____ To attach a leash to the dog's harness or collar every time the dog is out of doors and is not in a safely enclosed area;
- _____ To walk the dog on leash at all times when in public areas;
- _____ I/We will contact *Puppy Dog Ranch* immediately if this dog becomes lost so that assistance can be provided in locating this dog.
- _____ I/We understand and agree that if *Puppy Dog Ranch* becomes aware at any time of neglect; abuse; chaining/tethering this dog or any other family dog or pet; failure to provide proper and/or required medical care for this dog; does not have an adequately fenced yard; or if this dog is endangered by any person or other animal -- *Puppy Dog Ranch* will immediately rescind adoption of this dog and take this dog back into its care and control, without further notice or adoption refund.

If I/We decide that I/We cannot or no longer wish to keep or care for this dog, I/We agree that:

- _____ I/We will contact *Puppy Dog Ranch* immediately and
- _____ I/We will continue to foster and properly care for this dog for up to 14 additional days, if necessary, to allow time for *Puppy Dog Ranch* to place the dog in an adoptive home or return the dog back to the Rescue.

Puppy Dog Ranch is under no obligation to take this dog back, or give permission for its transfer:

- _____ I/We agree not to give this dog away or transfer ownership of this dog to any animal shelter, state/city/county animal control facility, any other organization, rescue group, person, family member, friend, or to sell this dog, without prior written permission from *Puppy Dog Ranch* .

I/We understand that *Puppy Dog Ranch* may withhold permission for any reason.

- _____ I/We understand that this dog is a rescued dog, and that no warranties as to its age, breed, physical or mental characteristics, or prior experiences are made or implied by *Puppy Dog Ranch*.
- _____ I/We understand *Puppy Dog Ranch* does not know, nor can they warrant the current or future health of this dog.
- _____ I/We understand we cannot alter the appearance of this dog by cropping its ears or tail.

_____ I/We understand that dogs respond to similar situations differently, that such responses are not predictable, and that *Puppy Dog Ranch* makes no claims, representations, or warranty, either expressed or implied, as to the behavior or temperament of this dog.

I/We understand that the following protocol should be followed regarding children in the house:

- _____ Do not under any circumstances leave a child unattended with any dog;
- _____ Do not leave bones or edibles around the house when children are present and be cautious and observant when children are eating and the dog is in the room;
- _____ If there is a child in the household under the age of 5, the dog must be in a crate or separate room while the dog is eating or sleeping to prevent accidents or accidental biting;
- _____ Children under the age of 13 will not walk the dog unless supervised by an adult;
- _____ Whenever a child is in the house with a dog he/she is at risk of being accidentally knocked over, scratched or bitten, etc.;
- _____ Should you have any concerns or feel uncomfortable with a situation between the dog and a child, contact *Puppy Dog Ranch* for assistance.

_____ I/We understand that even if this dog has been housed with cats in a previous home that *Puppy Dog Ranch* cannot guarantee the behavior with a new cat will be the same. Please use caution when introducing a new dog to existing cats in the household and do the introduction slowly over a period of a week, keeping the dog on leash. If you need assistance, please contact *Puppy Dog Ranch* for assistance.

I/We understand that the following protocol should be followed when bringing additional dogs into the household:

- _____ Do not leave dogs at home in the same room unattended for at least the first month;
- _____ Do not feed the dogs in the same room and do not leave food, toys and treats laying around the house;
- _____ Introduce the dogs in a park or on “neutral ground”, while both are on leash and are being exercised/walked;

We strongly recommend that you consult either a behaviorist or a *Puppy Dog Ranch* representative for advice on a dog-to-dog introduction.

_____ “Special Needs” or Senior Dog: I/We understand that this dog is a special needs or senior dog, with a current diagnosis of _____ for which he/she may need lifetime medical care and I/We are willing and able to supply the care this dog needs. If, within the first year of adoption, I/We cannot afford the expenses of the care needed, I/We will contact *Puppy Dog Ranch* for assistance. I/We understand that *Puppy Dog Ranch* may or may not be able to assist with costs of medical needs of this dog.

_____ I/We understand and agree that, as of the date of this agreement, *Puppy Dog Ranch* has no financial or legal liability in regards to this dog, including but not limited to any damage to person(s) or property, or medical or other expenses.

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Congratulations for opening your heart and giving this dog a “new leash on life”!