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The following contract specifies what we view as required to provide a safe and loving home for a dog. Please understand that the details of the contract reflect our concern that both the owner and the dog have a happy life together. The conditions set forth are based on years of experience and a continuing commitment to see that our rescue dogs find **safe** and **happy PERMANENT homes**. We hope you will understand that considerable emotional involvement, time and energy go into insuring that these dogs have the best possible second chance at life.

This contract, made between Pei People Shar Pei Rescue, Inc. (hereafter referred to as "PPR") and:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

Whose address and phone number are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CELL PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK PHONE (EXT)

(Hereafter referred to as "Adopter") is an agreement for the adoption of a dog, more fully described as:

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOG'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SEX

\_\_\_\_\_  
AGE

\_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTHDATE (best estimate)

\_\_\_\_\_  
COLOR, BREED, PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

\_\_\_\_\_  
MICRO CHIP #/TYPE

Hereafter referred to as "Adoptee," shall:

1. Agree that the Adoptee is a unique form of property, in that it is a live animal in need of daily care by the adopter.
2. Agree that the laws of the State of California shall apply to this contract, even if the adoptee is removed from the state.
3. PPR agrees and warrants that:
  - a. The Adoptee is spayed/neutered (or will be neutered upon adoption\_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. The Adoptee has received the following vaccinations:

_____ VACCINATION	_____ DATE	_____ NEXT DUE
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- c. They will deliver the Adoptee to the Adopter upon receipt of an adoption fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to PPR and execution of this agreement.
4. The Adopter agrees that he/she will fulfill the following obligations during the natural life of the Adoptee, unless ownership of the Adoptee is returned to PPR.

### **Housing and General Care**

- a. To provide adequate food, water and shelter for the Adoptee at all times (twice daily feeding is recommended)
- b. To accept the Adoptee as his/her HOUSEHOLD pet and companion only, the dog must not be used for any other purpose, such as guarding, fighting or as an attack animal.
- c. To provide adequate grooming.
- d. To provide the Adoptee with a fenced yard if possible or to keep the Adoptee on a leash whenever outside the confines of a fenced yard.
- e. To NEVER encourage the dog to show any aggressive behavior.
- f. To NEVER keep the Adoptee chained while unattended
- g. To supervise the Adoptee at all times when children are present.

### **Medical Care**

- a. To have the Adoptee examined by a licensed veterinarian within two weeks after adoption to determine the general health of the Adoptee, at the Adopter's expense. If the Adopter is not satisfied with the Adoptee's condition at that time, the Adopter will return the Adoptee to PPR. If the Adopter is satisfied with the health of the adoptee, the Adopter will assume all veterinary costs thereafter including, but not limited to, routine yearly exams, vaccinations, heartworm testing and medication, and possibly multiple entropion surgeries.
- b. To provide immediate treatment for injury or illness of a serious nature.

### **Possession**

- a. To keep the Adoptee in the Adopter's personal possession, and to never give away, abandon, sell or dispose of the Adoptee in any way. This includes release to family members, animal shelters or breeders.
- b. To notify PPR immediately if at any time the Adopter is no longer able to keep the Adoptee for any reason or to care for the Adoptee as specified here. The Adopter is required to make arrangements to return Adoptee to PPR at Adopter's expense at the earliest mutually convenient time.
- c. If Adopter is no longer able to keep the Adoptee or care for the Adoptee as specified here, Adopter must give PPR two weeks (14 days) notice to arrange return. If two weeks (14 days) notice is not possible, Adopter must pay a fee to PPR equivalent to two weeks (14 days) boarding costs for Adoptee, amount as determined reasonably by PPR.
- d. To notify PPR immediately if the Adoptee is stolen or lost. The Adopter will make every effort to recover the Adoptee and to pay whatever redemption fee may be assessed should the Adoptee be impounded.
- e. To NEVER allow the Adoptee to be used for purposes of vivisection or experiment.
- f. To NEVER allow the Adoptee to be transported in the open bed of a pickup truck or similar vehicle.

### **Licensing and Identification**

- a. To apply with all applicable laws relating to control and ownership of the Adoptee.
- b. To obtain, within one month, the required licenses and a personal identification tag bearing the Adopter's name and phone number to be attached at all times to the Adoptee's collar.
- c. To keep the collar and identification on the Adoptee at all times.
- d. To not use a choke chain collar, except when training the Adoptee, and to remove the choke chain collar at all other times.
- e. The adoptee is microchipped. The Adopter agrees to register the microchip within 10 days and to list PPR as the alternate contact. This registration most likely involves an additional fee.

**Follow-Up**

- a. To allow PPR (or its representative) to visit the Adopter's home to assure that the Adopter and the Adoptee are happy with the adoption, to answer any questions and to help the Adopter with any problems that may have developed.
- b. To release the Adoptee to PPR if at any time PPR finds that the Adopter has not complied with the terms of this contract or has been unable to provide adequate and proper care for the Adoptee.

**Liability**

- a. To hold PPR free from any and all liabilities arising from the Adoptee's conduct.
- b. To assume all responsibility, including attorney's fees and court fees, for the defense of any action that may arise as a result of the Adopter's ownership of the Adoptee
- c. PPR makes no representations or warranties regarding the age, temperament or physical condition of any adoptive dog. Dogs can be unpredictable and no assertion is made that the Adoptee is "safe" around adults, children or other animals.
- d. All warranties, including implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, where they are applicable, are hereby specifically disclaimed.

**Additional Conditions**

- 1. The parties agree that they will inform each other of any change in address, within ten days of the change of address.
  - 2. The parties agree that should any provision of this contract be void under California law that said void paragraph may be stricken and the remaining provisions remain in effect and are binding.
  - 3. The parties agree that this contract is their complete agreement, and they agree to be bound by it. There are no other agreements between the parties.
  - 4. The parties agree that the adoption fee will not be refunded if the adoptee is returned to PPR.
  - 5. Additional Notes or provisions (if none, write "none")
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SIGNATURE OF PPR REPRESENTATIVE

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NAME (PRINTED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF ADOPTER

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME (PRINTED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNED IN THE COUNTY OF

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE