

**FURRY FRIENDS OF THE FOOTHILLS ADOPTION CONTRACT TERMS:**

All animal adoption contracts approved by the Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. are subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Adopter agrees that the animal will be kept only as a domesticated house pet. This means that the dog will be kept indoors except for periods of exercise/play or bathroom breaks in a fenced-in yard or on a leash.
2. The Adopter also agrees to provide adequate grooming for the dog to include, fur grooming, bathing, nail trimming.
3. All age appropriate dogs will be spayed or neutered before the time of adoption. If adopted at an age to young then this must be done by the date specified on the medical form. The Adopter further agrees to provide the animal with veterinary care such as rabies vaccination Per NC State Law, Heartworm preventive (at minimum monthly preventive treatments or vet recommendation), and annual intestinal worm test for the dog. (in short the dog must be up to date on all vaccinations with respect to the age of the dog.
4. The Adopter grants Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. the right to make periodic visits to the Adopter's premises for the purpose of checking on the health and general welfare of the animal and to verify that the animal has been spayed or neutered in accordance with the terms of this agreements.
5. The Adopter represents that all family members have agreed to the adoption of the animal and that all family members will abide by the terms of this agreements. The Adopter further represents that he/she is eighteen years of age or older.
6. The Adopter represents that he/she has never been subject to legal action for cruelty to or neglect of animals. The Adopter further represents that he/she has never owned an animal which has been confiscated by any animal control or humane organization for violations of state or local animal control regulations or animal adoption agreements.
7. If the Adopter is a tenant, then Adopter agrees to provide written permission from the landlord consenting to the animal adoption.
8. If for any reason the Adopter is unable to provide care to the animal, the Adopter agrees to return the animal to Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. The Adopter shall not offer the animal for sale or give the animal to any third party without the prior written consent of Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc.
9. The Adopter agrees that Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. shall have the right of immediate possession of the animal if, in the judgment of Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc., the animal is receiving inadequate care, is being improperly housed or handled or has not been spayed or neutered by the specified date.
10. The Adopter agrees to pay Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. the sum of \$300.00 as liquidated damages in the event the terms of this contract are breached; this liquidated damage value does not bar the Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. from seeking the return of the animal by judicial process or other legal means if necessary. If legal action is instituted, the Adopter agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

The Adopter hereby declares that he/she is aware:

- (a.) That animals are different from human beings in their responses to human actions;
- (b.) That the actions of animals are often unpredictable.
- (c.) That an animal's behavior may change after it leaves Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. possession and accustoms itself to a home or other different environment; and
- (d.) That Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. makes no claims as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of any animal put up for adoption.
- The Adopter understands that there will be NO REFUNDS OF ADOPTION FEE.
- The Adopter acknowledges that he/she has received a copy of Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. Animal Adoption Contract Terms.

The Adopter, hereby accepts possession of, title to (subject to the conditions of the adoption contract), and responsibility for the animal adopted and agrees to release and discharge Furry Friends of the Foothills, Inc. forever from liability for any injury or damages to any person or property caused by the adopted animal, and from any causes of action, claims, suits, or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damages.

Adopter(s) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Furry Friends of the Foothills Representative(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_