



Animal Welfare League
of Frederick County

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The Animal Welfare League of Frederick County is a non-profit 501(c) (3), all volunteer organization.

DOG ADOPTION CONTRACT

Date: _____ Name(s) of Dog(s) Being Adopted: _____

Breed/Markings: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): Home: Cell: Work: _____

Email: _____

Terms and Conditions

Please read and initial next to each line item.

- _____ 1. I agree to provide the animal with a high-quality diet, preferably based on natural, holistic ingredients.
- _____ 2. I agree to keep this dog in an adequate and enclosed area. I agree to keep the dog on a leash when out of the home, or under careful supervision when in remote areas where no roads or other hazards are present.
- _____ 3. I agree to provide the animal with proper veterinary care whenever necessary, including annual exams and vaccinations as recommended by AWLFC, and appropriate exercise and socialization.
- _____ 4. I agree to give this animal an appropriate amount of time to adjust to his/her new home.
- _____ 5. Depending on the breed and at the recommendation of the adoption counselor, I agree to take this dog to obedience training.
- _____ 6. I agree that the animal will be a family companion, live in a private residence, and not be used as a guard animal.

- _____ 7. I agree not to house the dog outside and not to chain, tether, or crate the animal for extended periods of time. Furthermore, I agree to abide by local leash law ordinances.
- _____ 8. I agree to supervise all interactions between this animal and young children.
- _____ 9. I agree that the animal will not be used for medical research or other experimental purposes.
- _____ 10. I agree that the animal will not be given as a surprise gift, given away, sold, or relinquished to an animal shelter or humane society. I agree not to transfer this animal to another person without written permission from the Animal Welfare League of Frederick County.
- _____ 11. If I move, I agree to make every effort to find a place where this animal will be allowed.
- _____ 12. Should I no longer be willing or able to keep this animal, I agree to return the animal to the AWLFC.
- _____ 13. Should I have a question or concern regarding this animal, I agree to contact AWLFC.
- _____ 14. I agree that any and all expenses incurred after adoption are entirely my responsibility.
- _____ 15. I agree that AWLFC will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries, or illness arising from the adoption of this animal. AWLFC does not guarantee the health or temperament of this animal.
- _____ 16. I understand that AWLFC does not refund the adoption fee for a returned animal.
- _____ 17. I agree to acknowledge the right of any authorized agent of AWLFC to come to my premises, without constituting a trespass, to evaluate the status of the animal.
- _____ 18. I agree to not abuse the animal in any way and that to do so constitutes a breach of contract and possibly legal penalties. Abuse includes but is not limited to physical aggression, the withholding of food, water, shelter, extended chaining or crating, and/or emotional neglect.
- _____ 19. I agree to surrender the animal to AWLFC if there is any violation or breach of this contract.
- _____ 20. I agree to pay the Animal Welfare League of Frederick County the sum of \$150.00 as liquidated damages in the event the terms or conditions of this contract are breached; this liquidated damage value is agreed to for the purpose of establishing value of the animal and does not bar AWLFC from seeking return of the animal by a judicial process or other legal means. Adopter agrees to pay reasonable attorneys'

fees and court costs in the event this matter is forwarded to an attorney for enforcement.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

WITNESS _____

For AWLFC Use Only

Cash \$ _____

Check \$ _____

Check # _____

Received By _____