



DOG ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Dog's Name: _____ Breed _____

Color and description _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Spayed _____ Neutered _____

Rabies tag number _____ Medical records provided _____

Adopter's Name _____

Street Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email address: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Spotty Dog Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit animal rescue organization located in Wolcott, CT. In this agreement, it is called "Spotty Dog".

The Adopter represents that the information provided in the application process is true and correct to the best of the Adopter's information and belief.

Spotty Dog and the Adopter wish to enter into this agreement to provide the adopted dog with a suitable forever home.

1. Return Policy. Spotty Dog has a commitment to all its dogs: to care for them for their lifetime. The Adopter agrees that if she is unwilling or unable to care for the dog for its entire lifetime, he or she will contact Spotty Dog and return the dog to a location specified by Spotty Dog. The Adopter understands that he or she is responsible for the care of the animal until he or she has delivered it to Spotty Dog, and will do everything within its power to safely return the dog.

The Adopter agrees that in the event that he or she finds a suitable alternative home for the dog, he or she will contact Spotty Dog with the name, address and phone number of the proposed new adopter. Any proposed new adopter will be required to complete a Spotty Dog application and other requirements for adoption and obtain the approval of Spotty Dog in writing before adopting the dog. Under no circumstances shall the adopter transfer permanent custody, ownership, or possession of the dog to anyone, including family or friends or any entity or agency, without the approval and written consent of Spotty Dog.

2. Adoption Donation. The Adopter agrees to pay an adoption fee of \$_____ to help defray Spotty Dog's expenses for food, spaying or neutering, vaccinations and veterinary care. Additional donations are welcome.

3. Identification, Licenses. The Adopter agrees to keep an identification tag attached to a properly fitted collar on the dog at all times. The Adopter agrees to obtain the proper municipal

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license as required by law. The Adopter also agrees to comply with local and state statutes and ordinances.

4. **Veterinary Care.** The Adopter agrees to provide the dog with the necessary vaccinations as advised by his or her veterinarian. The Adopter agrees to obtain immediate veterinary care should the dog become sick or injured, and to take full financial responsibility for any veterinary expenses.

5. **Care of the Dog.** The Adopter understands that the adopted dog is an indoor pet, and agrees to allow it full access to the home. The Adopter agrees to provide the dog with fresh water, wholesome food, adequate exercise and loving attention.

6. **No Representations.** The Adopter understands that Spotty Dog does not guarantee the health, temperament, or training of the above-described dog.

7. **Seizure and Impoundment of the Dog.** If the dog shall, for any reason, be picked up by local law enforcement or animal control, under no circumstances shall the Adopter agree to or allow the euthanasia of the dog prior to informing Spotty Dog.

8. **Release.** The Adopter understands that this agreement discharges Spotty Dog and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, volunteers, contractors, successors and assigns from any liability to the Adopter and or his/her heirs, executors, personal representatives, and assigns, with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or any and all losses that may result, directly or indirectly, from the adoption or behavior or actions of the dog. The Adopter releases Spotty Dog and discharges Spotty Dog and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, volunteers, contractors, successors and assigns from any liability for Spotty Dog's own negligence or liability that may result in bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or any and all other losses to the Adopter.

9. **Indemnity Agreement.** The Adopter and his/her heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, agrees to indemnify and hold Spotty Dog harmless from all liability for all bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other losses, including attorney's fees and costs, that result to anyone else or any other entity as direct or indirect result of the Adopter's negligence or liability. This includes lone acts by the Adopter as well as the combined acts of the Adopter and others.

10. **Change of Address.** In the event that the Adopter moves, he or she agrees to contact Spotty Dog with change of address information so that all records can be updated.

11. **It is understood that at NO time will the above-described dog be sold, given away, abandoned, sold for research purposes, used for animal sacrifices, used for food or used in the training of fighting animals**

Procedure to Reclaim. On rare occasion, Spotty Dog may have to reclaim the adopted dog. The following describes the procedure that will be followed:

a. Spotty Dog will notify the Adopter by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the reclamation and ask that the dog be returned. The notice shall state clearly the circumstances under which Spotty Dog is acting and state a date when the Adopter may meet with representatives of Spotty Dog to discuss the situation.

b. After 7 days from the mailing of the notice, if the Adopter has not contacted Spotty Dog, or has not accepted the notice, legal action will be commenced by Spotty Dog to retrieve the dog.

c. If the dog is in a situation that may endanger its life, Spotty Dog may contact animal control in the Adopter's locality to recover the dog on behalf of Spotty Dog.

12. **Other.** The Adopter agrees that the releases and indemnity agreement contained herein are intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. The Adopter agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this agreement. This is the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any other verbal or written statements, representations or promises.

This agreement is binding upon the heirs, assigns, successors, personal representatives and executors of both parties.

Signature of Adopter

Date

Agent for Spotty Dog Rescue, Inc.

Date

Fee received: \$ _____