

RUFFUS RESCUE
ADOPTION CONTRACT

ADOPTER INFORMATION [please print]

YOUR NAME _____

DOG INFORMATION

Name or other ID _____ Breed/Mix _____ Age _____

Sex: male female Spayed/Neutered: yes no

CONTRACTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

In adopting a dog from Ruffus Rescue (RR) and signing this contract, I accept certain responsibilities:

- ✓ I will provide adequate and appropriate food, water, shelter, affection and interaction.
- ✓ I will provide all routine and necessary veterinary care to maintain my dog's health, including uninterrupted administration of heartworm preventive and flea/tick prevention, when necessary. I understand that my adopted dog has received routine vaccinations and heartworm testing prior to adoption and it is my responsibility to continue that veterinary care.
- ✓ I will provide any required licenses, including rabies tags, and comply with all state and local ordinances relating to pet ownership.
- ✓ I will not allow dog to be used for medical experimentation, fighting or breeding.
- ✓ I will not dock tail or crop ears, except for medical reason.
- ✓ I will not allow dog to run at large or leave it chained, tethered, or unattended in an unfenced area.
- ✓ I will take all appropriate precautions to prevent the dog's escape or theft and will ensure that the dog always wears a collar and/or harness and a legible ID tag with current contact information.
- ✓ I will contact the microchip monitoring company (as described in the adoption paperwork) to register the dog for permanent identification within 48 hours after completing the adoption process.
- ✓ I will never use a chain training collar (choke-chain, pronged collar, etc.) as the primary collar and will only use it when attached to a leash being held by a responsible person.
- ✓ I will use only humane training and disciplinary techniques and will enroll in and attend an obedience course if problem behavior threatens the relationship with my dog.
- ✓ I will allow a representative of RR to examine dog and its environment at any reasonable time and if, at its sole discretion, RR is not satisfied with its living conditions, allow RR to reclaim dog with no repayment of fees or expenses incurred by me.
- ✓ I understand and accept the following statement: Dogs respond differently to human actions; actions are often unpredictable by human standards; close supervision is required when they are with children; behavior may change after dog begins to accustom itself to its new home.
- ✓ I understand that RR dogs have come from various sources, including animal shelters, animal control facilities, and previous owners/guardians and that detailed physical and behavioral background is not generally available. RR makes no claims or representations as to temperament, health or mental disposition of any dog in its program.
- ✓ If, at any time, I am unable or unwilling to continue to care for my adopted dog, I cannot give away, sell, take to a shelter, or otherwise transfer guardianship or dispose of the dog without first contacting and getting express permission from RR.
- ✓ If dog is lost or stolen or I change my address or other contact information, I will contact RR immediately.

By signing this contract, I further confirm that all information provided in the application and interview is correct and accurate. I understand that once the contract is signed and I have taken possession of the dog, I will be solely responsible for any actions of this dog and agree to hold Ruffus Rescue and its representatives harmless from any liabilities or injuries caused by this animal or any causes of action, claims, suits or demands that arise from such injury or damages.

ADOPTER: _____ Date: _____

RUFFUS RESCUE REPRESENTATIVE: _____ Date: _____

Non-refundable adoption fee received by Ruffus Rescue from adopter: cash check other

****If all Contractual Responsibilities are not adhered to by the adopter,
Ruffus Rescue has the right to take the dog back into the Ruffus Rescue Group.**