

ANGELS ON PAWS ANIMAL RESCUE

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ADOPTION CONTRACT

This ADOPTION CONTRACT is entered into this ____ day of _____, 20____, between (circle one) ANGELS ON PAWS ANIMAL RESCUE or ALMOST HOME DACHSHUND RESCUE SOCIETY (Independent Rescuer Dawn Joslin) hereinafter referred to as "Rescue Organization") and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Adopter").

Adopter agrees to adopt the following dog, named _____ ID# _____ (hereinafter called "Dog"), from Rescue Organization:

Breed: _____ Age: _____

Color: _____ Sex: _____

We want you to enjoy your new pet. We are interested both in your satisfaction and the welfare of the Dog. To insure these objectives, Rescue Organization and Adopter jointly agree to the following:

Rescue Organization agrees:

1. To assist in transferring Dog to Adopter via a rescue volunteer.
2. To provide a dog that is current on rabies and DHLPC vaccines.
Vaccines are next due on _____, 20 ____.
3. To provide a dog that has been spayed or neutered or has a plan in place for when this will take place unless there is a medical reason verified by veterinarian as to why this is not advisable, is free from intestinal worms and heartworms or with a treatment plan is in place if these conditions are known to the rescue – knowing a false negative result is always a possibility for any dog, and is currently on heartworm prevention. Rescue or shelter has tested for these conditions on _____, 20 _____. Retest should be done yearly by Adopter.

In return, as Adopter, I (We) agree to the following:

1. Not to keep the Dog on leased or rented property where a "No Pets" policy is in force.
2. To provide adequate, daily fresh food and water, clean and dry shelter and daily exercise. Adopter further agrees not to tether the Dog in a manner causing it to suffer, including for any length of time greater than what is needed to relieve him or herself (recommended not more than half an hour) nor to closely confine the Dog in a cruel manner. If dog is placed out on a lead for any length of time it will always be with constant supervision in person, to prevent entanglement, injury by other animals, heat or cold exposure, escape, theft or other problems.
3. To obey all applicable laws governing licensing, care, control and custody of dogs.
4. To provide a safe collar with a rabies tag and an I.D. tag with Adopter's current address and telephone number to be worn at all times.
5. To provide and finance all medical care and treatment needed by the Dog from the time of

transfer or beginning of transport, whichever is sooner. Rescue Organization has assessed this Dog but makes no guarantees, since long-term health histories are rarely available. Normal health care is to include annual medical checkups, any vaccinations recommended by your veterinarian, emergency care for illness or injury, and preventive flea and heartworm medications.

6. The dog will be treated as a family member in a humane manner with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the dog's safety and well-being.

7. I/we will feed the dog daily and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.

8. The dog will live inside my home and will not be isolated from the family. I will walk my dog on a leash or exercise my dog in a fenced yard. I will never let my dog run loose or roam, keep my dog chained or tied up, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, pen, or business location, or leave my dog outdoors, even in a fenced yard when no one is at home or present to supervise the dog.

9. I will not have the dog attack-trained nor will I use it for any purpose other than companionship. I will not have the dog's ears cropped nor will I have its tail docked or have any unnecessary procedures performed on my dog such as (but not limited to) tattoos or piercings. I will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the dog.

10. I will take the dog to a licensed veterinarian when shots are due but in no event later than one year from the last vet visit or maintain documentation that I have performed vaccines on an annual schedule by keeping all receipts showing purchase of the vaccine/syringes including lot numbers, etc... for all vaccines other than rabies which must be given by a licensed veterinarian as required every one to three years. I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including: rabies shots; yearly booster shots for DHLPPC; yearly fecal checks for internal parasites (worms); an annual physical and health evaluation with recommended bloodwork and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury. I will maintain these records and provide copies for review if requested. **Please note if you follow a holistic approach with your pet(s) this can be discussed, noted, and agreed upon plan details shall be listed at the end of the contract. Prearranged and agreed upon substitutions will be the only exceptions to this clause.

11. The dog will be given heartworm preventative every month, all year long. I will have a heartworm test given every year. If there is any break in dispensing heartworm tablets, I must retest for heartworm and restart tablets immediately. **Please note if you follow a holistic approach with your pet(s) this can be discussed, noted, and agreed upon plan details shall be listed at the end of the contract. Prearranged and agreed upon substitutions will be the only exceptions to this clause. Yearly heartworm tests will still be required.

12. If not already done due to age or medical condition, I will have the dog spayed/neutered by _____ and will immediately forward proof to Rescue Organization. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the immediate return or confiscation of the dog to Rescue Organization.

13. I/we affirm that no member of my household has been charged or convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment, etc. or any domestic violence violations.

14. I will ensure proper licensing of the dog and will attach the appropriate license tags, rabies tag, microchip tag, and personal identification tag to a non-choke, prong or otherwise "spoked" collar to be worn at all times. No collars that would cause pain in any manner to the dog such as "shock" collars will ever be used. Including those intended for training, restraint, invisible

fencing, etc... I will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state statutes pertaining to animals in your city, county and state including but not limited to licenses, vaccinations, household limits, restraining, enclosing, breed regulations, etc.... I understand it is my responsibility as a pet owner to remain aware and current on these laws and they change on occasion and "not knowing" is not a valid reason for being non-compliant.

15. I agree to have the dog microchipped within 2 weeks if not already done and to always have the rescue organization listed as a secondary contact in case you can not be reached immediately if the dog is found and should need immediate medical care or other needs met. I agree to keep the information kept current at all times and updated annually on the anniversary of the adoption.

16. I am adopting the dog for myself and I agree to not give away, sell, or trade my dog, even as a gift to a friend or family member. I will neither take the dog to a shelter or animal control facility nor abandon the dog. I understand that I must notify the rescue organization, without delay, if I can no longer care for or keep my dog and agree to give the rescue organization reasonable time to rehome my dog or place my dog in an approved foster home, if available. Express written consent must be obtained from this rescue organization prior to any changes in custody for any reason. I must notify the rescue organization of any behavioral problems that have occurred at any time before I return my dog and I agree to pay for a professional trainer's evaluation in case of biting or aggression. No refunds of any fees or donations will be issued and expenses pertaining to any necessary rehoming will be the full responsibility of you, the adopter, including but not limited to veterinary care, boarding, transport, licensing, etc...

17. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at my own risk and I release the rescue organization and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my dog. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for my pet as of the date of this contract. The rescue organization and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the dog.

18. I agree to take the dog to obedience training classes as a puppy and/or as an adult as needed or according to any recommendations made to me by my vet or the rescue organization.

19. In the event the dog becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify the rescue organization. I will also immediately notify the rescue organization of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address). I will provide annual updates (at minimum) to the rescue organization to follow-up on their well-being (and knowing we have become attached to your new family member as well, through the rescue process and want nothing but the best for your new pet and we live for those "Happy Tails.") I give permission for a representative from the rescue organization to contact me for updates as deemed appropriate to ensure the proper care is being provided to the dog and that photos of the dog and living areas may be requested to document health, condition, happiness, shelter, changes in living arrangements, etc... Photos or an updated home check may be requested when moves are made to ensure the new home is deemed appropriate as was required for the initial adoption.

20. This dog's known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that the rescue organization has made no guarantees or representations concerning the age, breed(s), health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the dog. I understand the rescue organization often has very limited, if any, definite information on rescued, surrendered, stray, confiscated, puppy mill, etc... dogs that have been saved.

21. I agree not to euthanize the dog for any reason except as deemed medically necessary for

ill-health, pain or suffering as advised by a licensed veterinarian. **Please remember also if cost is a major concern in treating your pet, many outside organizations offer grant money to help with extenuating circumstances, major medical problems, emergencies, etc... There are also options such as Care Credit to assist so financial issues/concerns do not have to be the main concern when you are dealing with a health crisis. If this becomes an issue we request you contact us immediately so we may be able to guide you to options and alternatives to assist in making your decisions.

22. I agree to permit the rescue organization to make inquiry about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after adoption. This can include visits to my home and contact with my veterinarian. I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE DOG TO THE RESCUE ORGANIZATION.

23. I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with "The Rescue Organization." Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by the rescue organization. In the event there is a violation of the agreement, I agree to pay a minimum of \$500.00 in damages. I agree to pay any and all costs incurred pertaining to any legal actions that may be deemed necessary. Additionally, in order to facilitate the collection of damages for breach of contract, I waive any challenge to venue and agree that the appropriate venue for this matter is the State of NEW JERSEY. Furthermore, I agree to accept service of process by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address provided in this adoption contract, and specifically waive any right to receive personal service.

24. I agree to keep the rescue organization updated and current on my address, phone number, email or any changes to any of my contact information or veterinarian for the life of the dog.

25. I agree to pay the agreed upon adoption fee for my dog, prior to receiving the dog and understand and agree it is non-refundable for any reason/circumstance.

HOME CARE: The welfare of this dog is the sole responsibility of the adopter. The adopter agrees to give the dog good care which includes a quality food for dogs, fresh water, sanitation and grooming, clean and secure indoor housing, clean and secure outdoor enclosures for exercise, shelter from the elements when needed outdoors, overall safety, and all the tender loving care that this dog deserves for the remainder of his or her life!

HOUSING-TRANSPORT: Adopter will keep this dog as a house pet and family member only. This dog is not permitted to live in a dark, dirty or run-down garage, unkempt doghouse or any other outbuilding that is not protected from severe cold and heat. When outside, adopter will always keep and the dog in a fenced yard, with fresh water always. It will NEVER be chained up for a period of time over what is sufficient to go to the bathroom in the case where a fenced yard is not available. It will NEVER be permitted to run loose outside a non-fenced yard. Crating can be used when adopter is not home, but for no more than 8 hour work day and we actually prefer any periods over 6 to 8 hours to have a "dog walker" provide a potty and water break. All crates will be of an appropriate size for your dog, allowing for your dog to stand completely with head held high and enough room to turn around and stretch if needed for comfort. Water will be provided and easily accessible at all times and especially during longer periods of time. Outdoor activities will remain monitored and supervised at all times to ensure the safety of the dog. The dog will NEVER be permitted to ride in the back of a pick-up truck or left in a vehicle in extreme heat, cold or unattended.

REPOSSESSION: Adopter understands that in the event he/she does not follow the terms of this Primary Adopter's Signature/Date _____

Primary Adopter's Printed Name

Secondary Adopter's Signature/Date

Secondary Adopter's Printed Name

Signature and Printed Name of Witness/Date

Witness Address, City, State, Zip

Rescue Organization Representative Signature/Date

Rescue Organization Representative Printed Name
