

Last Stop Rescue Adoption Contract

Last stop rescue NFP, hereinafter referred to as LSR, in consideration of the sum of \$ _____, the receipt of which is acknowledged by _____ on behalf of LSR, Releases the full responsibility and guardianship of

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____
F | M | SF | NM Age: _____
Description of dog: _____

to the undersigned adopter.

The undersigned adopter does hereby release and covenant to hold harmless the LSR and it's members and officers from any claims, damages, costs or actions incurred as a result of this adoption or caused by the actions of the dog transferred herein. This agreement relates to the following dog and Adopter:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Driver's License Number: _____
Other ID: _____
Phone Main: () _____ - _____ Backup: () _____ - _____
Email: _____

understands and agree to accept the following conditions and restrictions in order to be eligible to adopt _____ (dogs name) (hereinafter referred to as the "dog") described above.

The parties hereto agree that the owners shall abide by the following conditions:

1. _____ (Dog being adopted) , Hereinafter referred to as the dog, is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the dog to treat and to be responsible for it as their own dog.
2. The dog will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the dog's safety and well-being.
3. I/we will feed the dog an appropriate diet and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.
4. 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, or pen, or leave my dog outdoors, even in a fenced yard when no one is at home.
5. 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. I will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the dog.
6. I will take the dog to a licensed veterinarian when shots are due (see medical papers for dates) but in no event later than one year from the last vet visit. I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including: rabies shots as required every one or three years; yearly booster shots for DHLPPC; yearly fecal checks for internal parasites & worms; and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.

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7. The dog will be given heartworm-preventative tablets every month, all year long. I will have a heartworm test given every year. If there is any break in dispensing heartworm medication, I must retest for heartworm and restart the medication immediately.
8. The following statement is required by Illinois law: According to the Alliance for Contraception in Cats & Dogs (ACC & D), “dogs and cats must be ‘rendered incapable of reproduction’ before adoption, or persons wishing to adopt ‘prior to the surgical procedures’ must enter into a sterilization agreement.”
9. If not already done, I will have the dog spayed/neutered and will not allow the animal to breed.
 - a. _____ I have read and signed the sterilization contract provided.
 - b. _____ No contract is required as this process is complete.
10. I/we affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment, etc.
11. I will ensure proper licensing of the dog and will attach the appropriate license tag, rabies tag, and personal identification tag to a martingale collar to be worn at all times. I will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state statutes.
12. I will not use a choke-type collar at any time, except for training under the guidance of a qualified dog trainer.
13. If required, I will give reasonable time to rehome my dog or place my dog in an approved foster home, if possible. I must notify LSR 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 cases of biting or aggression. I understand that LSR will always take their dogs back.
14. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at my own risk, and I release LSR 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. LSR and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the dog.
15. I agree to take the dog to obedience training classes as a puppy, and/or as an adult at least once to build a foundation of communication with my new family member.
 - a. _____ I have read and signed the training/placement plan for this dog.
 - b. _____ I understand this dog does not need a training or placement plan but I must still take the dog to training.
16. In the event the dog becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify LSR. I will also immediately notify LSR of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address).
17. This dog’s known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I acknowledge that LSR has provided a report regarding their health, condition, training, behavior, and temperament of the dog. I understand that while this is a comprehensive evaluation process there are no guarantees in life.
 - a. _____ I have read and signed the extended medical plan for this dog.
 - b. _____ I understand this dog does not have any special medical conditions known at this time.
18. I understand I have 7 days to get familiar with, verify everything communicated so far and have my vet check out this dog at my own expense. During these seven days I understand:
 - a. I am required to communicate any incidents that might be considered a medical or behavioral issue in order to seek assistance addressing them.
 - b. I can get a refund up until the 9th day post adoption which would be _____.

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- c. That a foster spot will be held for these 9 days, after which there will be no certainty LSR can remove this dog from my possession immediately.
19. I will not transfer the dog to any other person or entity.
20. If, for any reason, the adoption should ever become unsatisfactory, due to behavioral or health concerns, the Adopter MUST do the following:
 - a. Behavioral:
 - i. LSR needs to be contacted and will give the Adopter information on pursuing specialty training, behavioral consultation, and/or in-home behavioral programming in order to rectify any problem.
 - b. Health:
 - i. LSR is always concerned about the health of our dogs throughout their lifetime and should ALWAYS be notified of any major medical concerns.
 - c. If the dog must be returned, LSR does not have a facility and needs a reasonable amount of time to find an alternative placement. It is my responsibility to house, care and attend full responsibility for said dog until alternative placement is found.
 - d. I understand the adoption fees are NOT refundable after the 9th day.
 - e. I will return the dog in the same or better condition as when it was adopted.
 - f. If I relinquish the dog I will pay any medical care required for the dog in its entirety.
21. In the event the Adopter returns the dog to LSR for any reason, I will at no time assert any claim or demand against LSR for any charges, which may have been incurred in connection with the dog.
22. I agree to permit LSR to make inquiries 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 THE FORFEITURE OF THE DOG TO LSR.

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I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with Last Stop Rescue. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by LSR. In the event there is a violation of the agreement, I agree to pay a minimum of \$6,000.00 in damages. Additionally, in order to facilitate the collection of damages for breach of contract, I waive any challenge to the venue and agree that the appropriate venue for this matter is the Commonwealth of Illinois, and the County of DuPage. 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.

I have read the items above and fully understand this adoption agreement in its entirety and agree to all the terms of this contract.

Adopters name: _____
& signature: _____ Date: _____

LSR representative name: _____
& signature: _____ Date: _____

Adoption fee: \$ _____
Payment Method: Cash | Check (# _____) | Money Order

