



Pet Adoption Contract

This contract is made and entered into on the date of _____ by and between *Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc.* and the following individual(s), (hereinafter "Adopter").

The Adopter shall read and sign this Contract. The adoption fee will be used to help Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. offset the general expenses incurred in rescuing, training, boarding and caring for these pets.

Name(s) of adult(s) living in home: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Adopter has requested that Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. transfer to the Adopter ownership of the pet, and Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. has agreed to do so upon the terms and conditions stated in this contract.

Name of Pet: _____

Type/Breed of Pet: _____

Color of Pet _____ Sex of Pet: M or F Age of Pet: _____

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the parties to this contract agree as follows:

Prior to placement of the pet with the Adopter, the Adopter agrees to pay a non-refundable adoption fee to Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. of:

_____ \$400 for puppies (up to 7 months) (including deposit of \$100.00 to hold a puppy, with the remainder due upon pickup).

_____ \$300 for dogs – 7 months up to 8 years

_____ \$200 for dogs – over 8 years (it is at the discretion of the rescue to adjust this price dependent upon the health of the dog)

* We reserve the right to charge Adoption Fees up to \$1,000, regardless of age.

Terms of Adoption Agreement

Adopter: Please initial each term after reading

_____ The Adopter acknowledges that ownership of the adopted pet may pose dangers to people and animals. Such dangers include, but are not limited to: the risk that the pet can bite, scratch, trip and knock down people, especially children, and may fight other animals. The Adopter also acknowledges that Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. has limited information about the pet, and therefore cannot predict whether the pet will be suitable for the Adopter's lifestyle and household. Accordingly, the Adopter assumes the risk of injuries, losses, damages, costs and expenses of every possible cause and description, caused by the pet and agrees that Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. will not be held legally or financially responsible for the same, and that Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. shall be held harmless.

_____ The Adopter acknowledges that while Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. provides medical care, spay/neuter, vaccinations, deworming meds, heartworm preventatives, flea/tick preventatives, pet type-specific tests (heartworm for dogs) there is no guarantee of the pet's good health. All medical information that Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. has will be provided to the Adopter for review. **The Adopter is required to take their pet to their vet within the first 30 (thirty) days of the adoption for exam and provide Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. with a copy of the paid invoice.** The Adopter agrees to take the pet to the following vet, and if Adopter changes the vet, they are required to advise Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. of the change:

VETERINARIAN NAME & PHONE #:

_____ If the Adopter resides in housing that is rented, the Adopter will provide written permission from the landlord prior to the pet's placement with the Adopter if requested by Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc.

_____ The Adopter acknowledges that Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. will always take a pet back into their care if the Adopter can no longer care for the pet. If a medical need arises for the pet that the Adopter cannot afford the Adopter agrees to contact Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. to see if financial assistance is available.

_____ The Adopter will treat the pet humanely, particularly with respect to the provision of adequate and appropriate food, clean water, shelter and veterinary care. The Adopter will not use painful, violent or cruel methods for training the pet and will not physically abuse or harm the pet for any reason.

_____ The Adopter shall use positive reinforcement training techniques with respect to training the pet. Adopter shall NOT use negative dominance type training such as:

- Choke Collar
- Prong Collar
- Shock Collar
- Pushing
- Shoving
- Hitting
- Alpha Rolling

_____ If the Adopter decides, at any time, to enroll the pet in a board and train program for training the Adopter will advise Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. of the decision and will secure written authorization from Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. prior to enrolling the pet in that board and train program. If the Adopter enrolls the pet in a board and train program that Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. does not approve the Adopter agrees to surrender the pet immediately upon the demand of Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. If the pet is surrendered, the Adopter shall be reimbursed for their adoption fee.

_____ The Adopter will not:

1. Keep the pet outdoors for extended periods of time during the day without adequate water, shelter, confinement, and supervision.
2. Keep the pet outdoors overnight and/or chained.
3. Use the pet for any other purpose than companionship.
4. Disobey federal or state laws or local ordinances pertaining to pets.

_____ The Adopter will not kennel or confine any pet over six (6) months of age, inside the home for periods of time greater than 8 hours during the day.

_____ Specifics as to puppy/baby (defined as under 6 months):

- Adopter shall take the puppy/baby for potty breaks as follows:
 - at two months of age no less than every 2 hours
 - at three months of age no less than every 3 hours
 - at four months of age no less than every 4 hours
 - at five months of age no less than every 4 hours
 - at six months of age no less than every 4 hours
- Adopter shall let the puppy/baby out for socialization as follows:
 - ay two months of age no less than every 2 hours
 - at three months of age no less than every 3 hours
 - at four months of age no less than every 4 hours
 - at five months of age no less than every 4 hours
 - at six months of age no less than every 4 hours

_____ The Adopter shall keep the pet up to date on veterinarian-recommended vaccinations, heartworm prevention/testing, flea/tick prevention and all other routine care deemed necessary by veterinarian. Adopter will provide written authorization to their veterinarian allowing Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. to confirm with the veterinarian for the first 24 months following the adoption, that all recommended prevention/testing/routine care is provided.

----- Additional provisions relative to Adopter for the pet referred to as _____:

_____ The Adopter acknowledges that at any time Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. may inquire about the health, well being and living conditions of the pet and that upon such inquiry the Adopter shall provide the information sought. Adopter shall allow examination of the pet and its living conditions upon twenty-four (24) hour written or verbal notice to Adopter by a Ma, Paws, and Me Pet Rescue, Inc. representative. Such notice may be shortened in the event of an emergency (i.e., suspected mistreatment of the Pet or any breach of this Agreement) as determined by Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc.

_____ Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. acknowledges that there may be a time when an Adopter can no longer care for their adopted pet. In this case the Adopter shall return the pet to Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. **and will not independently rehome the pet.**

_____ Adopter acknowledges that Ma, Paws & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. has the right to rescind this contract and remove the pet from the Adopter's possession at any time during the first one hundred and twenty (120) days, of the date of adoption, with or without cause. If the contract is rescinded and the pet is removed, the Adopter shall be reimbursed for their adoption fee.

_____ Adopter acknowledges that upon any breach of the terms of this contract Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. will have the right to rescind the contract and remove the pet from the Adopter's possession.

_____ In the event that Adopter wishes to rescind the adoption agreement the Pet shall be returned to Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. If this occurs within fourteen (14) days of receiving the pet, the Adopter will receive a full refund of the adoption fee. After fourteen (14) days, the Adopter may return the pet to Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. but will not be entitled to any reimbursement of the adoption fee. Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. will cooperate and assist with the return of the pet upon request of Adopter at any time.

_____ The Adopter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc., and their agents and representatives for and against any and all manner of actions and causes of actions, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, agreements, judgments, claims and demands whatsoever arising out of or relating to the ownership, placement, possession or actions of the pet. This agreement supersedes all prior discussions, representations, warranties and agreements of the parties, and expresses the entire agreement between Adopter and Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. regarding the matter described above. The parties confirm that no promises, representations or oral agreements have been made with regard to the pet or anything else.

_____ The Adopter agrees to keep the pet on heartworm preventatives year round.

*****This section is in regards to dogs that have been tested for heartworm or have been treated for heartworm. Not for heartworm preventatives that have been given.**

_____ Adopter acknowledges that the dog they adopted from Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. has tested **negative** for heartworms on its most recent heartworm test. The Adopter acknowledges that sometimes a dog that has tested negative while in our care may later test positive for heartworms. If the pet tests positive for heartworms within the first 6 months of this adoption, Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. will cover the expense of the heartworm treatment if the following occurs: (1) Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. will do our own retest for heartworms prior to treatment, and (2) the adopter shows proof that they have kept the dog on heartworm preventative during those first six (6) months of ownership. If treatment is necessary, Adopter agrees that heartworm treatment will be done by the veterinarian chosen by Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc.

_____ Adopter acknowledges that they have been made aware that they are adopting a dog which was treated for heartworms. _____ was treated for heartworm on _____ (Pet Name)
(Dates Treated)

Adopter further acknowledges that the adopted pet must be on restricted activity for at least six (6) months after treatment. This includes cage rest, no running, and leash walking only for bathroom breaks. **I understand that he/she needs to stay on monthly heartworm preventative and I will be required to show proof of this.** Adopter further acknowledges that the pet can test positive for up to 6 months after treatment and sometimes longer. I understand that I will need to have him/her retested for heartworm 6 months after above listed date. If he/she still tests positive at the 6 month recheck, the rescue will pay to retreat at the recommendations of the Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. veterinarian. Retreatment of the heartworm will be done by the veterinarian chosen by Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc.

_____ Adopter acknowledges that Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. has not represented, promised, guaranteed or warranted that the pet is able to be trained, that the pet will never bite, that the pet will not be dangerous or vicious in the future, or that the pet will not exhibit other behavioral problems.

_____ Adopter acknowledges that if payment via check is made to satisfy the adoption fee required by this contract and that check is returned to Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. due to insufficient funds, Adopter shall have 24 hours to pay the adoption fee in cash to Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. including any bank fees charged to Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. for the returned payment. If Adopter does not provide payment as outlined above, this contract shall be null and void and the Adopter shall immediately return the pet to Ma, Paws, and Me Pet Rescue, Inc. and if necessary Ma, Paws, and Me Pet Rescue, Inc. shall be entitled to remove the pet from the Adopter's possession, and seek damages for any and all expenses and losses occurred as provided for under Wis.Stats. 943.245.

_____ Adopter acknowledges that should suit be required to enforce any of the terms of this contract, the Adopter will be liable for any and all court costs and legal fees, including attorney fees and administrative costs, incurred by Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc.

If any term of this contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced the term shall be excluded to the extent of its invalidity, illegality or unenforceability and the remainder of terms in this contract shall remain in full force and effect, and any such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this contract.

I, the Adopter, acknowledge that I have received, in addition to a copy of this contract, a health history, vaccination status, and all other medical information on the pet that Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. has in their possession.

Adopter

Date

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Ma, Paws, & Me Pet Rescue, Inc. Representative

Date
