

GREEN DOG FOUNDATION



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Rescuing Your Next Best Friend!

Before you can actually take one of these precious dogs home to their new family, it is very important that we be able to know that they will be as loved and cared for, as they deserve, for the rest of their lives. This Adoption Agreement must be signed and accepted by GreenDog Foundation. Please understand that if you fail to comply with any of the terms specified herein, GreenDog Foundation has the right to reclaim the dog and to pursue any legal channels to do so. Our goal is to make sure each of our loving pets are taken care of and nurtured for the rest of their days.

Please complete this agreement, print, sign and give to GreenDog Foundation upon a successful adoption.

DOG ADOPTION CONTRACT/AGREEMENT

GreenDog Foundation (hereinafter also referred to as “Charity/Rescue/we/us”), a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and the undersigned (the “adopter” or “you”), in consideration of the mutual covenants in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, and intending to be legally bound by this Agreement, agree to the following:

I _____ agree to the following regarding the adoption of (*name of dog*) _____, a (*sex*) _____ dog known as a (*breed*) _____, microchip # _____ on this date of _____;

- 1) **Care of the Dog:** You agree that this Dog is being adopted as a family member and will be given extensive house privileges; i.e. sleep inside the house, be allowed freedom of the house when the family is home, and will NOT be restricted to the yard at any time. You agree to provide the Dog with fresh water, wholesome dog food, adequate outdoor exercise, affection and shelter. You also agree that the Dog will not be used as a guard animal, or for any purpose other than as a companion and friend to you and your family. No alteration to the animal’s appearance is permitted (i.e. docking of tails, ears, etc.)
- 2) **Veterinary Care:** The adopter will keep the dog current on all vaccinations including but not limited to Rabies, Distemper/Parvo (DHLPP), Bordetella and ensure the dog receives preventative medication to protect against heart-worm (if necessary). I agree to provide the best available care to the dog in a timely manner. Any veterinary problems that may arise, including serious illness requiring emergency care or surgery is my responsibility and I am responsible for all related costs.

3) **Environment:** Where applicable, the adopter will provide a secure fenced yard with ample room for outdoor exercise. If fencing needs repair or modification in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the dog, the adopter agrees to make any necessary repairs prior to allowing the dog access to the yard (a yard check is required before adoption is final). You agree to maintain the security of the fencing in the future to further secure the dog. Adopter understands that gardeners, pool services, contractors and utility workers are not responsible for the safety of the dog; therefore, the dog must be kept indoors when workmen have access to the yard.

*Note: Many dogs are sensitive and scared of loud noises, and you hereby agree to keep the dog indoors or in a safe and secure environment on holidays such as July 4th and New Year's Eve.

4) **Identification:** Adopter agrees to provide an identification tag and collar for the dog and to license the dog in the city/county where the adopter lives in accordance with its laws and bylaws.

5) **Restraining:** Adopter agrees that the dog will NEVER be tied up on its property or elsewhere. Adopter understands that restraining a dog by tying it to a fixed post or wire run is unsafe and may cause theft of the dog, unpredictable behavior and random aggression. In addition, not being able to access water or shade puts the dog in immediate risk of heatstroke and/or death. The adopter agrees not to crate the dog and/or otherwise confine the dog for extended periods of time (more than 5 hours).

6) **Lost Dog:** If the dog becomes lost, adopter agrees to make an immediate and serious effort to find the dog by reporting the absence (i.e. filing lost reports with animal control, animal shelters, SPCAs and local veterinarians and pet stores), posting "Lost Dog" signs and placing lost dog ads in the local papers. Adopter also agrees to contact GreenDog Foundation immediately following the dog's absence.

7) **Transfer of Ownership:** If at any time in the future you cannot continue to provide the proper care for your dog, you will not abandon, give or sell the dog to another person, relative, company, organization, medical research lab, pound or animal shelter. You agree to do one or more of the following:

a) Obtain approval from GreenDog Foundation to transfer the ownership of the dog to a friend or relative. GreenDog Foundation must approve the new adopter who will be required to sign an agreement similar to this one.

b) Return the dog to GreenDog Foundation so that we can actively seek a new home.

8) **Return Policy:** If adopter decides not to keep the dog, adopter hereby agrees to return the dog to GreenDog Foundation. Importantly, adopter agrees to give GreenDog Foundation **ten working days** to secure a kennel, and adopter agrees to provide safe and loving care of the dog until it is returned to rescue. Adopter acknowledges that any money donated to GreenDog Foundation will not be refunded.

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- 9) **Euthanasia:** Adopter agrees to not euthanize the dog except in the case of the dog's terminal illness or injury, or old age accompanied by pain and suffering and in that case, the euthanasia must be performed by a licensed veterinarian. I understand that medical care for a dog can be costly, especially as the dog ages. I agree to make adequate and reasonable efforts to attend to my dog's medical needs, and I will not euthanize my dog just because I do not want to incur the medical expense.
- 10) **Estate Provisions:** Adopter agrees to provide for care of the dog in their will or estate if by no other means than specifying in writing that the dog is to be returned to Greendog Foundation in the event of the adopter's death.
- 11) **Change of Contact Info:** You will notify GreenDog Foundation and the dog's microchipping company of all changes of address and/or telephone within 30 days after the change.
- 12) **Follow Ups:** Adopter understands and agrees that GreenDog Foundation is fully entitled to make follow-up visits or phone calls to ascertain that all of the covenants and clauses of this agreement are being satisfied as well as to the dog's safety, living conditions, health or well-being. Adopter is obligated to cooperate with GreenDog Foundation.
- 13) **Right to Reclaim:** Adopter agrees that GreenDog Foundation reserves the right to reclaim the dog at once should it learn that any of the above conditions are not met to the satisfaction of the rescue. Adopter further understands and agrees that any expenses incurred by rescue in exercising its rights under this provision will be paid by Adopter.
- 14) Adopter agrees that there is no falsified information on the adoption application and understands that the application is incorporated into this Agreement.

BY ADOPTER:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Driver's Lic. # & State: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work &/or Cell #s: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

BY GREENDOG FOUNDATION:

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____