

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 Foster-to-Adopt 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 a GreenDog Foundation representative.

FOSTER-TO-ADOPT CONTRACT

GreenDog Foundation (hereinafter also referred to as “GreenDog” or “GDF”) a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and the undersigned (the “adopter” or “I”), 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:** I 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. I agree to provide the dog with fresh water, wholesome dog food, adequate outdoor exercise, affection and shelter. I 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 me and my family. No alteration to the animal’s appearance is permitted (i.e. docking of the tails, ears, etc.).
- 2) Food:** I am responsible for providing all food for the dog. GDF recommends a high-quality, grain-free food for the best health of your dog.
- 3) Veterinary Care:** I will keep the dog current on all vaccinations. GDF covers their required vaccinations (DHLPP, Bordetella and Rabies) at the veterinarian designated

(see attachment). If I choose to treat the dog with anti-heartworm medication or parasite/deworming (providing the veterinarian agrees with it), this is NOT covered by GDF and payment must be paid by me. I will notify the veterinarian upon arrival that I am fostering a "GreenDog" and always use the name provided to the dog by GDF when at a GDF veterinarian.

- 4) **Schedule of Vaccines:** I agree to provide the required vaccinations and the spay or neuter to the dog in a timely manner (a schedule is included on Page 4). Any veterinary problems that may arise, including serious illness requiring emergency care or surgery and all related costs is my responsibility.
- 5) **Spay/Neuter:** GreenDog is responsible for the cost of the spay or neutering of my dog. This procedure must take place between 16 and 24 weeks of age. Once the spay or neuter procedure is complete, the requirements for full adoption will hereby be deemed completed and full ownership of the dog is completely transferred to me.

_____ (initial).



- 6) **Environment:** Where applicable, I 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, I agree to make any necessary repairs prior to allowing the dog access to the yard (a yard check is required before adoption is final). I agree to maintain the security of the fencing in the future to further secure the dog. I understand 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.*

- 7) **Identification:** I agree to provide an identification tag and collar for the dog and to license the dog in the city and county where I live in accordance with local laws and bylaws.
- 8) **Restraining:** I agree that the dog will NEVER be tied up on its property or elsewhere. I understand 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. I agree not to crate the dog and/or otherwise confine the dog for extended periods of time (more than 5 hours).
- 9) **Lost Dog:** If the dog becomes lost, I agree 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. I also agree to contact GreenDog Foundation immediately following the dog's absence.
- 10) **Transfer of Ownership:** If at any time in the future I cannot continue to provide the proper care for my dog, I will not abandon, give or sell the dog to another person, relative, company, organization, medical research lab, pound or animal shelter. I

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 they can actively seek a new home.

11) **Return Policy:** If I decide not to keep the dog, I hereby agree to return the dog to GreenDog Foundation. Most importantly, I agree to give GreenDog Foundation **ten working days** to secure a kennel, and I agree to provide safe and loving care of the dog until it is returned to rescue. I acknowledge that any money donated to

GreenDog Foundation will not be refunded _____(initials).



- 12) **Euthanasia:** I agree 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.
- 13) **Estate Provisions:** I agree to provide for care of the dog in my 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 my death.
- 14) **Change of Contact Information:** I will notify the dog's microchipping company and GreenDog Foundation of all changes of address and/or telephone within 30 days after the change.
- 15) **Follow Ups:** I understand and agree 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. I am obligated to cooperate with GreenDog Foundation.
- 16) **Right to Reclaim:** I agree 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. I further understand and agree that any expenses incurred by rescue in exercising its rights under this provision will be paid by me.

By signing this agreement, I agree that there is no falsified information on the adoption application and understand that the application is incorporated into this Foster-to-Adopt Contract.

Adopter's Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

(continued on page 4)

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone & Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

GDF Veterinarian: _____

Vaccine Schedule:

Spay and/or Neuter Date:

Adoption to be Completed By (date):

Additional Notes:
