

Friends of Jefferson Animals Adoption Contract

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

1. The pet 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 at least twice a day 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.
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. 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 tablets, I must retest for heartworm and restart tablets immediately.
7. **STERILIZATION OF ANY ADOPTED ANIMAL IS REQUIRED. THE ADOPTER AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH TIMELY STERILIZATION OF THE ADOPTED PET. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS IS SUBJECT TO CIVIL PENALTY.**
8. If not already done, I will have the dog spayed/neutered by 6 months of age and will immediately forward proof to the FOJA office. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the immediate return of the dog to FOJA.
9. I/we affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment etc.
10. I will ensure proper licensing of the dog and will attach the appropriate personal identification tag to a non-choke collar to be worn at all times. I will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state statutes.
11. I will not use a choke-type collar at any time, except for training under the guidance of a qualified dog trainer.
12. 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 nor abandon the dog. I understand that I must notify FOJA, without delay, if I can no longer care for or keep my dog and agree to give FOJA reasonable time to rehome my dog or place my dog in an approved foster home, if possible. I must notify FOJA 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.
13. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at my own risk, and I release FOJA 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. FOJA

and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the dog.

14. In the event the dog becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify FOJA. I will also immediately notify FOJA of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address).
15. This dog's known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that FOJA has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the dog.
16. I agree to permit FOJA 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 FOJA.

I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with Friends of Jefferson Animals. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by FOJA. Additionally, to facilitate the collection of damages for breach of contract, I waive any challenge to venue. 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.

Adopter's Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOJA Representative's Signature: _____

Date: _____