



## DOG ADOPTION CONTRACT

Adopter's name: (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ID/License: \_\_\_\_\_

It is accepted that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ the above-named person adopts from Miami Animal Rescue, a canine described as follows:

1. Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Age or DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Microchip # \_\_\_\_\_ with the medical package of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **INITIAL BELOW**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We hereby agree to care for this animal humanely (including providing adequate food, water, shelter, love, and attention). I/We agree to have dog vaccinated annually with necessary inoculations and vaccinated against Rabies, as local ordinances require. I/We agree to provide essential veterinary care, as needed. If said dog becomes lost or stolen, I/We agree to notify Miami Animal Rescue immediately. Under no circumstances other than medically driven or live saving necessity any bodily alterations to adopted animals are allowed. No ear cropping, tail tucking, piercing, tattooing or any kind of alterations are allowed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We understand that rescue dogs arrive from a variety of backgrounds. Miami Animal Rescue attempts to observe any pregnancy conditions that may exist in dogs arriving to the organization. However, it is possible that an unaltered dog could be pregnant without showing observable signs at the time of arrival. I understand that any unborn puppies of a dog that was pregnant at the time of adoption remains the sole property of Miami Animal Rescue. I will immediately notify Miami Animal Rescue once a pregnancy becomes known. Miami Animal Rescue will retain responsibility for the approval and adoption process of the puppies to ensure appropriate placement. I agree to turnover physical possession of the puppies to Miami Animal Rescue should they request it. Miami Animal Rescue will cover the costs of veterinarian treatment related to the puppies and pregnancy at a Miami Animal Rescue approved veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We also agree not to sell, trade, or dispose of this dog. I/We further agree that said dog shall not be used for medical or any other experimental purposes or sold or given to a pet store, supplier, or wholesaler.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We agree that said dog will not be used for any illegal purposes and will NEVER be fought in any way. **If this clause is broken, I/We understand that the dog will be immediately confiscated by Miami Animal Rescue and all law enforcement agencies will be notified, as applicable.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We certify that we do not live in an area where dogs are banned.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We agree to notify Miami Animal Rescue within 10 days of any change of address or phone # (and vice versa). It is also understood that Miami Animal Rescue may examine and make inquiries about said dog at any time and make

surprise home visits. If not satisfied with the condition of the dog or the conditions in which it is kept, said dog can or may be removed immediately and placed in a different home. Any veterinary services needed due to negligence or lack of care, will be the adopter's responsibility and payable to Miami Animal Rescue.

\_\_\_\_\_I/We agree to use the facility designated by Miami Animal Rescue to spay and/or neuter the dog. If I choose to use another location Miami Animal Rescue will not be responsible for the costs or continues care and by choosing to use a private veterinarian Adopter assumes all risk, responsibility, and expenses for your pet's care.

\_\_\_\_\_I/We agree that all animals adopted from Miami Animal Rescue are subject to a **mandatory spay and neuter** due to the massive overpopulation in Miami Dade County. As per Florida State Statute 823.15 and Miami Dade County Code, Chapter V, Section 5-5, **you are required to have your new pet sterilized within 30 days of adoption. The surgery is included in your adoption fee. Failure to do so will result in a \$500 citation.** If the surgery is done at the private veterinarian proof of compliance must be submitted within 30 days from the date of this agreement. Extensions will be granted only with medical documentation from your pet's veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_I/We understand The Animal being adopted came to Miami-Dade County's Animal Services' Department as a stray or was surrendered or abandoned by its previous owner, and its medical history prior to its arrival at the shelter/rescue is unknown. Accordingly, the Adopter or third party organization agrees to hold Miami-Dade County (the "County") and Miami Animal Rescue harmless from any claim related to medical care for the Animal or for Adopter's or third party's other pets if they contract a disease from the Animal. The Adopter or third party organization further understands that animals can be unpredictable and hereby acknowledges and agrees that the County, Miami Animal Rescue, and their respective agents, volunteers, and employees have not made any warranties regarding the future condition, temperament, or conduct of the Animal. The Adopter or third-party organization hereby accepts the Animal "as is" and agrees to assume all risks and responsibilities associated with ownership of the Animal, including bites. The Adopter or third party organization further agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and Miami Animal Rescue and their respective officers, employees, agents, and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses, or damages, even if caused by the sole negligence of the County or Miami Animal Rescue, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, as a result of any claims, demands, suits, causes of actions, or proceedings of any kind or nature, whether known or unknown, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the adoption, care, ownership, maintenance, retention, temperament, conduct, or condition of the Animal.

I certify that I have read and understand the terms of this Spay/Neuter Agreement. I acknowledge that failure to comply with these terms shall be considered breach of contract and will result in civil penalties as set forth in Chapter V Article 5-5.

\_\_\_\_\_Adopter(s)/Owner(s) hereby release and agree to hold Miami Animal Rescue harmless from any future liability and/or financial responsibility for the adopted animal. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize Miami Animal Rescue to verify all statements in my application and make such inquiries of my personal, employment, education references or criminal history as may be necessary in arriving at an adoption decision. I authorize Miami Animal Rescue, PetSmart Charities and others to access and process my personal information for marketing and advertising purposes.

**I/WE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND WILL KEEP THE DOG DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A FAMILY MEMBER. I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A BINDING CONTRACT ENFORCEABLE BY CIVIL LAW.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_