

## The Second Hand Dog Rescue Adoption Contract



This contract is between The Second Hand Dog Rescue (hereafter called SHDR), and the Adopter, whose information is written below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter called Adopter)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

concerning the Pet described below:

Foster Name of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_ Litter Name (puppies): \_\_\_\_\_ New Adopted Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed Mix (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Color/ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female Pet is: Spayed / Neutered / Intact

Housebroken? Y / N Known Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

The Adopter agrees to the following, **as shown by their Initials:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment to SHDR of a required, non-refundable adoption donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which covers all vetting to age (including deworming and vaccinations), spay/neuter deposit (offsets vetting if already altered), microchip.

\_\_\_\_\_ If Pet is Intact (as marked above), SHDR will provide spay/neuter at our clinic after 6 months of age (contact us for an appt) at no charge. Should the adopter choose to utilize their own vet for this procedure, SHDR will refund Adopter the spay/neuter deposit of \$60 after proof of altering is received. (\$15 rebate for microchip done at own vet) Adopter acknowledges that spay/neuter should occur no later than 8 months of age (unless vet advises otherwise) or, for adult Pets, within 30 days of adoption.

\_\_\_\_\_ SHDR will provide a one-time rebate of \$60 once Adopter has provided either proof of positive-based obedience class purchase and graduation, or Pet's successful attainment of the American Kennel Club's "Canine Good Citizen" award.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter acknowledges that SHDR makes all attempts to ensure that the Pet is healthy and sound, unless an ongoing medical condition(s) is present and has been disclosed within this contract. If Adopter elects to adopt the Pet, after being disclosed said condition(s), Adopter also releases SHDR from any liability to costs associated to that condition(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter will take the Pet to a licensed veterinarian of their choice within 7 days after taking possession of the Pet. Should any serious, undisclosed medical conditions be discovered at this time, Adopter has the option of returning the Pet to SHDR for a full refund or exchange for another available Pet. After this 7 day period, Adopter agrees that SHDR will not be held liable for any costs incurred by Adopter or Pet, and that Adopter will pay all costs associated with returning the Pet to SHDR. Should the Adopter elect to keep the adopted dog, Adopter retains all liability in caring/treating for the adopted Pet.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands that, while SHDR has treated the Pet at least once for parasites, such as worms and fleas, there is no guarantee that the Pet has not reacquired these parasites since the last SHDR treatment, nor that they are immune to reacquiring these parasites after adoption. Adopter understands that this is due to the nature of these parasites and their acquisition.

\_\_\_\_\_ Any Pet adopted from SHDR is not for resale or breeding, and is to remain with the Adopter. Adopter agrees that the Pet will never be given away/leased/sold to any animal shelter, pet store, research facility/laboratory.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter will keep the Pet for the duration of the Pet's life, unless unforeseen circumstances prevent this. Adopter will make provisions (written and oral) for the care and ownership of the Pet should the Adopter become incapacitated/deceased.

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\_\_\_\_\_ If it becomes necessary for the adopter to give up or otherwise surrender this Pet, Adopter will contact SHDR, who has the first option to take the Pet back or assist in finding the Pet another home. Under no circumstances will Adopter abandon the Pet or otherwise release it from Adopter's care.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Pet is to be kept indoors and is not to be left outside for long periods of time. If outside, Adopter will not let the Pet run loose outdoors, with the exception of the Pet being on a lead or leash, or observed while in a fully-enclosed outdoor run. The Adopter understands that these restrictions are for the Pet's protection, safety, and general well-being.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Pet's diet is to consist of high-quality dry kibble, wet, or raw food. No wheat, corn, or animal byproducts.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Pet is to remain up-to-date on all immunizations, per Adopter's veterinarian's recommendations and policies.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands that SHDR places Pets from unknown backgrounds. Adopter assumes all risks of being bitten, injured, or frightened by Pets in association with SHDR. Adopter agrees that SHDR is not liable to Adopter for any injuries, damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses whatsoever which the Adopter might suffer in connection adopting a Pet from SHDR.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands that, should any violation of the conditions set forth in this contract occur, SHDR or its representatives will take any legal action required to ensure the conditions are being met or are restored, to the full extent of the law.

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*SHDR and Adopter agree to the following, **if applicable**, as shown by their respective Initials:*

\_\_\_\_\_ A pre-adoption deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the adoption donation, which secures the Adopter the rights to adopt the Pet once s/he reaches the proper age and/or health.

*The approximate date for this adoption is \_\_\_\_\_, upon which time the remaining balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be paid by Adopter to SHDR to complete the terms in this contract.*

\_\_\_\_\_ A trial period of \_\_\_\_\_ days (up to 21), during which time Adopter can return Pet to SHDR and receive a refund of the adoption donation as follows: 100% refund of adoption donation if Pet returned on day 8-21; 50% refund of adoption donation if Pet returned on day 1-7. SHDR will make every effort to make appropriate refund of adoption donation via electronic means within 7 days of return of Pet. Adopter understands that, in doing so, SHDR is not liable for any injuries, damages, losses, or other expenses incurred by the Pet during its stay with the Adopter.

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We, the undersigned, consider this document to be legally binding. No changes, alterations, deletions, or modifications of this adoption contract/ agreement will be effective unless agreed to in writing and signed by both Adopter and an agent of SHDR.

Adopter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ SHDR Agent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ SHDR Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**(Updated 5/3/24)**