

Puppies Are Worth Saving, Inc. Adoption Contract 2020

The Adopter agrees to adopt the following animal from Puppies Are Worth Saving Inc. (hereinafter called PAWS).

Animal's Name: _____ Adopter's Name: _____
(print)

Second Adopter/Spouse (print): _____

As Adopter, I agree to the following:

1. To allow a representative from PAWS to visit my property and ensure that all conditions of this contract are being kept, if PAWS has good reason to do so;
2. To provide a PAWS representative with proof, upon request, that conditions of this contract are being kept;
3. To provide the animal with adequate fresh food and water, clean, dry, and safe shelter when outside, and daily exercise;
4. To provide a safe collar with Rabies and ID tags to be worn at all times;
5. To obey all applicable laws governing control and custody of animals, including registering the animal within the county that you reside;
6. To have a clean, secured, fenced in area for dogs. If a fenced in enclosure is not required, adopter agrees to leash walk the dog. If an invisible fence is used, adopters must properly train the dog before releasing them into the enclosure. Cats are not allowed outside;
7. Under no circumstance are dogs allowed to be kept in runners outside, or left on a "lead" or "tie-out" for more than 30 minutes. Dogs are also not allowed to be "outside" dogs and must be brought inside every night, during extreme weather of hot or cold, and during rain and snow;
8. Adopter agrees to have the animal examined by a licensed veterinarian within **14 days of adoption**;
9. Adopters are responsible for any future vaccines, preventatives, and medications. You must call your vet immediately after adopting to schedule these to prevent them from being late;
10. Adopter must have the animal examined yearly by a licensed veterinarian and animals must be kept up to date and current on all vaccinations and medications for the duration of its life. Any necessary treatments recommended by the veterinarian need to be covered by the adopter to ensure the animal's health;
11. The animal is not to be sold or given away for any reason. **If it becomes necessary to find the animal a new home, the adopter must contact PAWS and return the animal to PAWS without refund.** The adopter must bring the animal back to headquarters. I understand that it may take a while to find an open foster home. If I must surrender immediately, I agree to place the dog in boarding and to pay for it myself until a foster

home is found. In order to surrender, I will submit all vet records and a recent written behavioral training evaluation. The dog must be up to date on all vaccines and preventatives as well. If I have adopted more than one PAWS animal, all animals must be surrendered together upon surrendering one animal. The adopter will not be allowed to adopt after surrendering. Violation fee of this clause will be \$500;

12. Adopters will not have alterations performed to the animals, such as tail docking and ear cropping;
13. Adopters will feed their animal Purina Pro Plan until successfully weaned onto a safe and healthy food alternative. This needs to take place slowly over 2-4 weeks;
14. To provide updates to PAWS on the dog's progress at request. We want to know how you and the dog are doing. We love pictures and would like to see them regularly;
15. PAWS makes no guarantees regarding the animal's age, breed, health, or temperament. While PAWS has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of the animal, PAWS is not able to make any guarantees. PAWS is available for consultation and advice pertaining to the animal's health, training, and compatibility;
16. Adopters agrees to release PAWS and its representatives of any and all possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by the animal to any person, animal, or property. Adopter accepts this animal as is with all defects, either observable or unobservable, and assumes all risk for the animal upon signing of this contract, and is liable for all medical bills from this day forward.
17. If your adopted animal becomes ill in any way within 14 days of adoption, you will notify the rescue in writing within 24 hours. We are not able to reimburse veterinary expenses, but we need to be notified in case it is a contagious disease.
18. I agree that I have been provided with an opportunity to review this contract, and requested a copy as desired.

As Adopter, I agree to accept full responsibility for the care of this animal, releasing the previous owner as well as PAWS and its representatives of any liability from this date forward. I agree to abide by the adoption conditions and realize that I am committed to this animal for his/her life. I have read and fully understand that PAWS may repossess this animal at any time if the adoption conditions are violated or the animal is mistreated.

This adoption contract is entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2020, between Puppies Are Worth Saving, Inc, and

Adopter's Full Name: _____/_____

Adopter's Signature: _____/_____

PAWS Representative Signature: _____

Adoption Fee: _____