



ADOPTION APPLICATION

Instructions: We require all of the below information before considering your adoption application, together with landlord consent (if renting) and photos of your property. Please send clear photos of all boundaries and entries to the property and a general overview of the backyard. Failure to do so will result in a rejected application. For more information on the adoptions process see our website "adoptions" tab.

Please send your application to: Contact@NZChihuahuaRescue.co.nz with the appropriate attachments and retain a copy for yourself.
If you cannot scan the document back to us by email please post to: NZ Chihuahua Rescue, PO Box 20579, Bishopdale 8543, Christchurch.

Personal Details:

Date of Application: _____

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last name: _____

Street Address: _____ Suburb: _____

City: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Best contact number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Residency Status: _____ (ie. NZ Citizen, permanent resident, travelling to NZ)

Gender: _____

Do you have a partner residing at or staying at the property often?

☐ No

☐ Yes – Please fill out the below section so we know who will be around the dog on a regular basis

Details of Spouse or Partner at the Home Regularly:

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last name: _____

Best contact number: _____ Other phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Occupation: _____

How many hours per week does your partner work? Please note on what days and any other details of work schedule: (ie. How many hours per week, Which days, Are they on a roster? Are there any other details of the work schedule we should know?)

Interested in (PLEASE SELECT ONE!)

☐ I am interested in a particular dog advertised on your website - named: _____

**** Please note:** If you are interested in a specific dog, please go to our website and confirm that you meet the adopter requirements BEFORE submitting your application. We set these requirements in consultation with the foster carers and they are strict. We are very clear about their requirements so as to avoid disappointment to you. If you do not meet the requirements, we will advise you have been unsuccessful.

☐ Yes – I have read the adopter requirements for the dog and I meet those (Available on our website – you must read these)

OR

☐ I would like to go on the list of potential adopters for any rescue Chihuahua in New Zealand; and

☐ I confirm I have read and understood the out-of-town adoptions policy on your website. I understand that I need to travel to meet the dog and I am willing to travel to the location of the foster, and if successful, pay the flight for the dog to my city and travel bond (*For information on this and/or the cost involved, please see our website "adoptions" tab and adoptions FAQ*)

Have you applied to any other organisation, agency, rescue or breeder for a dog at present; OR do you intend to?

- ☐ Yes - I intend to apply for other dogs, or I am on a breeders list.
☐ Yes – I have applied to other organisations or breeders for a dog.
☐ No.

* If you have applied to other agencies and you do adopt or purchase a dog, please inform us so we can withdraw your application from the database. This ensures that we can keep it up to date.

Home Details

Do you own your own home? (ie. Purchased and own the home)

- ☐ No (*If no – please provide a written letter of consent from your landlord or Housing New Zealand – you should also consider what would happen to the dog if you moved from your current rental*)
☐ Yes – Please note, we may search LINZ or other public records to confirm the same.

Amount of time at your current residential address (noted above)? _____ YEARS at this property.

Do you have a fully-fenced back yard?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Do you agree to a property inspection, if required? * Please also attach photos of your property (ie. The boundaries, fencing and backyard) as noted on the website and above. Failure to do so will result in a rejected application form.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Do you have a pool, lake or other body of water on the property?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Family and Life Circumstances

Do you have any charges pending in respect of animal cruelty and/or have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Who will be the main care-taker of the dog: _____

Number of people in household (aside from you) and their ages:

Have you discussed adopting a dog with these people?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Does anyone in your family suffer from pet related allergies?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Do you have any children living with you?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes (If yes, please note how many and their respective ages, full time or part time?)

Do you any children that may visit you (ie. grandchildren, foster children, etc.)

- ☐ No
☐ Yes (If yes, please note how many and their respective ages, full time or part time?)

Do you suffer from any illness or disability which may impact on your ability to care for a dog?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes
☐ I'm not sure if it qualifies - but I have some health concerns. *If you ticked yes or "I'm not sure" please clarify further below:*

Employment

Are you employed?

Job Occupation: _____

- ☐ I am a Beneficiary
☐ I am a Student
☐ I am Retired

I am a....

- ☐ Full Time Worker (ie. 30 hours + per week)
☐ Part Time Worker and I work _____ hours per week.

Do you work from home regularly? (ie. Must be outside of lockdowns, and be a regular and permanent arrangement).

- ☐ No – outside of the home only.
☐ Yes – I regularly work from home _____ days per week. *(please note the amount of days)*

Do you plan to take the dog to work with you regularly? (ie. Outside of lockdowns, must be a regular and permanent arrangement).

- ☐ No – outside of the home only.
☐ I am able to take the dog with me to work with me: _____ days per week, regularly *(ie. please note the amount of days and this must be a permanent arrangement)*

How many hours per week do you work and on what days and any other details of work schedule: You need to note down - how many hours per week do you work? Which days do you work? Are you on a roster? Are there any other details of your work schedule we should know?

What are your plans for the dog while you are not home? (ie. Where will they have access to or be kept)

How many hours a day will the dog be left without human company on an average day? _____ HOURS PER DAY

Which areas of your house or property are off limits to the dog? _____

Do you travel or move regularly for work or other activities?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

What would happen to the dog should your family go on holiday?

Details of your current pets:

Have you owned a Chihuahua prior?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Which breeds have you owned? _____

Where do your existing pets sleep? _____

Where will the adopted dog sleep? (list the room, ie. Bedroom, laundry): _____

What diet are your existing dogs fed on? _____

How often will you exercise the dog? _____

Would the dog have access to indoors AND outdoors? _____

How many dogs are you allowed by the Council to keep on your property? _____

(If you aren't sure about your licensing – you need to contact your local council to discuss!)

Are your current pets insured? Or if you do not have any currently, do you intend to insure an adopted dog?

- ☐ No – I don't utilise pet insurance
- ☐ Yes – My pets are insured already with _____ (company).
- ☐ Yes – I will insure the adopted dog

**We STRONGLY recommend you insure all your pets, but particularly a Rescue dog as they have a largely unknown history.*

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter or rescue?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Details you wish to add (if any) _____

Do you have a current Veterinarian?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Current clinic: _____

Length of time at the clinic: _____

Are you happy for them to provide a reference for you?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Please consider the below carefully and tick the boxes which apply:

Please be as honest as possible as we need to know what you are looking for in a companion. But you need to understand that Rescues do come with "quirks", so only note it as a "deal-breaker" if you truly could not imagine having a dog with the following traits...

Are you comfortable adopting a dog who is.... ?

With a known injury that can, or cannot be healed? (ie. A dog requiring future orthopaedic surgery for luxating patellas a condition very common in Chihuahuas – please research this) ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unsure – I think I would be open to this	Requires assistance with toilet-training? ☐ No – MUST be toilet-trained. ☐ Yes – I am able and willing to assist a dog in getting in to this routine. ☐ Unsure – I think I would be open to this
Requiring ongoing medical treatment (ie. May require medications for a condition such as a heart condition, or require a special diet due to liver or kidney health) ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unsure – I think I would be open to this	Requires obedience training? (ie. Need work with being on a leash, or "sit" etc). ☐ No ☐ Yes
A Puppy? (ie. 6months – 1year) ☐ No – must be over _____ years old (remember to state the minimum age here) ☐ Yes	Is not cat friendly? ☐ No – This dog MUST like cats as I have cats. ☐ Yes ☐ Unsure – I think I would be open to this as it does not affect me.

Special needs (deaf / blind / other) ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unsure – I think I would be open to this	Does not like or is fearful of children? ☐ No – They must like and get along with children ☐ Yes – I don't have many children in/around the home or likely to visit.
A Senior Dog? (ie. Over 7-8 years of age) ☐ No – must be under _____ years old (remember to state the maximum age here) ☐ Yes – Over 7-8 years is fine.	Fearful? – These are dogs that may require extra support, those who are timid and wary. ☐ No ☐ Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour and have rescue or dog knowledge. ☐ As long as they do not nip out of fear. ☐ Unsure – I think I would be open to this
Requiring socialisation with dogs? ☐ No ☐ Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour. ☐ Unsure – I think I would be open to this	Requiring human socialisation (ie. Dogs that are timid at times, wary and may require more support). ☐ No ☐ Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour. ☐ Unsure – I think I would be open to this

Please list ALL of your current pets here – note breeds of any dogs: Use additional paper if needed to confirm all pets in the household.

SPECIES (DOG, CAT ETC.)	AGE	SEX – M or F? (delete one by crossing it out)	DE-SEXED? (delete one by crossing it out)	VACCINATED UP TO DATE? (delete one by crossing it out)	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (List any breeds of dogs here, and personality traits too – ie. Submissive or dominant, active etc. As this will help us determine a match for your current pets)
		Male Female	Yes – desexed. No – not desexed	Yes No	
		Male Female	Yes – desexed. No – not desexed	Yes No	
		Male Female	Yes – desexed. No – not desexed	Yes No	
		Male Female	Yes – desexed. No – not desexed	Yes No	

*** Note any other animals and their details on a separate piece of paper.

Please tell us any additional details that may assist with your application – ie. hobbies or whether you have any special training or skills (ie. vet, trainer etc):

Please list any relevant recent experience with rescue dogs – Have you owned rescue dogs prior? Have you had dogs prior?

Why are you interested in adopting a rescue dog?

Any further comments you wish to add:

Are you willing to commit to the dog emotionally and financially from the date of trial? *Trials are simply to confirm that the arrangements will be successful. You should not consider trialling a dog unless you are sure that you wish to adopt the dog fully. Read the below "trial" provisions carefully.*

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Are you able to provide the full adoption fee prior to or on the day of adoption?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

*Please Note: The adoption fee is payable in full prior to the day of adoption. If you are out of Canterbury, we will also require flight costs up front. See website for details. The **FULL** fee is to be paid by direct credit into our Westpac New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust Account: 03-0823-0074502-000*

Are you aware of the costs associated with adoption including yearly Council registration, vaccinations, worm and flea treatments, quality pet food and any other veterinary treatment they may suddenly need?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes – I have considered and budgeted for all of these.

Are you aware that our dogs do not come with a months' supply of food, their crates, pens, bowls, leashes, harnesses, collars etc? These are retained for future foster dogs. You will need to purchase your own items. Dogs come with their Council tags, bed and bedding, any special toys, and vet books.

- ☐ I understand that I will have to purchase items for my prospective dogs.

If you are successful, we will send out an Adoption Manual – Do you agree to review this prior and understand you will be bound by those terms also? *(A copy of our generic one is under the adoptions tab where you downloaded this form – we recommend you view this also)*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have you read the below Agreement and terms?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you agree to be bound by the below Agreement and it's terms?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Is there any extra information you wish to add? Please state here or use a separate page:

Checklist before sending your application in:

Please ensure you have the following in order to successfully apply to become an Adopter. Failure to provide the information will result in a delayed or refused application.

- ☐ Have you completed the form with answers for each question? – please check and ensure that all questions are answered in full.

Remember: This is not just a form to "tick off" this application will decide whether we contact you for a prospective dog in future, so please do put in the required effort and provide all details!

- ☐ Have you read the below Agreement and signed it? You may sign by typing in the box below or physically signing the same and selecting "yes" by ticking the box.
- ☐ Are you renting? If so, is landlord consent is attached? (Homeowners: ignore this condition) please note: providing their details is NOT enough, we require written and signed consent.
- ☐ Are you a Housing NZ Tenant? If so, is Housing NZ consent attached? – if applicable. (Homeowners: ignore this condition)
- ☐ Have you sent with this application pictures of your property? Each prospective adopter MUST send clear pictures of their property, including the fencing, boundaries, backyard and any areas the dog will have access to. We need to ensure prior to the property inspection that the home is going to be suitable. Failure to do so will result in a rejected application.

Please ensure that handwritten information is legible – if we cannot read the application, we cannot assess it!

What happens from here?

1. We will review your forms and if you have applied for a particular dog and match their requirements, we will forward this to the dog's foster carer to review.
2. IF you are a match for that dog, the foster carer will be in touch to organise a meet/greet with you and your family and a home check if you reside in Christchurch.
3. If you have just applied to be on our database and accepted, we will add your details to the database and be in contact if we have a match for you. We ask that you email us on contact@nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz if you adopt elsewhere, so we can remove you and keep our database up to date.

For questions on the process – please see the “adoptions tab” on our website and examine the adoptions FAQ link.

Remember: we are all volunteer team members who assist with the rescue outside of normal working hours, family and other commitments. Please be patient and treat our team with courtesy. Any rudeness will not be tolerated.

ADOPTION AGREEMENT WITH NEW ZEALAND CHIHUAHUA RESCUE

Thank you for your interest in adopting from the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue, we greatly appreciate the support. In order to be considered for the adoption of a rescue dog held by the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust ("**The Trust**"), you, as the ("**the Adopter**") hereby agree to the following:

General Terms

1. If you are no longer able to care for the dog at any time, the Trust is to be notified immediately and the dog returned into the care of the Trust, regardless of the amount of time that has passed. This is an essential term of adoption from us.
 - 1.1 For the absence of any doubt, the dog cannot be sold, advertised on social media or other websites, and/or rehomed privately, under any circumstances. Should the Adopter do so, the Trust will immediately organise for the uplift of the dog concerned. This is a fundamental term of adoption from our Rescue.
 - 1.2 The Trust owe an obligation to the dog for the duration of its life. The Trust agrees to accept back ex-trust dogs, regardless of the amount of time that may have passed since the initial adoption. This obligation shall exist for the duration of the lifespan of the dog.
 - 1.3 In the event of the death of the Adopter, a family member wishing to adopt a dog will need to consult the Trust. Consent by the Trust shall not be unreasonably withheld. The main purpose of this clause is to ensure that the dog will never again be left without a suitable owner.
2. By applying to the Trust, the Adopter confirms that all information supplied in the course of the adoption process is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
 - 2.1 The Adopter further confirms that they have been honest in all dealings with the Trust and informed the Trust of any information that may be relevant to their application for adoption.
 - 1.2 Should the Trust become aware of information to the contrary, this shall be deemed a breach of the Agreement.
 - 1.3 The Adopter agrees and consents to this application being shared with team members or contacts of New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue (for example: foster carers of the dog applied for, or other adoption agencies who may have a suitable match, or any organisation the trust is legally compelled to provide this information to).
- 2 The Adopter undertakes that they have no pending charges or prior convictions related to animal cruelty. The Adopter has never owned an animal that has been confiscated by any agency for violations of any laws, regulations or animal adoption agreements.
- 3 The Trust expects that all Adopters are compliant with their local Council bylaws in respect of their personal dogs and licencing requirements. It is the responsibility of the Adopter to ensure this is the case.
 - 4.1. The Adopter undertakes that they acknowledge it is their express obligation to have confirmed with their local council the amount of dogs able to be housed on their property and hold the licenses required by their local council.
 - 4.2. The Trust takes no responsibility for ensuring the Adopter has the required licensing for their property and amount of dogs. The Trust will pass on the details of each Adopter to the local councils once the dog is deemed adopted.
- 4 The welfare of the dog is paramount. Accordingly, the Adopter undertakes that they will apply any medical, behavioural, training or other advice given to them by the representatives of the Trust (ie. Trustees or Trust Vet) in respect of the dog they choose to adopt. The Adopter will follow all recommendations regarding the care and welfare of the dog.
 - 5.1. The Adopter agrees to complete any necessary medical treatment advised by the trust as being outstanding, as soon as practicable and/or as it falls due.

- 5 The Adopter acknowledges that by signing this Agreement, they have read all adoption documentation, (including this full agreement), the adoption manual and any policies put in place by the trust. As such, the Adopter, by signing this Agreement that they are aware of their obligations and responsibilities in terms of this Agreement and liability with respect to any costs.
- 6 The dog remains the property of The Trust, until such time as The Trust determines the permanent placement of the dog. You acknowledge that the Trust is the sole owner of the dog and retains all ownership and rights to the dog until the adoption process has been officially concluded and a letter is received informing you that you are the chosen Adopter and the registration via the Council has been transferred to you. The dog being in the possession of a prospective adopter gives that person no legal or beneficial interest in the dog. The Trust shall remain the legal owner of the dog until legal ownership is formally transferred.
- 7 The Adopter undertakes that they have considered their position and confirm they have the ability to financially provide for the dog for the duration of its life. Providing for the dog includes (but is not limited to): prompt Council registration as it falls due each year, vaccinations and provision of any medical care advised by a Vet during the life of the dog, together with the basic necessities a dog requires and inside, warm, housing.
- 8 The dog shall be under the care of the prospective adopter at all times during the trial period. The dog is not to be left at the home of any other person without informing the Trust of the need to do so.
- 9 During the trial, the Adopter shall maintain communication with the Trust to ensure that all is going well, and the placement is successful. The Adopter will also notify the trust immediately of any issues, behaviour or medical concerns, as soon as possible via email to the official trust email.

Application Process

- 10 The Adopter is to return the application form to the email below, together with any required evidence from a landlord before they may be considered. The information on the forms will be retained by The Trust.
- 11 The Trust reserves the right to approve or decline any Adopter at any stage of the process. No reasoning will be entered into.
- 12 Do not contact foster carers personally by phone, text, email or private message. All communications, updates etc are to be via the Trust email (contact@nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz) unless the foster carer emails or calls you in relation to scheduling a meet and greet.
- 13 Do not share the contact details of team members if given to you for any reason, or if it is noted in Council, NZCAR documentation provided to you. The rescue has a website and email for communications with the public. We do not have a public phone number and all phone numbers are private details of our team members.
- 14 Adoption of a dog by the foster carer is covered by the foster application and Agreement. The foster will need to sign an Adoption Agreement (no need to fill out the personal details section) and pay the fee within 1 week of written confirmation that the foster carer is accepted to adopt the dog.

All Information Supplied to the Trust to be True and Correct

- 15 The Trust relies upon information given by the Adopter in order to make decisions about whether or not they are deemed suitable to Adopt a Trust dog. As a result, all information submitted must be true and correct.
- 16 By submitting this form to The Trust for consideration, the Adopter confirms that all information supplied is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

- 17 The Adopter confirms that they have no pending charges or prior convictions related to animal cruelty and are not banned from owning any animal. They submit to a legal check of the same.
- 18 The personal information on the adoption forms will be retained by The Trust and may be shared with other team members or official agencies (ie. the vet, Council etc.) and/or other parties relevant to the care of the dog.
- 19 The Adopter agrees that the Trust can make any such inquiries as to the validity of any information contained in this Adoption agreement, at their discretion. For the sake of clarity, dishonest information during the application process is a breach of the Agreement. If the Trust becomes aware of incorrect information, an immediate uplift shall result.

Adoption Fee

- 20 The adoption fee is to be paid prior to the dog going on trial into the trust account. For the sake of clarity, the dog will not be released into the care of any prospective adopter until this fee (and any flight costs applicable) have been paid.
- 21 Failure to pay the adoption fee will constitute a breach of this Agreement and removal of the dog.
- 22 Applying to The Trust to become an Adopter does not create an obligation on The Trust to supply the Adopter with a dog.
- 23 The adoption handbook shall be deemed to form additional terms of this Agreement. If you do not have a copy of this handbook, please download from our website “adoptions” tab at www.nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz
- 24 The decision of The Trust is final.
- 25 If the Adopter does not feel the dog is in a suitable placement, they must inform the Managing Trustee as soon as practicable. The adoption fee will be refunded, providing the dog and its items are returned to the Trust and there are no medical or transport costs to meet.

Out of Town Adoptions

- 26 The Trust is based in Canterbury, New Zealand but does adopt to various locations in New Zealand. We do not adopt outside of New Zealand.
- 27 The prospective adopter is to forward the signed application form, together with clear pictures of their home and property. Pictures should include all boundaries, access-ways to the property, fencing and general view of the areas the dog has access to (to confirm no hazards or safety issues are present)
- 28 The Trust shall organise for a member of another rescue or animal welfare agency to make contact with the prospective Adopter. A home check shall then be conducted at the location of the Adopter to confirm the property is safe.
 - 24.1. The prospective Adopter agrees to make any amendments required to the property prior to attending the meet and greet with the dog. The Adopter will then send updated pictures to the Trust to show that the safety issues have been remedied.
- 29 For prospective adopters that are not located in Canterbury, they will need to agree to travel to meet the dog while it is in foster care at the location it is residing.
 - 25.1. Prospective adopters are to meet the costs associated with travel to the meet and greet location. The trust shall not be responsible for the same or make any reimbursements.
- 30 Assuming the meet and greet is a success, the prospective adopter will deposit the full adoption fee, plus any travel costs into the trust account prior to the dog being given for trial.
 - 26.1. The dog shall not be released without the full deposit.

26.2. The fee be used in the event that the dog is not successful on trial and needs to be flown back into trust care. The fee comprises of: adoption fee, crate hire fees (if applicable), crate flight fees to location of dog, flight fees for the dog back to Canterbury.

- 31** If selected for a trial, the Adopter agrees to meet the expenses of the dog's flight to their location and/or any crate required for travel. The Adopter shall organise for the dog to travel to them accordingly. The trust shall not be responsible for the same or make any reimbursements in respect of dog travel.
- 32** The prospective adopter is responsible for all medical costs of the dog from the moment that it is flown out of Canterbury. If any accident occurs or illness arises (including during the flight to the Adopters location), the prospective adopter must seek immediate veterinary attention at their own cost. To refuse to do so, or omit to do so, shall be deemed a breach of this Agreement. The Trust shall use the fee deposited by the Adopter for the vet care and return of the dog into trust care. In this event, there will be no reimbursement of the fee.
- 33** Should the dog become ill or suffer an accident (including during the flight to the Adopters location), the Trust must be informed immediately and given access to any/all veterinary records, notes and test results. The Trust shall have the right to direct that the adoption is terminated.
- 34** All decisions of the Trustees of the Trust are final. By applying to the Trust and agreeing to taking a Trust dog on trial, the prospective adopter agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement completely.

Trial Period

- 35** A one-month trial period applies to all adoptions to confirm the family are the right fit for the dog and the dog the right fit for the family. It is expected that the Adopters are committed to the dog from the date of the trial however, and the trial is merely to ensure that the other circumstances are fitting. During this period, the Trust or the Adopter can decide to terminate the adoption.
- 36** The Trustees may decide to visit the trial home during the trial period, or prior to the conclusion of the trial, to determine suitability of placement.
- 37** The Trust shall have the final approval and shall inform the adopter at the end of the month in writing that the trial period has ceased and they are successful. At this point the dog is considered to be "adopted".
- 37.2** Once the dog has been adopted, the Trust will lodge a change of legal ownership via the Council. The Adopter will need to contact their Council to confirm the same.
- 37.3** Once the dog has been adopted, the Trust will add the Adopter as a the "owner" contact to the dog's microchip. The Managing Trustee shall remain a contact on the microchip as per the below.
- 38** If the Trust or the Adopter elects to end the adoption prior to the one-month mark due to it being unsuccessful in terms of the dog fitting in with their circumstances, the Adopter will be refunded full or part of the adoption fee to their personal account. Regardless of whether they are in Canterbury or out of town. Please note: this does not apply if there are medical or transport costs to be met (covered in other parts of this Agreement).

Medical Care while on Trial

- 39** The Trust confirms that it has disclosed to the Adopter and/or made available by noting on the dog's public adoption profile, any medical issues known to the Trust or further veterinary care required (at the cost of the Adopter). If the Adopter is selected for a dog and offered a trial, they are entitled to request the vet history for the dog, either pre-or-post trial, should they wish to do so, by contacting the Trust's vet practice.

- 40** The Trust will only cover reasonable and pre-agreed vet bills during the course of a trial. All vet appointments that are required under this clause or any others, must be discussed with our Managing Trustee. Anything outside this provision will not be covered.
- 41** Until the adoption is confirmed, the dog is still under the care of the Trust's nominated vet practice. Any vet visits or medical issues during trial are to be dealt with by the Trust's nominated vet, even though they may be costs met by the Adopter. See the Adoption Manual for the details of the vet.
- 42** Should any accident or illness occur during the trial period, or any unforeseen medical issues arise within the trial period, the Adopter is liable to meet any/all veterinary costs and/or expenses. If the adopter does not wish to do so, the Trust will terminate the trial period, uplift the dog and seek medical assistance for the dog. No refund of the adoption fee shall be issued in this event.
- 43** In the event of any accident or illness, the trust reserves the right to uplift the dog. This also applies to any failure of the Adopter to comply with the care directions and instructions issued by our team for the dog resulting in an accident or illness. In this event, The Adopter is liable for any/all medical or transport costs and the adoption fee will not be refunded.
- 42.1.** In order to determine whether an act or omission is the fault of the adopter, the Trust's vet shall examine the dog and determine whether there has been an act or omission causing the sickness or injury.

Micro-Chipping and De-Sexing

- 44** All dogs are adopted out: de-sexed, vaccinated up to date, flea and worm treated (within the last 3 months), micro-chipped, registered with the NZ Companion Animal Register, and registered with the local Council.
- 45** The Trust ensures that at the time of adoption, any **necessary** blood-work, dental work or other medical care has been completed and the dog is signed off by the vet as fit for adoption.
- 46** If any further (non-urgent) veterinary care is required in respect of a particular dog, this will be disclosed on their adoption profile. All further vet care will be the responsibility of the Adopter, unless agreed with the Trust prior.
- 47** Each dog is micro-chipped and added to the New Zealand Companion Animal Register. Following adoption, the Adopter will be added to the database as the "primary contact" and the "owner" but cannot, under any circumstances, remove the Trust's details from the microchip. The Trust (or Managing Trustee of the Trust) will remain as an "alternate" contact and "breeder" contact on the dog's microchip. This is not to be removed at any time. This condition is a fundamental term of adoption.

Termination / Breach of the Agreement

- 48** The Adopter may terminate this Agreement by notifying the Trust of their intention to return a dog into the care of the Trust. The Agreement is considered terminated once the dog has been returned to the care of the Trust.
- 49** The Trust may terminate this Agreement by notifying the Adopter that they require the dog to be returned into the care of the Trust. The reasons will be outlined to the Adopter. The Agreement is considered terminated once the dog has been returned to the care of the Trust.
- 50** The Trust reserves the right to remove any dog placed in the care of an Adopter and/or require the surrender of the dog, for any concerns relating to the welfare of the dog, skill of the Adopter, failure to follow instructions, breaches of the clauses of this Agreement and/or any other matters the trust deems relevant.
- 51** For the sake of clarity, if an Adopter fails to meet any of the terms of this agreement, this shall constitute a breach.

- 52** In the event of any breach of this Agreement, the Trust shall uplift the dog.
- 53** The Adopter confirms they will not obstruct removal of the dog and/or prevent the trust from uplifting the dog in any way. Refusal to allow an uplift shall result in Police intervention and the Adopter being charged with theft and ordered to pay damages to the Trust.
- 54** If the dog is uplifted by the Trust, the adoption fee will be forfeited at the discretion of the trust and may be used to meet travel or medical costs (as outlined above).
- 55** The Trust reserves the right to uplift a dog should any concerns arise in relation to welfare, mistreatment, abuse or blatant disregard for the rehoming stipulation included in this Agreement. This Clause extends throughout the duration of the life of the dog. The trust maintains a relationship with Animal Control and the SPCA and shall utilise their ability to uplift in the event of the above.

Please read through the above Adoption Agreement and contact us if you have any queries. Then sign your name (or type your name in the box below in replacement of your signature) and tick the box below to confirm that you have read and understood the contents of the above, you accept the terms of our Adoption Agreement and agree to be bound by them and/or any updated or subsequent Adoption Agreement and/or policies.

- ☐ **Yes – I have read the above terms and I agree to be bound by the same** *(please tick)*
- ☐ **I agree that I will read the Adoptions Manual prior to any trial beginning** *(please tick)*
- ☐ **I understand I will need to deposit an adoption fee prior to any trial and plan for the dog's belongings to be purchased.** *(please tick)*

Signed by:

As a prospective “Adopter” for the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust

Dated: _____