



Dog/Cat Adoption Agreement

This Dog/Cat Adoption Agreement (this “Agreement”) must be signed and accepted by StoryBook Rescues, Inc. (SBR). Please understand that if Adopter (defined below) fails to comply with any of the terms specified in this agreement, SBR has the right to reclaim the animal and to pursue any legal channels to do so.

Adopter agrees to pay an adoption fee equal to \$ _____. The adoption fee allows SBR to help with expenses incurred by saving this animal and is non-refundable. If the animal is returned, any paid and/or unpaid expenses incurred by Adopter while in possession of the animal are not transferable to SBR and are the sole responsibility of Adopter.

Any additional donation is greatly appreciated for SBR’s rescued animals – the ongoing costs of rescuing abandoned and surrendered animals (which includes food, veterinary care, training, etc.): \$ _____. Please complete this Agreement, print, sign and give to SBR for this to become a successful adoption.

I, _____ (“Adopter”),

reside at _____,

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

agree to adopt _____ breed _____

color _____ age _____ sex _____ as a companion animal,

on this effective date of _____.

State & Driver’s License Number: _____

Adopter’s Date of Birth: _____

In consideration for adopting the animal, Adopter agrees to the following conditions:

1. To accept and consider the animal as a household companion, not as an outside animal, and to provide him/her with humane care and treatment, including proper food, water, shelter and exercise, and to give him/her a reasonable amount of time to adjust to new surroundings.
2. To **NEVER** give or sell the animal to another person, rescue group, humane association, shelter or pound, or any medical or experimental laboratory or similar organization. If the adoption does not work out, I agree to return the animal to SBR only and within a reasonable amount of time to allow SBR to find a new foster or adopter.
3. To register the animal with its microchip and update address. To safeguard the animal from loss or mishap. This means not allowing the animal to run unsupervised. To immediately notify SBR, my local vet and shelters, if the animal is lost, and to make every reasonable effort to recover the animal.
4. To notify SBR of any change of address or telephone number, and of any change in circumstances which may prevent me from keeping the animal or to comply with any of the terms of this contract.
5. Adopter understands that no one can predict how an animal will react in a new situation. Therefore, Adopter will exercise prudence and caution in introducing this animal into a new situation until the animal has become fully adjusted to its new environment. Adopter assumes full responsibility for the conduct of this animal and for any damage to persons or property. SBR makes no explicit or implicit guarantees in reference to the health and/or temperament of the animal. Accordingly, Adopter adopts the animal at his or her own risk.

6. Adopter understands that SBR requires professional training for puppies under six (6) months old and/or dogs that show behavioral issues. Adopter will begin obedience training through attendance of (and graduation from) a basic obedience class, conducted by a qualified individual or organization, within six (6) months of adoption.
7. Adopter understands that sterilization of the animal is required under *Chapter 828, Health and Safety Code*, and that violation of this chapter is a criminal offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor. If adopting an adult animal, Adopter understands that the animal has been spayed/neutered by a licensed veterinarian. If the animal has not been sterilized yet, it is Adopter's responsibility to take the animal to a veterinarian for sterilization on or before the animal is six months of age. Adopter will incur the cost of sterilization unless otherwise noted in this Agreement. Additional sterilization agreement, if any:

8. Adopter understands that the animal's state of health is accurately represented to SBR's best knowledge. Adopter agrees to provide proper medical/veterinary care, including yearly checkups, vaccinations and heartworm prevention medicine, as well as veterinary care for unusual, symptoms such as loss of appetite, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, blood in urine/stool, allergies, skin conditions and lethargy. Adopter agrees to **NEVER** change or alter the animal's appearance in any way, shape or form(e.g., cropping, docking, declawing).
9. Adopter has read and fully understands the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and agree that it is not arbitrary and that the provisions in this Agreement are common in animal adoption contracts. Adopter further understands that if Adopter fails to comply with any of the terms specified in this Agreement, SBR has the right to reclaim the animal and to pursue any legal channels to do so.
10. Adopter agrees to be solely responsible for any damages to people or property caused by the animal(s). Adopter further agrees to indemnify and release SBR of any and all liability arising from any known, unknown, or any unanticipated damages to people or property caused by the animal(s). Adopter is fully aware of, understand, and agree to all the terms and conditions of this RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION PROVISION, and that it is BINDING AND ENFORCEABLE BY LAW.
11. Adopter hereby grants SBR permission to use any photographs taken of Adopter or the adopted animal, in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration. Adopter understands and agrees that these materials will become SBR's property and will not be returned. Adopter hereby authorizes to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute any photo for purposes of publicizing SBR's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, Adopter waives any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. Adopter hereby releases rights to all claims, demands, and causes to action which Adopter, its heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on Adopter's behalf of Adopter's estate have or may have by reason of this authorization. In signing this consent, Adopter gives authorization to use Adopter's name and the adopted animal's name and information.
12. If the animal needs transportation outside the state of Texas, Adopter must pay a transportation fee equal to \$_____. If the animal is returned for any reason, Adopter is solely responsible for a return transportation fee to be agreed upon at the time of return, even if different from above.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement and intend it to be effective as of the date first above written.

SBR REPRESENTATIVE:

ADOPTER:

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____