

**Richland Animal Rescue & Equine Shelter**  
**Canine - Animal Adoption & Liability Release Agreement**

It is agreed that on the **XX** day of **Month**, 20**XX** (Adoption Date), **ADOPTER NAME**, herein referred to as Adopter, is adopting from Richland Animal Rescue & Equine Shelter (RARES) a canine rescue dog described as follows: Breed: **XX** Rescue Name: "**NAME**" (or other can be assigned) Sex: **Female, Sterilized** Age: approx **XX years XX months** Weight: Appox **XX** pounds Unique or distinguishing markings: **COLOR** Micro chip # **XX** (manufacturer: AKCCAR.org)

**PHOTOS OF PET**

**Adoption fee: \$XXX** Form of payment: cash/check # \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter agrees to provide a responsible and loving home that is humane and meets all of the needs of the dog being adopted – physically, mentally and emotionally. No medically unnecessary cosmetic surgery (cropped ears, tail docking, etc) will be done to the dog by anyone in possession of the dog.

Periodic updates are appreciated. It is understood that a representative of RARES, may make inquiries about the animal at any time to ensure the animal's welfare. Adopter agrees to respond to all inquiries in a timely manner (within 72 hours).

All transportation of the animal shall be in a secure, safe, and proper way. Animal shall not be transported in the open bed of a truck at any time.

This dog is to solely be a companion animal and it is agreed and understood that the dog will NOT be used for any illegal purposes and shall NEVER be pitted or game tested or used in any way for the purpose of dog fighting. If illegal dog fighting or lack of responsible care is ever suspected by RARES, this dog shall be surrendered by the Adopter/person in possession of the dog to RARES upon request or official complaints to the authorities and legal action will be pursued.

If the animal is no longer wanted or cannot be kept by Adopter, the Adopter will immediately notify and/or return the animal to RARES as soon as possible. If the Adopter has someone in mind to adopt the animal, it is agreed and understood that RARES will be a part of the adoption process to ensure proper placement of the dog into a good home.

Every attempt has been made to place a healthy sound animal. Adopter understands that there is no health or temperament guarantee expressed or implied by this contract, by any individual or organization. Any medical expenses and/or damages incurred from the date of adoption are the sole responsibility of the Adopter. If a condition arises or is discovered after the adoption date, the Adopter may relinquish or return the animal to RARES at any time.

Adopter agrees to provide and pay for an annual veterinary exam and vaccines and any emergency care for the animal if a condition is apparent (or should be apparent). Anything attached to the dog – collar/harness -- shall be regularly inspected by Adopter (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month) for a proper fit and comfort. License and/or id tags of ownership shall be used by Adopter on the dog at all times. If this animal is ever lost or stolen, Adopter shall make every effort to find the animal and file official reports through law enforcement and the county animal control.

Adopter has been told of animal's known temperament and behavior and understands that a dog is an animal with its own mind and that there are inherent risks with the ownership of any animal and will hold harmless and shall indemnify any individual person/organization associated with the animal's adoption, and agree to not hold the same liable or responsible in any way for anything that happens on and/or after the adoption date. The adopter agrees to limit its sole legal remedy for any damages whatsoever against any individual and/or RARES to the fee paid for this adoption.

This pet shall be under adult supervision at all times. It is agreed that you shall take extra care and responsibility to ensure a harmonious and safe environment for both the dog and anyone that comes into contact with the dog at any time --

especially when allowing the dog outside (pet theft) and introducing or allowing this pet to interact with people, children of any age, dogs, other animals, etc.

If any disagreements arise as a result of this adoption, the Court of Jurisdiction shall be in the County of Kalamazoo in the State of Michigan. If any portion of this agreement is found to be invalid by federal, state, or local laws, the remaining portions of the agreement shall remain in full force as allowed by law.

This agreement is the sole agreement between the parties. Any other representation whether oral or written that are not contained within this agreement are null and void.

**Adopter understands and agrees to comply with all of the above terms and conditions of this adoption agreement and I promise and agree to be solely responsible for this animal as of the adoption date. I agree, indemnify and hold harmless Richland Animal Rescue & Equine Shelter (Rescue), or any other individual (rescuer/foster home, etc), from any and all claims of liability for the conduct of this animal on and after the date of this adoption. This Release of Liability and Indemnification shall apply to all known, unknown, and unanticipated damages resulting from my adoption, ownership, and control of the animal.**

Adoption Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_.

Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Rescue Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for adopting a rescue dog!

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