



## ADOPTION CONTRACT

### 1. TERMS OF ADOPTION

The following Adoption Contract is between Save the Dalmatians & Others Canine Rescue, Inc., hereinafter "Agent" and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Adopter".

Agent has identified said dog as: Dalmatian \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Male, age approximately \_\_\_\_\_, who is neutered/spayed, and bears micro-chip #: \_\_\_\_\_ . For identification and record keeping purposes, said dog has been photographed and is known as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County dog license tax number (if available) (hereinafter "Dog").

If Dog was referred as a stray or lost dog, Agent has made reasonable efforts to locate the original owner of said Dog. As of the date of this Adoption Contract, no party has come forward to claim ownership.

If Dog was referred to Agent by an owner as claimed. A Release has been obtained from the previous owner as claimed [strike out this paragraph if not applicable].

Agent does not guarantee nor make any claims or assertions as to the personality, behavior and/or health of Dog. Every reasonable effort has been made by Agent to screen potentially aggressive or dangerous dogs, however, no claims, assertions or guarantees are made as to the predictive reliability of Dog's personality or behavior. Agent has had Dog provided with a general health examination by a licensed veterinarian.

Agent agrees it has provided to Dog, prior to placement in the adoptive home: (a) required vaccinations and (b) spay/neuter.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (Adopter to initial each)

- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees that said dog will never be chained, tethered, or otherwise bound to any obstacle, or kept in a cage or crate, or any other area as a means of indefinite containment.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees that Dog will be treated humanely, and will never be struck with intent, or be confined unsupervised in a crate or other such small enclosure, for a period of time so as to cause distress in the dog.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees that if Dog passes away, for any reason (natural, accidental, or by euthanasia from medical condition or disease) Adopter will immediately notify Agent (for record keeping purposes).
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees that Dog will never be given away, transferred, sold, leased to a third party or maintained at a location other than the Adopter's residence.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees that in the event ownership of Dog must be terminated, for any reason, that Agent will immediately be notified so that Dog will be transferred back to the care of Agent, and not to any other third party, without expressed written consent of the agent.

- \_\_\_\_ **Adopter agrees to permit Agent to perform two (2) to three (3) post-adoption visits in the first year. These visits may include telephonic follow-up, or scheduled visits to the adopter's residence, for purpose of evaluating said dog's health and well-being.**
- \_\_\_\_ **Adopter acknowledges that if, in Agent's opinion, Dog and/or adopter is/are not adapting to the adoptive relationship, and that there is evidence that a positive adoptive relationship will not thrive, Agent reserves the right to remove Dog from Adopter's possession, and terminate this Adoption Contract. Adoption fees paid by Adopter to Save the Dalmatians & Others Canine Rescue, Inc. will be refunded.**
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter acknowledges and agrees to assume all risks and liabilities incident to this adoption, to include any and all acts of Dog, from the date of the Adoption Contract forward.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to pay Agent an adoption fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees that Dog will primarily be an indoor dog and will sleep in Adopter's house at night.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter asserts and confirms that there are no children under the age of 5 years old residing at the adoptive home at the time of adoption.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter asserts and confirms that a fenced yard, or designated fenced and secure kennel area, not smaller than 150 square feet, and a doghouse or equivalent enclosure exists at the adoptive home at the time of adoption, and for the life of the Dog.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to provide all required and necessary vaccinations and medical care to Dog as required to ensure the good physical health and well-being of Dog, until termination of ownership or death of Dog.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to provide adequate time and attention to Dog to ensure the good emotional health of Dog.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter acknowledges and understands that if Adopter acts in violation to any part of this Adoption Contract, either through act or omission, or knowingly or intentionally commits misrepresentation to any contractual stipulation, this Contract will be considered null and void, and ownership of Dog will revert back to Agent.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter acknowledges that Dog may not be an AKC (American Kennel Club) registered animal.
- \_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to provide their proof of possession of, at the time of adoption of Dog, the following items:
  - (a) Adjustable web-type collar.
  - (b) Web-type leash, at least 1/2 inch in width or wider.
  - (c) Suitable crate or doghouse for Dog (if applicable).

The undersigned Adopter hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Save the Dalmatians & Others Canine Rescue, Inc., and its officers, agents and volunteers, from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, or expenses which are sustained, incurred, or required arising out of the actions of the undersigned in the course of this adoption. The undersigned have read, understood and agreed with the terms of this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Time

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Full Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Contact Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter e-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Full Residential Address (number, street name, city, state & zip)

Agent acknowledges that it has gone through this Adoption Contract in detail with Adopter; and that Adopter paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Agent on this date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Time

(Revised 12/27/19)