

## **Adoption Contract**

- 1. I accept this dog to be a member of my family, to be treated with affection and compassion, cared for in a safe environment, and provided with proper food, fresh water, shelter, and exercise.
- 2. My dog will sleep indoors and will be protected from the elements or adverse conditions. I will not keep my dog outside in a yard, kennel, or tied to a dog house.
- 3. My dog will not be abused in any manner, and I affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of animal abuse or neglect. This dog will never be used in any aspect of animal fighting nor treated in an inhumane manner. I will not alter my dog's appearance in any way, shape or form (ex: cropping, docking).
- 4. I will utilize the safe containment practices for my dog demonstrated to and approved by Happy Bark Inc prior to adoption. My dog will not be allowed to roam free or unsupervised outside.
- 5. I will not give, trade or sell this dog to another person, relative, friend, or any other individual, or any rescue group, humane association, shelter, or adoption center unless pre-approved by Happy Bark Inc If I believe I cannot keep this dog for any reason, I will contact Happy Bark Inc to arrange for support from a trainer or to relinquish ownership back to the organization.
- 6. I will take my newly adopted dog to a licensed veterinarian within fourteen (14) days of adoption to establish a provider of record and affirm good health. Any pre-existing conditions found at that time should be reported to Happy Bark Inc immediately. I will license and vaccinate my dog as required by law. I agree to keep my dog on flea/tick preventatives and heartworm preventatives year-round.
- 7. My dog will wear a safe (correct size and fit) collar with an identification tag displaying my name, address and telephone number. The collar may be removed when crated or when home alone for safety purposes if you desire.
- 8. I understand that Happy Bark Inc makes no guarantees and/or promises regarding my dog's disposition, temperament, and/or future health and personality. I agree to adopt this dog at my own risk, and indemnify and release Happy Bark Inc, its board of directors, and volunteers of any and all liability arising from damages to person(s) or property caused by this dog.
- 9. If I need to return my dog to Happy Bark Inc I understand adoption fees will be forfeited. I understand that I will be responsible for the transportation of my dog back to the custody of Happy Bark Inc. I understand that upon my request, the return of my dog to Happy Bark Inc may not be immediate, as Happy Bark Inc may need to make arrangements for my dog to return to foster care. Until a return is arranged I agree to care for my dog according to the terms of this agreement.
- 10. I agree that in the event I do not comply with the terms of this Contract, at the reasonable discretion of Happy Bark Inc, that organization may recover this dog. I will relinquish the dog promptly upon request if I fail to adequately provide for my new dog and keep them safe.

The Adopter hereby acknowledges that they have read all of this Contract and agree to the terms.		
Adopter Signature:	Date	e: