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ADOPTION CONTRACT

This Foster-to-Adopt Contract ("Contract") is entered into on this date _____, by and between Knine Rescue, Inc. ("KRI"), a Maryland 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, and the foster applicant identified below, hereinafter the ("Foster"), for the provision of foster care of the pet identified below.

I, _____, agree to foster _____ ("Pet") for KRI for _____ days ("Foster Period"). On the last day of the Foster Period (____/____/____) or before, I will instruct KRI to keep or reimburse my adoption donation fee AND I will return Pet to the care of KRI should I choose not to adopt it.

By executing this Contract, I hereby agree that on the expiration of the Foster Period above, the Contract incorporates by reference all provisions and terms listed above the signature block of this Contract. KRI and the Foster agree to the following:

General Guidelines

- KRI determines the criteria for fostering, decides which animal are eligible for foster care, and appoints Foster from a pre-approved list of providers.
- KRI will inform Foster of the anticipated length of the foster-care period, the objectives of each placement (restoring health, rearing to adoptable age, socialization, etc.), and any other expectations.
- Pet will remain property of KRI and be surrendered immediately upon request to any KRI representative.
- Foster will return Pet to KRI in the event he/she is no longer able to care for it. Pet will, under NO circumstances, be abandoned, given away, or turned in to any other "animal shelter" or rescue.
- Foster may end this Contract at any time but must give KRI **at least 7 days' notice** to make other arrangements.
- KRI will make every effort to coordinate Holidays and Vacations with Foster in the event that Pet is unable to travel with Foster. However if sufficient notice for any non-emergency travel is not provided, boarding costs incurred during this period are the responsibility of Foster.
- Administrative costs incurred by KRI include an insurance program/general liability insurance policy.
- Foster will pay costs, including attorney's fees of KRI, if action must be taken against the Foster to enforce any of the terms of this Contract.
- KRI is available for free consultation, advice, and assistance in areas pertaining to the health, training, compatibility, etc. of Pet during the foster period.
- KRI may visit Foster to ensure compliance with this Contract.

General Care

- Pet will be cared for always with proper shelter, food and water.
- Pet will be kept in the house on the grounds of the Foster and will not be allowed off-leash in an unfenced area, never left loose to roam, and never chained.
- Pet will not be kept on leased/rented property where a "NO PETS" policy is in force.
- Pet is to be crate-trained and will not be left unsupervised with other pets or children.
- If a crate belonging to KRI has been loaned to the Foster, it must be returned when Foster decides to adopt or discontinue fostering. Failure to return the crate will result in a charge of between \$50-\$100.
- Foster is encouraged to affix to Pet an identification tag giving the Foster address and phone number.
- Foster agrees to obey all applicable county and state laws regarding custody of animals.
- No SHOCK COLLARS are to be used at any time.

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- Pet will not be used for research purposes or as a working animal.

Health

- All information known about Pet's medical history, including any medical treatments to be administered, will be explained to the Foster. Occasionally, a pet may have an undiagnosed health problem at the time of fostering. If diagnosis of such a health problem occurs any time after the arrival of Pet, and the Foster is unwilling/unable to continue fostering Pet, he/she will return Pet to KRI immediately.
- Any health issues noticed by the foster should be reported to a KRI right away.
- Foster **must get pre-approval from KRI for any medical treatment and agrees to take Pet to or make available for transport to specified veterinarian directed by KRI.** KRI will absorb the cost of all routine and age appropriate medical care and treatment needed by Pet, including at least yearly medical checkups and vaccinations recommended by a veterinarian, spay/neuter, and monthly preventative heartworm and flea/tick medication during the Foster period. KRI will absorb all required emergency care. **Foster will be held responsible for unapproved expenditures or treatment by a vet.**
- Heartworm and flea/tick preventative must be administered year-round.

Behavior

- Pet's known behaviors have been discussed with the Foster; however, an animal's behavior is not completely predictable. Foster assumes full responsibility for care and management of Pet and expressly waives the right to hold KRI liable for any behavior problem, damage, or other incident that may occur.
- In the event KRI pulls a pet directly from a shelter, KRI may rely on the description and assessment of the shelter we are pulling from, as well as the transporter. KRI will make every attempt to match to an appropriate foster, however a pet's behavior while in a shelter may be very different than in a home.
- Any aggressive or concerning behavior noticed by Foster should be reported to a KRI immediately.

KRI ADOPTION CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE EFFECTIVE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FOSTER PERIOD IN PARAGRAPH 1, ON PAGE 1 OF THIS DOCUMENT.

1. Adopter agrees to provide Pet with a good and safe home indoors, with proper care and attention.
2. Adoption fee includes a spay/neuter deposit of (\$100 for dogs and \$25 for cats). The adopter is responsible for spay/neuter at the vet of their choice within six(6) months after adoption or send written notice to KRI from veterinarian documenting reason for delay. The adopter must send proof of spay/neuter to kninerescueinc@gmail.com within 30 days of the procedure or immediately upon request by KRI. After proof of spay/neuter is received, KRI will reimburse the \$100 deposit. The adopter can also choose to donate the \$100 to KRI and receive a tax receipt.
3. Adopter agrees that Pet will be examined by a licensed veterinarian at least once a year and will receive adequate vaccinations and treatments to ensure good health, including heartworm preventive.
4. KRI will provide one complimentary acclimation/training consultation. If adopter desires/requires additional training, KRI will provide a listing of Low Cost Training Options. <https://kninerescue.com/links/>
5. When Pet is outdoors, it shall be provided appropriate protection from the elements, including shade from the sun, and adequate food and water.
6. In the event KRI discovers the inhumane treatment of Pet or breach of this Contract, it is agreed that KRI has the right to immediately take possession of Pet upon written notice to the adopter at the residence of Pet. It is understood and accepted by the adopter that home visits may be conducted by KRI to check on the welfare of Pet at any time during its lifetime.

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7. KRI makes no warranties or statements regarding Pet's health or temperament. Adopter understands that Pet may have been rescued from an animal shelter and may have been exposed to communicable disease(s) and that it is critical that Pet be examined promptly by a licensed veterinarian. **Upon receipt of this Contract and the adoption fee, KRI will provide all Pet's medical records to Adopter.** Adopter agrees to take Pet to a licensed veterinarian **within 14 days** of the date of this Contract for an examination. Because KRI pets come from shelters, many in rural areas, they often require multiple dewormings, following a fecal test. We provide 1-2 dewormings in our care, but Pet's will often require 3-4 dewormings to fully clear their systems. When taking Pet to the veterinarian within 14 days following adoption, you must request a fecal exam and agree to permit further deworming, as necessary. Pets of suitable age are current on heartworm prevention, and Adopter agrees to continue this prevention year-round. It is understood that environmental changes may affect and change the temperament of Pet and that KRI has no liability or responsibility of any nature regarding defects with Pet, or injuries or damage to any person or property that may be caused by Pet. The adopter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless KRI and its members or representatives against any and all claims for any injury or property damage to the adopter or anyone else.
8. Returning a pet: Before KRI will consider taking back a pet, the adopter must first provide verification that a certified training program has been completed (for the specific behavioral issue(s) that have caused the adopter to seek return), and provide a written evaluation from a professional trainer. (If the adopter needs recommendations for local trainers/programs, KRI is happy to provide a list of options. All training/evaluations are the financial responsibility of the adopter). KRI requires that the trainer be involved in determining the best course of action for the pet in question. Options include, but are not limited to, surrendering the pet back to KRI or cross posting the pet to other sites and/or helping facilitate a 'direct' adoption (transferring ownership to another person, without involving KRI). The course of action will be agreed upon, in writing, by all parties involved. If surrendering the pet is what's chosen, KRI requires seven (7) to twenty-one (21) days to make proper arrangements. In that scenario, the pet may not be transferred to another owner without express written consent of KRI.
9. It is agreed and understood by the adopter and KRI that this Contract sets forth all promises, agreements, conditions, and understandings between them, oral or written and that both parties have fully read and understand the Contract in its entirety. This Contract shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the adopter and KRI and their successors or beneficiaries.
10. In the event of the employment of an attorney by KRI on account of any violation of this Contract, it is agreed the adopter shall pay KRI's attorneys' fees and court costs.
11. **Adoption Donation Refund Policy:** We are unable to refund adoption donations after the last day of the foster period in paragraph 1, on page one of this Contract or after under any circumstances, but the donation is tax deductible.

ADOPTER UNDERSTANDS THAT KRI HAS INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCES INTO THE CARE, TREATMENT AND PLACEMENT OF PET, THAT KRI MAKES A COMMITMENT TO PET FOR LIFE AND THAT THE ACTUAL DAMAGES ACCRUING TO KRI IN THE EVENT ADOPTER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE RETURN PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THIS CONTRACT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROVE WITH CERTAINTY. ACCORDINGLY, THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE CONTRACT, ADOPTER SHALL PAY LIQUIDATED DAMAGES TO KRI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00, NOT AS A PENALTY, BUT AS A REASONABLE ESTIMATE BY THE PARTIES AS TO THE DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE BREACH OF THIS PROVISION.

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Addendums:

KRI will reimburse adopter for the following items:

Spay/Neuter Deposit collected
 Rabies vaccination (up to \$20)
 Distemper vaccination (up to \$10)
 Microchip (up to \$30)
 4DX test to check for tick-borne illness (up to \$45)
 Training
 Other

Pet Name _____ Breed _____ M N F S
Color/Markings _____ Age _____ Microchip _____

KRI animals are registered with HomeAgain. Upon adoption, go to <https://homeagain.com/chipfurkeeps/login.jsp?requestedURL=pp> enter MD188 in the shelter ID field, and complete personal information as requested. The adoption fee does not include chip registration. Please consider keeping KRI as secondary contact.

Print Name _____
Signature _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Amt: _____ Payment Method: Check # _____ Cash _____ PayPal _____ Venmo _____

Petco Rewards # _____ *Knine Rescue Inc. is a Petco Foundation Partner. For each adoption we do with a Petco Rewards Member, Petco gives us points towards valuable grant opportunities.*

KRI Representative Signature _____
Rep Phone Number _____ Date _____

Donation Acknowledgment for Pet Adoption (Federal Tax ID: 13-4317223)

Thank you for recent donation of \$ _____ (do not include S/N deposit) to Knine Rescue Inc. on _____ in support of your recent pet adoption. We estimate the value of Pet to be _\$0.00_. We are required to inform you that your federal income tax deduction for your contribution is the amount of your contribution less the value of Pet. Your generous donation will support Knine Rescue Inc. in its efforts to foster and place adoptable pets as a nonprofit rescue organization. Knine Rescue, Inc. is a §501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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