



Knine Rescue, Inc.  
PO Box 578  
Ashton, Maryland 20861

## KNINE RESCUE, INC. ADOPTION CONTRACT

Knine Rescue, Inc. (the "KRI/Rescue/we/us"), a Maryland 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, and the Undersigned (the "Adopter" or "you" or "your"), in consideration of the mutual covenants in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, intending to be legally bound by this Agreement, agree to the following:

**The Dog:** We are placing the following described dog/puppy (hereinafter "Dog") with you, the Adopter, for the adoption by you as a companion dog and family member:

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

Breed/Mix/Color/Markings \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed \_\_\_ Neutered \_\_\_

Microchipped Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Approximate Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Tax-Deductible Adoption Donation:** The Adopter agrees to make the following tax-deductible donation:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
0-1	\$425
1-4	\$375
5+	\$325

We are unable to refund adoption donations under any circumstances. Your generous tax-deductible donation will support Knine Rescue, Inc. as a non-profit dog rescue organization in its efforts to foster and place adoptable dogs. Our federal Tax ID is 13-4317223.

### **General Guidelines:**

- The Dog will be cared for always with proper food, water, and shelter.
- The Dog will not be kept in a leased/rented property where a No Pets policy is in force.
- Adopter understands there are inherent risks with leaving The Dog left unsupervised with other pets or children.
- The Dog will not be euthanized except in case of terminal illness/injury.
- The Dog will not be surrendered to an animal shelter.
- The Adopter will follow all applicable state/county laws regarding animal custody.
- The Adopter will provide appropriate training and obtain professional training as needed, and will be solely financially responsible for such training.

**Spay/Neuter:** If the Dog has not been sterilized prior to this agreement, you agree to Spay or Neuter as soon as recommended by your veterinarian, but no later than twelve (12) months from the date of this signed agreement.



**Veterinary Care:** You agree to provide all necessary medical care to the Dog in a timely manner. You agree to keep all vaccinations current and ensure the Dog receives all preventative medications, including to protect against fleas, ticks, and heartworms. The Adopter is solely responsible for any veterinary problems that may arise, including serious illness requiring emergency care or surgery, including all costs associated with such care. All of the dogs have received basic veterinary care prior to adoption.

**Training:** The Adopter understands that it may take weeks or months for The Dog to feel secure in a new environment and The Dog may have anxieties, fear, or housebreaking issues that will need to be worked through with patience and positive reinforcement. The Adopter understands that positive reinforcement training is of the utmost importance, and that it can make The Dog's transition into a new home go more smoothly. The Adopter understands that such training is important for ALL dogs but is of critical importance to dogs under 1 year of age and can prevent the development of behavioral problems later in life. The Adopter understands that KRI strongly recommends all other dog owners to enroll in (and pay all fees associated with) a basic positive reinforcement-based training course within 30 days of the date of adoption, preferably sooner. The Adopters understand that KRI is adopting The Dog based upon representations made during the application process that the Adopter will invest adequate time and resources to help The Dog with the transitional and any behavioral issues to the extent that any ever arise. I understand that prior to returning a dog to KRI due to behavioral issues, Adopter will meet with a professional dog trainer or behaviorist for at least 3 sessions to address any such issues and communicate progress to a KRI representative. In the event The Dog is returned to KRI, Adopter will provide evidence of such consultations and a detailed description of behaviors to assist future fosters and adopters. Adopter will provide consent for a KRI representative to communicate with the professional whom the Adopter worked with on such issues.

**No Warranty:** KRI makes no warranty as to the health, temperament, or physical condition of The Dog. The Dog is being adopted as is. All warranties regarding The Dog, including any implied warranty of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, where they are applicable, are hereby specifically disclaimed.

Adopter understands that The Dog may have been exposed to communicable disease, and that it is critical that the pet be examined by a licensed veterinarian as soon as possible. The Dog's known behaviors have been discussed with Adopter; however, an animal's behavior is not completely predictable or reliable. It is also understood that environmental changes may affect and change the temperament of the above-named Dog and that KRI has no responsibility or liability of any nature regarding defects with The Dog, or injuries/damage to any person or property that may be caused by The Dog.

**Return Policy:** If Adopter decides to not keep The Dog, Adopter hereby agrees to return The Dog to KRI. Adopter agrees to give KRI up to 14 days to secure a foster home and will provide safe and loving care of The Dog until a foster home becomes available. The Dog may not be transferred to another owner without the express written consent of KRI. In the event Adopter returns The Dog to KRI more than thirty (30) days after the date of this Agreement, Adopter agrees to pay a mandatory surrender fee of \$250.00 at the time of surrender.

**Release & Indemnification/No Liability:** Adopter hereby releases KRI and its members and representatives from any and all liability for personal injury, property damage, legal fees, or veterinary care, or any other expense or liability incurred by Adopter as a result of this adoption. Adopter agrees to indemnify KRI from any and all such claims and to pay, without limitation, any costs related to such injury,



damage, or liability, including, in the case of litigation, any attorney’s fees, expert fees, and court costs incurred by KRI in its defense.

**Breach of Agreement/Liquidated Damages:** If Adopter does not comply with the terms of this Agreement, and/or KRI determines that the Dog has been abused, neglected, or maltreated, we hold the right to recover The Dog from you upon demand, and the Dog will be surrendered to us immediately. In addition, without waiving any of our rights under this Agreement, if you do not surrender The Dog to KRI upon demand, Adopter shall make a payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to KRI as just and reasonable liquidated damages to compensate KRI for its costs and expenses in connection with your breach of this Agreement and we reserve all rights to reacquire The Dog.

**Entire Agreement/Modification/Binding Effect:** This Agreement is the entire agreement between Adopter and KRI and supersedes any prior understandings between you and KRI with respect to the subject matter of this agreement. No modification of this Agreement will be valid unless in writing duly signed by both KRI and Adopter. This Agreement is binding upon Adopter and Adopter’s heirs, assigns, successors, personal representatives, and executors.

\_\_\_\_\_ (please initial here) **Consent to Use Picture:** Upon adoption, I consent to KRI using photograph and/or video of me and my family with the Dog for media purposes.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BY ADOPTER:**

**KNINE RESCUE, INC.:**

Signed & Agreed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_