

Carolina Canine Rescue Adoption Contract
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This contract is between _____ (name of adopter) and Carolina Canine Rescue (CCR). The above-named adopter is adopting a _____ (breed) _____ (name) _____ (color) on the date off _____.

From this day on the adopter agrees:

- 1.) This pet is being adopted as a companion animal and is not to be used for any other purposes.
- 2.) The adopter agrees to provide a long lifelong commitment, a comfortable environment, and safe and responsible care. This also includes keeping vaccines up to date, keeping parasite free, providing adequate food and water at all times, providing flea, tick, and heartworm preventative, and any other vet recommendations. The pet will be seen by a veterinarian at least annually.
- 3.) The adopter agrees this pet is an indoor pet and will not be tied or staked outdoors without supervision will not be left outdoors in a dog lot unsupervised for more than an 8 hour work day. Small breed dogs will not be left in a dog lot without supervision. Pets will not be crated for more than nine hours in a 24 hour period and will have a break out of the crate during that 9 hour period.
- 4.) The adopter agrees that the pet will not be sold, traded, or taken to a kill shelter under any circumstances. If a pet must be rehomed, the rescue must be contacted beforehand via email or telephone. The rescue must be given first option as the new home.
- 5.) The rescue is not obligated to take the pet back after the first 2 weeks of adoption. Often this depends on space available. The rescue it's not obligated to take back any pets because of behavioral issues which developed while in the adopters care. Adopter is responsible for all expenses involved in the care and return of any pets under any circumstances, including vetting, boarding, and transportation expenses.
- 6.) The rescue will not take pets back for behavioral issues unless the adopter has spent a minimum of four one-on-one sessions with a trainer or behaviorist and followed their recommendations before making a decision to return the pet. The rescue strongly recommends that all adopters consult with a trainer or behaviorist within the first week of the pets arrival to ensure the pet and new owners get the right start.
- 7.) The adopter understands that the health of the pet cannot be guaranteed. The adopted pet will be seen by a licensed veterinarian prior to arriving in the new home and the adopter will be informed of any significant abnormal findings found prior to the pets arrival.
- 8.) Adopter will assume sole responsibility for the pets actions once possession is taken of the pet by the adopter or the adopters representative. Adopter agrees to hold the rescue

and its representatives harmless from any and all liability associated with any illness of the pet, or damage or injury caused here after by said pet. The adopter understands that the rescue is not always aware of the background of the pet. The rescue or any representative will not be responsible for the pets temperament, accidents, sickness, injuries, or damage caused by the pet. The adopter is responsible for any and all legal and/or vet bills once the adopter takes possession of the pet.

- 9.) If the pet is diagnosed with a life-threatening disease or illness within the first 7 days of possession of the pet, the pet may be returned to the rescue with a partial to full refund of the adoption fee. If the pet dies within 7 days of the date that you take physical possession of the pet, and the death is due to neglect on our part, your full adoption fee will be refunded. Documentation of illness and or death from a licensed veterinarian must be provided within five days or no refund will be issued.
- 10.) Once the adopter takes possession of the pet, and if it is found to become sick hurt, neglected, or appears to be abused we do have the right to take the pet into our care and the adopter will forfeit all rights to the pet and the rescue or representatives will not be responsible for any expenses, including veterinarian, incurred by the adopter. Adopter will cover any legal expenses associated with taking the pet back if deemed necessary.
- 11.) The rescue does not guarantee pet breed or adult size when fully grown. Often times the pets are coming from a shelter or were found as strays and the breed is a "best guess".
- 12.) If this pet has not been sterilized prior to adoption, it is the responsibility of the adoptive individual to have the pet spayed or neutered within 90 days or upon their veterinarian recommendation. The pet will not be bred.
- 13.) The adoption can be cancelled at any time upon the rescues discretion prior to the adopter taking possession of the pet. In this event the deposit and any part of the adoption fees already paid towards the pet will be refunded.
- 14.) Should adopter breach any of the agreements contained in this adoption contract, the rescue shall have the right to rescind this adoption contract and demand return of the pet. Should adopter fail to return the pet to the rescue, the rescue may seek an order from a court of competent jurisdiction for the return of said pet in addition to any sum paid for the pet pursuant to this adoption contract plus attorney's fees and court costs.
- 15.) If any part of this contract or any portion or provision hereof, to any pet, person, or condition, is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of this contract or their application to any other pet, person, or condition, and to this end the provisions of this contract are hereby declared to be severable.
- 16.) The \$75 deposit is applied toward the adoption fee and is non-refundable.
- 17.) It is the responsibility of the adopter to be sure that you examine your new pet upon arrival to be sure you are receiving the correct pet. Sometimes pets look very much alike. Check the sex, markings, and color. Once you leave the transport with a pet, it is considered your pet, and this contract applies to that

particular pet.

- 17.) If the adopter or the adopters representative fails to show up to meet the transporter at the designated time and place to receive the pet without contacting the rescue or transporter at least 24 hours prior to the transport date, no refunds will be given.

Please sign and date your full name below, stating that you understand all of the above.

Name

Date

Mailing address

Email Address

Phone

Please read the following info regarding the transport and transitioning for your new pet:

Health certificates are good for 30 days. Your pet will see our vet within that 30 day period prior to adoption, but they usually go to the vet within 72 hours prior to the transport date for his/her health certificate. The transporter picks up from us on that Friday between 12:30 to 2 p.m. and drives through the night along their route. The meeting place will be in a well-lit, populated area and there will be other adopters there also. You probably won't hear from the transporter until Thursday prior to the transport.

Your pet will have Frontline on, but if fleas are a concern you may want to stop at the vet's office or pet store and pick up a Capstar. It starts working within 15 minutes and works for eight hours. It is great at killing fleas. You could give it with peanut butter, cheese, or lunch meat before you head home.

As far as a leash, we would recommend a noose type leash. Most vets and groomers have them in case you aren't sure what I'm talking about. If your pet slips a collar, especially if shy, you may or may not catch the pet.

For timid dogs we recommend not pushing yourself on them and no direct eye contact threatening. If you give the pet time to sniff you, and check you out at his own speed, he will warm up much quicker. Also when you do pet him, don't go for the top of the head, another threatening move. You can basically just ignore him and allow him to check you out at his own speed. Petting and trying to reassure or comfort a timid dog will only reinforce the behavior. You can also leave a leash on him to drag around in case you need to get your hands on him before he is comfortable with you. Children should sit down on the floor and allow the pet to come to them. Treats may be offered.

Never put your hands in the food bowl of a new dog or try to take away a treat until you are all comfortable with each other and know that he is okay with that.

Introduction of new dogs and your current dog is best when both are introduced in a neutral territory off your property when possible. Walk them around together, giving them time

to approach each other at their own pace. If this is not feasible, put the new dog and a wire crate in your living area and let them get to know each other through the crate before letting the new pet out. Allow him to come out at his own pace.

We would recommend your consideration of a harness over a collar for small dogs or dogs that need leash work.

The best thing you can do for your pet is to not feel sorry for him and try to overly compensate/spoil your dog. You must remain "alpha/ in your pack and cannot do so if you initially allowed too much freedom and allow the pet to do whatever he wants. The pet should never get in your lap or on the furniture without a direct invitation from you first. If a dog growls at other people or pets while on the furniture or in your lap, he is claiming you as his territory, and should immediately be corrected and made to get on the floor, and stay there until you invite him back up. We recommend calling in a trailer with any behavior issues as people often inadvertently reinforce and make the behavior worse. Most behavior issues are easily correctable once you know how to properly correct your pet, and a trainer or behavioralist is well worth getting off on the right foot. We expect adopters to take this step if needed.

Please be aware your pet has gone through a lot of changes recently and we expect the adopters to allow pets adequate time to transition. If you would like pointers to help with this you are encouraged to call the pets previous foster or call/email the rescue.

The adopter agrees to abide by all of the above requirements.

Signature

Date

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