

# ANIMAL ALLIANCE DOG ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This is an Agreement for the adoption of \_\_\_\_\_ (animal's name), a **SPAYED FEMALE**  
**NEUTERED MALE** (gender) \_\_\_\_\_ (color, breed) **CANINE**  
(species) approximately \_\_\_\_ MONTHS YEARS OLD (age) , between  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Adopter) and Animal Alliance.

**By signing this Agreement and taking possession of the above named animal, I certify that I have read, understood and agree to the following:**

1. Adopter agrees to make an adoption donation to Animal Alliance in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The Adopter understands that this is not a purchase price, but ia **contribution** used to help the animals in foster care with our organization and is therefore **non-refundable**.
2. Adopter agrees to take the animal to a veterinarian for an examination **within seven (7) days** after signing this Agreement and to hold Animal Alliance harmless for any defects the animal may now or later possess. Adopter accepts the animal as is at the time of adoption and understand that Animal Alliance is not responsible for any medical conditions not readily detected prior to or at the time of this adoption or discovered after adoption. If the Adopter returns the animal to Animal Alliance for medical reasons within the first 7 days post-adoption and provides veterinary records substantiating the reason, a refund will be issued.
3. Adopter accepts full responsibility for this animal's care and welfare and agrees the animal will always receive high quality food, water, shelter, veterinary care and companionship. Adopter agrees to comply with all applicable laws regarding the licensing and care of animals. Adopter agrees to seek professional advice and training for the pet in the event that behavioral problems are noted.
4. **ADOPTER AGREES THAT IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO KEEP THIS DOG FOR ANY REASON, IT MUST BE RETURNED TO ANIMAL ALLIANCE. PLEASE CALL 609-818-1952 for an appointment to do so.**
5. Adopter has been advised by Animal Alliance of any and all known physical and behavior problems and agrees to hold Animal Alliance harmless therefore. Adopter will be responsible for any damage or injury to persons or property that may be caused by the animal after Adopter takes custody. Animal Alliance is in no way responsible for any damage that an animal may inflict upon another person or property, and no attempt will be made by adopter to hold Animal Alliance responsible.
6. Adopter agrees to receive and respond to emails or telephone calls from Animal Alliance so the animal's adjustment can be monitored.
7. Adopter agrees that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey and agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Jersey in the event of any dispute that is related to this Agreement or the animal being adopted.
8. Adopter agrees that if any of the terms of this Agreement are not satisfactorily met, Animal Alliance may reclaim this animal.
9. Adopter acknowledges that all animals can carry diseases, and some may be transmissible to humans, including bacteria, viruses, parasites, & ringworm; disease may be asymptomatic and undetectable in what appears to be a healthy animal at the time of adoption.
10. Adopter understands that pets may exhibit normal but potentially undesirable behaviors including, but not limited to, aggression, house soiling, biting, scratching (people, furniture, woodwork), barking, digging, mounting people's legs, urine marking (dogs), urine spraying (cats) and that these normal behavior patterns may be difficult to manage. No one representing Animal Alliance has told Adopter that this pet will not engage in any of these behaviors.
11. **HEALTHCARE RELEASE:** Animal Alliance, a nonprofit, volunteer-run animal welfare agency, places animals that have been altered and are current on age-appropriate inoculations into carefully screened adoptive homes. As with human disease, animal diseases have incubation periods, which means an animal may present as perfectly healthy the day of adoption, and then fall ill at some future point. Just as humans can feel fine one day, and be sick a few days later, the same is true of animals. Just as humans will never know exactly where or how we picked up a flu bug or cold virus, we at Animal Alliance have no way of knowing if the animal you adopt and appears healthy may be incubating a disease, and if they become ill, where they might have been exposed to the germ, especially due to the varying incubation period of different illnesses. Such diseases may include, but are not limited to, distemper, parvovirus, bordatella (kennel cough), coccidia, parasites, ringworm, etc. (See Term 9). We specifically recommend that you limit your newly adopted animal's contact with potential sources of infection, such as pet-supply stores, dog parks, and the yards of other dogs for at least the first 2 weeks of ownership. We recommend that your adopted pet remain in controlled contact within any existing pets in your household for at least the first week post-adoption.

**ADOPTER'S SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

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**HEALTHCARE RELEASE (continued):** If the animal you adopt from Animal Alliance exhibits any severe health-related symptoms within the first 7 days post-adoption, you may return it to Animal Alliance for a full refund of your adoption fee, or you may elect to treat it at your own expense at your veterinarian. Should you elect to return the pet to us, you will relinquish ownership of the pet back to Animal Alliance so we can treat it at one of our contracted veterinarians according to standard treatment protocols based on the diagnosis. You will have the option to re-adopt it once it is restored to health if you so choose. Animal Alliance will NOT reimburse veterinary treatment undertaken by an owner at any time, whether within the 7 day refund period or at any point beyond that for either the adopted pet or any already-owned animals.

We recommend that you contact us immediately if your pet shows any sign of illness within the first week post-adoption so we may arrange a timely return. Animal Alliance provides adopters with numerous contact phone numbers on our adoption contracts and healthcare records so that adopters should be able to reach us quickly in the rare event of a healthcare emergency.

- 12. By your signature below you acknowledge that (a) you have been provided with the time and opportunity to carefully review this adoption agreement, and to discuss it with Animal Alliance and anyone else of your choosing; (b) you have been afforded the time and opportunity to interact with the pet that you desire to adopt; (c) Animal Alliance has discussed with you the pet that you have chosen to adopt, including its known behavioral tendencies and that of its breed and a recommendation concerning the age and experience of the people who are best suited to interact with your pet; and (d) Animal Alliance has exercised diligent and proper efforts to disclose all health and behavioral risks associated with this particular animal; (e) you understand the behavior of your pet will change over time and Animal Alliance cannot guarantee the lifelong behavioral tendencies of your new pet. As a result, you are now willing now to assume full responsibility for your pet and those risks. You represent that you are not aware of any reason that the pet you have chosen to adopt should not be adopted by Animal Alliance to you, or become part of your household (i.e. Animal Alliance does not adopt adult dogs to families with children less than 9 years of age, likewise for households with frequent visits from young children).
- 13. By your signature below, you hereby release Animal Alliance, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and volunteers, from any responsibility for the behavior and future conduct of the pet you have adopted, and for any damage or injury to any person or property which may be caused by your pet. You also agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Animal Alliance, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and volunteers, from and against any and all liability, damage, suits, actions, judgments, costs, or fees (including reasonable attorneys fees and expenses) arising out of, or related to: (a) your adoption of this animal, (b) your failure to comply with the terms of this agreement, (c) defects and/or illness which the animal may now have or may in the future develop, and (d) any damage or injury to any person or property which may be caused by your pet.

**ADOPTER’S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANIMAL ALLIANCE CONTACT INFORMATION:** Voicemail: 609-818-1952 Email: [info@animalalliancenj.org](mailto:info@animalalliancenj.org)

**ANIMAL ALLIANCE MAILING ADDRESS:** Box 1285, Belle Mead, NJ 08502

**FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION:** Annie Trinkle 609-635-7006