

Little Bits Rescue & Adoption

Adoption Agreement

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This Agreement is made and entered into on this ____ day of _____, by and between Little Bits Rescue & Adoption and the following individual(s), hereinafter "Adopter":

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

WHEREAS Adopter wishes to adopt, and Little Bits Rescue & Adoption wishes to place for adoption, the following dog:

Name:

Color:

Breed:

Sex:

Age:

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the parties to the Agreement agree as follows:

1. Adopter shall be asked to make a non-refundable donation of \$____. The donation shall be used to help Little Bits Rescue & Adoption offset the large expenses incurred in rescuing, boarding, and caring for these dogs.

2. A certified veterinarian has examined all dogs placed for adoption. If a previous owner has given the dog's past health records, Little Bits Rescue & Adoption will provide these records to the adopter. Little Bits Rescue & Adoption attempts to contact the dog's past veterinarians, but sometimes contact cannot be made. Even when it is made, Little Bits Rescue & Adoption cannot assure the completeness or accuracy of the veterinary records.
3. Adopter shall not transfer the dog to any other person(s). If Adopter subsequently no longer wants the dog, Adopter shall return the dog to Little Bits Rescue & Adoption
4. Adopter will not allow the dog to be used for medical or experimental purposes.
5. Adopter shall treat the dog humanely, particularly with respect to the provision of adequate food, water, and shelter.
6. Adopter shall not keep the dog outdoors for extended periods of time. Neither shall Adopter keep the dog outdoors in a doghouse overnight or for extended periods during the day. Adopter shall not chain or tie the dog for an unreasonable period of time and never without adequate moving space and human supervision at all times.
7. Adopter shall provide routine and emergency veterinary care as needed. Booster vaccinations shall be administered at least once per year with a routine examination.
8. The dog is being adopted as a companion only. Adopter shall not use the dog for guarding, protection, or breeding purposes.
9. Little Bits Rescue & Adoption may make inquiries about and/or examine the dog at any time, upon reasonable notice to the Adopter.
10. If Adopter resides in housing that is rented; Adopter shall obtain permission from the landlord prior to the dog's placement with Adopter. A copy of the lease approving pets in the rental housing will be acceptable.
11. Adopter understands that adopted dogs typically will require time to adjust to their new homes and surroundings. Adopter acknowledges _____ (initials of adopter) receipt of "Instructions For Rescue Adopted Dogs" and agrees to follow the instructions provided in that document.

12. In the event that Little Bits Rescue & Adoption determines, in its sole discretion, that Adopter is not providing adequate food, shelter, veterinary care, or is otherwise in breach of any of its obligations herein, Little Bits Rescue & Adoption shall be entitled to take back the dog and make appropriate arrangements for the dog's care and/or re-adoption. Should such an event occur, the donation made by Adopter shall be forfeited and the expense of returning the dog is the responsibility of the Adopter.

13. Little Bits Rescue & Adoption makes no representations or warranties concerning the health, temperament, and/or previous ownership of the dog, other than expressly stated herein. Adopter understands that Little Bits Rescue & Adoption shall not be liable for any medical care, or treatment of the dog.

14. Adopter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Little Bits Rescue & Adoption and/or their representatives, for and against any and all manner of actions and causes of actions, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, agreements, judgments, claims, and demands whatsoever arising out of or relating to the adoption, placement, and/or possession of the dog.

Adopter:

Little Bits Rescue & Adoption (Authorized Representative):

To Keep with Dog:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESCUE ADOPTED DOGS

ADOPTED dogs require an adjustment period after placement. Little Bits Rescue & Adoption attempts to housebreak and socialize the dogs that it places for adoption. However, Adopter must realize that accidents will happen, particularly in the beginning of the adjustment period. It will take some time for most of the dogs to learn the habits and routines of their new households. Likewise, Adopter will have to take the time to learn the dog's particular habits and preferences. Be patient and gentle with the dog during this adjustment period.

Little Bits Rescue & Adoption never knowingly permits the adoption of dogs that are known biters. However, in the unfortunate event that an adopted dog bites, Adopter should take the following actions:

1. Seek medical help for any injured person.
 2. Temporarily remove the dog and isolate him/her in an area where he/she can do no further harm.
 3. Evaluate the severity of the bite and the circumstances during which it took place. Was the dog provoked? Was the bite a result of the dog's being hurt or unduly stressed or frightened? Was the bite unintentional (i.e. did it take place because a person was attempting to break up a dogfight)? Was the dog trying to bite at a toy in the person's hand?
 4. Contact Little Bits Rescue & Adoption for assistance.
 5. If it is deemed necessary, contact local Animal Control Agency to make a report of the incident.
 6. If Animal Control has been notified, the dog must be confined for the period of time required by law. This shall be done either at Adopter's home, a veterinary clinic or hospital, or at the local Animal Control Agency. Little Bits Rescue & Adoption does not have sufficient space to quarantine the dog.
- It must be understood that if the dog is turned over to local Animal Control, the dog may not be returned to the Adopter. It is highly likely that, in this sad event, euthanasia will be administered. It is therefore very important that Little Bits Rescue & Adoption be contacted before Animal Control is notified so the best decision can be reached for all parties concerned.

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