

Dog Adoption Contract

I, _____ address: _____ phone _____, new owner of _____ breed/markings _____ microchip# _____ agree to take said pet in for annual vet check-ups, annual vaccinations and visit my vet _____ phone _____ address _____ as appropriate for any illness which may arise during the life of above named pet. I agree not to house this pet outside, chain it outside, or leave it for any length of time outside without water or appropriate shelter from the elements. _____ **initials of owner**

It is also understood that it is my responsibility to ensure this pet receive daily walks/runs, or time in a securely fenced yard, interaction with humans, and treated as a member of my family, with appropriate sleeping quarters, and adequate toys to keep its mind busy. Water will be available at all times and a regular feeding schedule established. A crate may be used but inhumane crating or kenneling for periods of longer than 3-4 hrs at a time except to sleep at night will not be considered acceptable. Remember the point in having a dog is interacting with a dog. Dogs need and want to be with you; toys aren't fun unless you make them fun, exercise isn't fun unless you go along, crates have a purpose. Don't overuse them. _____ **initials of owner**

A regular weekly grooming schedule must be adhered to in order to prevent sores and skin infections, especially in long eared/ long haired varieties. Dental care will be incorporated to the best of my ability as well and at the very least appropriate dental chews will be given to my pet to stimulate gums and reduce tartar. Discussion with my vet regarding best care will be reviewed. _____ **initials of owner**

It is strongly advised you continue in obedience training classes with your pet. Any pet adopted from Liz Quinlan Rescue will receive continued obedience or behavior modification lessons at a reduced rate if desired. (rates vary depending on location). _____ **initials of owner**

I understand that regular checks either by phone, email or in person will be made by Liz Quinlan Rescue to ensure the safety of my pet, and if I fail to adhere to this contract the above named pet will be reclaimed by Liz Quinlan Rescue. If for any reason during the life of this pet I can no longer keep the pet and Liz Quinlan Rescue is still in operation, it is agreed that I must return the pet to said rescue organization. _____ **initials of owner**

I agree that no electronic training collars or adverse training methods will be used on this pet, since it is proven they can cause burns and emotional damage to many dogs. This pet will not be used for any unlawful acts. This pet will not be sold to another party, abandoned, given to a shelter or another rescue organization (unless with the express consent of Liz Quinlan Rescue). _____ **initials of owner**

I agree to abide by all my county /town/ state leash laws and licensing/housing/cruelty laws. I agree to notify Liz Quinlan Rescue in the event this animal is lost/stolen, or dies. Cause of death must be indicated by written statement of a certified veterinarian for our records. _____ **initials of owner**

I agree to the best of my ability to an annual photo and a short update on my pet to be included on the LizQuinlan.com website for updates. _____ **initials of owner**

Fee for animal: \$ _____ Fee for micro-chipping \$ _____ Total: \$ _____
Paid in Cash/Date _____ **initials new owner/ Liz Quinlan** _____

NOTE: Please remember however strict this contract may seem it is in my vast experience over nearly 25 years to protect the welfare of the animal you have adopted. If you are at all uncomfortable with this contract I strongly suggest you seek adoption through another agency. We take the welfare of our animals very seriously. They have already been bounced around at least a couple of times and need a permanent and safe haven to call home for the rest of their lives. We hope to ensure that this will be their last stop.

Client Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Liz Quinlan Signature: _____ **Date:** _____