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**ADOPTION, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

A **BINDING AGREEMENT** made as of the date set forth below. (NOTE: A binding agreement is only consummated once an Animal Justice League Representative signs below). WHEREAS, Adopter wishes to take custody of Pet:

<b>Name of Adopter:</b>	<b>Name of Pet:</b>	<b>Breed:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Sex: Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Color:</b>	<b>Age (estimated):</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Altered: Spayed</b>	<b>Neutered</b>
	<b>Heartworm Status: Pos</b>	<b>Neg</b>

Enrollment in the microchip services provided by AKC Reunite is included in your adoption fee. AJL will remain on as the primary contact, the Adopter will become the Alternate contact.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of AJL’s relinquishment of custody of Pet and other good and valuable consideration provided to Adopter by AJL, which Adopter acknowledges is good and sufficient consideration for Adopter’s agreements herein, Adopter hereby gives and grants unto AJL, as a basis on which Pet is released, this Adoption, Release and Indemnity Agreement, and promises, covenants and agrees as follows:

**HOLD HARMLESS/ INDEMNIFICATION**

AJL (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AFFILIATED ENTITIES, AND/OR AGENTS) SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO ADOPTER ON ANY THEORY OF LEGAL LIABILITY INCLUDING THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF AJL (AND/OR ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR MEMBERS), FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CAUSED BY PET. ADOPTER DOES HEREBY RELEASE AJL (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR MEMBERS) FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, SUITS, OBLIGATIONS, DEMANDS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION WHICH MAY ARISE OUT OF OR BE BROUGHT AGAINST AJL (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR MEMBERS) BY VIRTUE OF THE RELEASE OF PET TO ADOPTER. IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF ADOPTER AND AJL THAT THE RELEASE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO PROTECT AJL (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND/OR MEMBERS) FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY ATTACK, BEHAVIOR, OR OTHER ACTION BY PET, AND FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF AJL (AND ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS) IN OBTAINING CUSTODY OF PET, IN PROVIDING CARE FOR PET, IN ADOPTING PET TO ADOPTER, OR IN FAILING TO PROVIDE TIMELY OR ADEQUATE WARNING TO ANY PERSON CONCERNING PET.

ADOPTER EXPRESSLY AGREES TO DEFEND, PAY, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AJL (AND ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS) FROM ALL SUITS, ACTIONS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, OR LIABILITY OF ANY CHARACTER, TYPE OR DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING ALL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEY’S FEES FOR INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON, OR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY, RECEIVED OR SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OR PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OF OR OCCASIONED BY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE RELEASE OF PET TO ADOPTER. IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF ADOPTER AND AJL THAT THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO PROTECT AJL (AND ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS) FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY ATTACK, BEHAVIOR OR OTHER ACTION BY PET, AND FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF RESCUER OR AJL IN OBTAINING CUSTODY OF PET, IN PROVIDING CARE FOR PET, IN ADOPTING PET TO ADOPTER, OR IN FAILING TO PROVIDE TIMELY OR ADEQUATE WARNING TO ANY PERSON CONCERNING PET.

\_\_\_\_\_ADOPTER'S INITIALS:

**ADOPTER further promises, covenants and agrees to the terms of this adoption/contract:**

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR FOSTER TO ADOPT ONLY:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I understand this pet must be spayed or neutered by the time they are 6 months old. If I do not comply with the terms of this contract, AJL will regain possession of the dog/cat and I will voluntarily and immediately release ownership and possession back to AJL. If I fail to do so, AJL will be entitled to enforce specific performance of this contract in addition to any other legal remedy available to AJL.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I understand that AJL will provide the first 3 rounds of necessary kitten/puppy vaccines, or adult vaccine, as well as rabies shot. I should consult my personal veterinarian to ensure my pet receives all needed vaccinations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. AJL will provide the microchip at the time of spay/neuter surgery, if not before.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. AJL will set up the spay/neuter appointment for me at an AJL approved clinic. I should not contact vets offices directly. If I have not heard from AJ in 2 weeks, I should contact AJL directly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. All animals will have been dewormed. In some instances, animal may still have worms or internal parasites such as coccidia or giardia, which may not show up until after the adoption. I understand I should contact AJL for medications if needed. If I pay for such medications at my personal vet, AJL is not responsible for reimbursement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Puppies are not totally protected from distemper or parvo, nor are kittens protected from FVRCP with 2 rounds of vaccines. I understand I should keep my puppy/kitten inside & away from public places (parks, front yards, pet stores) until all shots recommended by your veterinarian are complete.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. AJL will not pay for dew claw removal, e-collars, or take home pain medications. These may be requested at the adopter's expense.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I may choose to have the **spay/neuter** surgery done by my personal vet. I understand that this will not be covered by AJL. I also understand that I must provide AJL proof that surgery was done. If you choose this method initial here \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. AJL prefers to contact you via email to set up the spay/neuter surgery appointment. If you do not use email and prefer to be contacted in a different manner please indicate here \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The adoption fee is a donation to AJL. This donation is non-refundable after 72 hours, unless an extended time frame is notes in "Special Provisions" (#19).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I will never sell, trade, or give away this pet to anyone. I will never relinquish this pet to any shelter or pound, whether "no-kill" or otherwise. I will notify AJL if I am unable or unwilling to keep this pet for any reason, and I will return this pet to AJL after arrangements have been made for such return. If this pet is lost or stolen, I will notify AJL immediately.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. All future medical and health maintenance treatments are my responsibility, unless AJL has specifically agreed in writing to pay for them under the "Special Provisions" at the end of this contract. I will seek immediate (at time of injury or signs of illness) veterinary care if this pet becomes ill or is injured. I understand this is for the lifetime of the pet. **I will administer monthly heartworm preventative to the dog year round. If the dog is**

**heartworm positive, I understand that Heartguard® (or Ivermectin equivalent) is the only preventative that may be administered, as any other type could cause the pet to become seriously ill or even die. Because heartworms are atypical in cats, preventative is optional.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I will keep all immunizations current and updated according to a veterinarian's schedule. I give my permission for the release of all medical records to AJL at any time for the purpose of medical and vaccination follow up for the lifetime of the pet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I will keep the pet primarily indoors, interacting with my family, and will not to be banished to the back yard. I will never tie my pet to a chain or rope or leave him/her unattended for long periods. The pet will be exercised in a fenced yard or on a leash, and not be allowed to roam the streets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The pet SHALL NOT be physically altered in any manner (docking tails, cropping ears, declawing, etc.). If the pet is a cat, I will keep the cat indoors at all times and will never be subjected to surgical removal of its claws.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I agree to comply with all state and local ordinances in the confinement, care, and licensing of this pet. I will reclaim this pet promptly, and pay any required fees if it is picked up by an animal control agency. IF THIS PET IS EVER STOLEN OR LOST, ADOPTER AGREES THAT HE/SHE WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO FIND THE DOG/CAT. SUCH REASONABLE STEPS, INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, POSTING SIGNS IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE THE PET WENT MISSING, POSTING ON FACEBOOK LOST & FOUND, AND CHECKING AREA VET CLINICS, POUNDS AND SHELTERS. IF THIS PET EVER ENDS UP IN A SHELTER, AND AFTER NOTIFICATION I CHOOSE NOT TO CLAIM THE PET AND AJL RETRIEVES THE PET INSTEAD, AJL RETAINS THE RIGHT TO TAKE THE PET BACK INTO THEIR POSSESSION.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I may not sell this pet to another person to earn a profit. If I do, AJL is entitled to the amount of money gained by the sale in addition to a \$500 fee. AJL will pursue this in a court of law.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Rabies and ID tags will be kept on the dog at all times. Cats will only wear a breakaway collar specifically designed for cats.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. AJL MAKES NO WARRANTIES (EXPRESS OR IMPLIED) OR REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE AGE, NATURE, TEMPERAMENT, OR HEALTH OF THIS PET. I accepts pet "as is" and assumes all risks and responsibility including the financial responsibility of ownership of this pet once he/she is in my possession and that AJL is not in any way responsible for such costs incurred. I understand that AJL (and its officers, employees, volunteers, board of directors and members) accept no responsibility if pet should become ill or die after being released in my care, or should bite, scratch, injure, or cause the death of any person or animal or cause damage to property after being released into my custody.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. If I fail to fully and timely comply with the terms of this contract, I will voluntarily, immediately release ownership, possession, custody and control of this pet to AJL, and if I fail to do so, AJL will be entitled to enforce specific performance of this contract in addition to any other legal remedy available to AJL.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. All information in the Adoption Application is true, complete and correct and agree that any false or misleading statement thereon will constitute a breach of this contract. If any information contained on Adopter's Adoption Application is untrue, Adopter expressly agrees that AJL may retake custody of Pet without refunding adoption fee and without recourse by Adopter and Adopter agrees to relinquish such pet to Animal Justice League.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. AJL and its directors, officers, volunteers and those acting in consent with AJL shall not be liable to adopter on any theory of legal liability for any injury, death, or damage directly or indirectly caused by any pet subject to this contract. Adopter does hereby release AJL from any and all liability, claims, suits or causes of action relating in any way to pet or AJL's release of pet to adopter.

14. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas

\_\_\_\_ 15. Any disputes between the parties to this Agreement concerning the subject matter of this Agreement shall be submitted for resolution to the courts of Harris County, Texas.

\_\_\_\_ 16. I am at least 21 years of age.

\_\_\_\_ 17. I agree to allow AJL to use the photo taken at the adoption of my pet, along with any photography I provide to AJL, quotes and information about this adoption written in a story format on their website, press releases and other forms of media communications.

\_\_\_\_ 18. I understand that during the trial period of 72 hours, or as noted below in Special Provisions, I will make every effort to welcome a new pet and understand that there is always an adjustment period and that my new animal might not be perfect right away.

\_\_\_\_ 19. Special provisions of this contract, if any, are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**My signature below affirms that I have read and agree to all the above conditions:**

SIGNED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopter(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of AJL Representative

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Signature of Adopter(s)

**AJL STAFF USE ONLY:**

Health History Records Provided: _____	Special Provisions #19 Approval: _____
HW/Flea/Tick Preventative Due On: _____	Microchip Information: _____
AJL Animal ID #: _____	Other: _____
ACCEPTED BY Animal Justice League – Houston, TX	Adoption Fee Received <input type="checkbox"/> Amount \$ _____ Additional Contribution Received \$ _____ Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Last 4 digits of CC _____ Check #: _____ PayPal Trans ID: _____