

# Adoption Agreement

## Southern Skies Rescue & Adoption



Adoption Term(s) for the Dog Described at the bottom of this agreement and the adopting person.

- 1.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) AGREES THAT THE RESCUE DOG WILL BE A HOUSE PET AND WILL RECEIVE ALL THE CARE AND ATTENTION NECESSARY TO ENSURE ITS HEALTH AND WELL BEING. Adopting person(s) shall provide adequate food, fresh water, indoor shelter, exercise, veterinary care and yearly inoculations as recommended by attending veterinarian, and shall abide by all state and local laws governing dogs. Adopting person(s) shall provide the Rescue Dog with year around (12 month) heartworm preventative and provide the Rescue Dog with a yearly heartworm test.
- 2.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) WILL NOT PERMIT THE DOG TO RUN FREE, OFF LEASH, OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER BEHAVIOR THAT RESULTS IN THE DOG BEING OUT OF IMMEDIATE CONTROL OF THE OWNER/HANDLER. When outside, the Dog will NEVER be staked or chained out, or left unattended.
- 3.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE INDOOR SLEEPING QUARTERS. Dogs are not to be left outside for unreasonable extended periods of time or overnight.
- 4.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) WILL NOT transport the Dog in an open pickup truck bed, boat, or in any other manner where the Lab may fall off of or from and the possibility of injury could occur.
- 5.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) AGREES that the Dog will, at all time, wear a collar with current rabies tag and ID tag.
- 6.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) AGREES that in the event of a Tornado evacuation, or any other government mandated evacuation, the Adopting Person(s) will take the Rescue Dog on the evacuation.
- 7.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) AGREES TO CONTACT SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE IMMEDIATELY if the Rescue Dog becomes lost or is stolen.
- 8.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) WILL NOTIFY SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE at least one week prior to any address change.
- 9.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) WILL KEEP THE RESCUE DOG FOR SO LONG AS IT SHALL LIVE AND WILL NOT TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO AND OTHER PERSON(S). The rescue dog may not be transferred to any other person or organization for any reason.
- 10.) IF CUSTODY OF THE RESCUE DOG MUST BE RELINQUISHED, Adopting Person(s) agrees to notify SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE IMMEDIATELY to arrange its re-adoption.
- 11.) THE ADOPTING PERSON(S) TAKE THE RESCUE DOG AS IS, with all its defects, either observable or unobservable and assumes full risk for the Dog from the date of signing this agreement. Though care is given to assess physical condition and temperament of each Dog that is accepted, and every possible effort is made to provide a Rescue Dog which is compatible with the Adopter's home, NO WARRANTY is made as to the physical condition or temperament of this Rescue Dog.
- 12.) ADOPTING PERSON(S) AGREES THAT THE RESCUE DOG WILL BE TRAVELING A LONG WAY TO REACH THEIR DESTINATION TO THEIR FOREVER HOME. IF ADOPTED OUT OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
- 13.) ONCE THE ADOPTER RECIEVES THE DOG THE ADOPTER AGREES THAT IN THE EVENT THEY DO NOT WISH TO KEEP THE DOG THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THE DOG UNTIL ANOTHER FOSTER HOME OPENS UP OR WHEN ROOM IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION OR UNTIL ANOTHER ADOPTEE CAN BE FOUND. ADOPTER ALSO AGREES THEY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE DOG AND FOR ANY ACCRUED EXPENSES AS A RESULT INCLUDING THE TRANSPORTATION COST BACK TO THE RESCUE, FOSTER HOME OR NEW ADOPTEE.

## SPAY/NEUTER ADDENDUM FOR UNALTERED PETS

Proof of spay/neuter must be received from within fourteen (14) days after the surgery. In the event that the dog's health does not allow this agreement to be honored, SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE must be provided with a statement from Adopter's veterinarian that this dog is not yet in physical or emotional condition for surgery. Based upon the veterinarian's evaluation of this dog the Adopter will contact the veterinarian and establish the earliest date that the procedure can be performed.

It is the responsibility of the Adopter, not the veterinarian, to ensure that SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE has received verification that the surgery has been performed. Failure to comply with this agreement, unless otherwise agreed to in writing, will be considered a breach of the Contract.

Adopter agrees to have this dog spayed/neutered at adopter's expense and understands that this spay/neuter agreement is an agreement that this dog will not produce a litter of puppies either as purposely bred or by accidental breeding. Adopter also agrees that should the puppy/dog not be altered, Adopter will return said puppy/dog back to SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE with no refund.

SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE reserves the right to immediately remove and reclaim the Adopted Dog(s) from the Adoptive Person(s) if any of the above conditions are violated in any way or it is found that the Adoptive Dogs(s) is being abused, neglected, or mistreated. If SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE removes and reclaims the Adopted Dog(s), Adopting Person(s) shall pay SOUTHERN SKIES RESCUE all costs associated with the removal and reclamation, including but not limited to, veterinary bills, attorney bills, and any court costs.

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: [ M ] [ F ] [ Either ]      Approximate Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed/Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_      Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adopting Person

First: \_\_\_\_\_      Last: \_\_\_\_\_

### Address of Adopter

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_      State / Province / Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal / Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_      Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Adopter has read and agrees to the "Adoption Terms" 1-11 and 12-13 if adopting and transporting out of the state of Alabama stated in this agreement.
- Adopter has read and agrees with the Heartworm Treatment Addendum (if applicable) published in this agreement.
- Adopter has read and agrees with the Spay/Neuter Addendum for Unaltered Pets published in this agreement.
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- Adopter acknowledges the significant financial investment Southern Skies Rescue & Adoption has in the adopted dog above and beyond the actual amount the Adopter contributes. Adoption fee is non-refundable.
- As of the date of this agreement, the Adopting Person(s) listed below assumes responsibility for the Dog's actions and shall hold Southern Skies Rescue & Adoption and its individual members FREE from all claims for personal injury to others, and/or property damage associated with the adoption.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- By checking this box, I indicate that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the adoption agreement