



ADOPTION CONTRACT

Date of Adoption:

Animal Name:

Animal Sex/Color/Breed:

Adopter Name:

Adopter Address:

Adopter Phone Number – Home:

Adopter Phone Number – Cell:

Adopter E-mail:

Please read the terms and conditions of this agreement before signing.

1. Starfish Animal Rescue makes no warranty of the adopted animal, expressed or implied, including but not limited to any warranty concerning the condition of the animal or the temperament or suitability for the adoptive environment. The animal is adopted AS IS and all future expenses, including but not limited to, veterinary expenses, are your responsibility, unless specifically stated within this contract.
2. Adopter, on behalf of himself/herself and his/her spouse, heirs, insurers, agents, and assigns agrees to release Starfish Animal Rescue and its agents, volunteers, attorneys, and anyone else acting on its behalf from any and all claims, actions, obligations, demands, damages, and other liabilities, known or unknown, present or future, related to this adoption or the adopted animal.
3. Starfish Animal Rescue recommends that the animal be taken to the veterinarian within 10 days of adoption for a thorough exam. Starfish Animal Rescue makes no guarantee of the health of the animal. All medical conditions known to Starfish Animal Rescue are disclosed on the attached Medical Disclosure form. Starfish Animal Rescue strongly recommends a fecal sample be run at your own veterinarian post-adoption.
4. The adoption fee is NON-REFUNDABLE. However, if during the first 10 days after adoption a serious or life-threatening health condition is discovered (and documented) by a veterinarian, Starfish Animal Rescue will take the animal back and return the adoption fee.
5. Adopted animal must be kept as a house pet and treated as a member of the family. Adopter agrees that the adopted animal will not live outdoors or have **unattended** access to the outdoors (i.e. doggie door with no one home).
6. Adopter agrees to provide veterinary care to the animal.
7. In accordance with the recommendations of The American Heartworm Society, Adopter agrees to keep the adopted dog on heartworm preventative year round. <http://www.heartwormsociety.org/pdf/Canine-Guidelines-Summary.pdf>
8. Adopter agrees to comply with the animal laws and ordinances by which the Adopter's state and city/municipality are governed. Rabies tags must be purchased in the county of Adopter's residence.
9. The adopted animal must wear a form of identification that can easily provide a means to identify and contact the owner, in the event the animal is lost.
10. Adopter agrees that the animal is not being adopted for anyone other than the stated Adopter.
11. For placement of animals not yet altered (spayed/neutered), the Adopter agrees to alter the animal within 14 days of execution of this contract in accordance with 225 ILCS 605/3.3 of the Illinois State Law. See attached contract addendum for all requirements.
12. Adopter certifies that he/she has never been charged or convicted of animal abuse or neglect.
13. It is the hope of Starfish Animal Rescue that the Adopter will provide a forever home for the adopted animal. Adopter agrees, however, that if Starfish Animal Rescue chooses to exercise its right to repossess the adopted animal under the terms of this contract, (i) Adopter will fully cooperate in the surrender of the animal to Starfish Animal Rescue, (ii) Starfish Animal Rescue will regain all legal rights in and to the adopted animal, and (iii) Adopter will relinquish all actual and legal rights to the adopted animal.

_____ (initial here): I understand that the consequences and fallout from aversive training methods have been proven and are well documented. I understand that these consequences include increased anxiety and fear-related aggression, avoidance, and learned helplessness. I understand that when aversive training methods are used, animals may be less motivated to engage in training and less likely to interact with human members of the household. By initialing here, and in accordance with the recommendations of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, the adopter agrees not to use any training tools or methods that involve pain (e.g., choke chains, prong collars, electronic shock collars) or aversive training methods, or to knowingly engage a trainer that uses pain or aversive training methods. **If Starfish Animal Rescue learns that pain or aversive training methods have been used on the adopted animal, I understand and acknowledge that Starfish Animal Rescue may immediately take actual and legal possession of the adopted animal and that I forfeit all actual and legal rights to the adopted animal.**

The information included in this contract represents the entire agreement between Adopter and Starfish Animal Rescue. Adopter has read and understands the terms of the agreement and will abide by them and provide a home for the adopted animal for its lifetime.

If unable to provide care for the adopted animal, Adopter agrees to **first contact Starfish Animal Rescue** and offer return of the animal, with the understanding that Starfish Animal Rescue may choose to not accept the animal. Adopter agrees to not sell the animal or give the animal away before contacting Starfish Animal Rescue. Adopter agrees that if Adopter fails to abide by the terms of this contract, Starfish Animal Rescue may take action, which may include requiring the surrender of the animal to Starfish Animal Rescue. Any expenses incurred by Starfish Animal Rescue as a result of the repossession process, including but not limited to court and attorney fees, will be the responsibility of the Adopter. Adopter agrees that if legal action is taken, the minimum agreed value of any adopted animal is \$750.00.

Microchip Registration Information:

The information provided in the Adopter area of this agreement will be used as the primary registration information for the adopted animal's microchip registration.

Please provide and alternate **secondary emergency contact** for the registration.
PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Adopter agrees to register the adopted animal's microchip with the above information within 48 hours of Adopter's execution of this contract. In the event you move or change your contact information in the future, please be sure to update the Microchip contact information with PetLink® Microchip at www.petlink.net or (877)738-5465. The life of your dog could depend on it!

Signature
Adopter

Date

Margie Swift

Signature
Starfish Animal Rescue Representative

Date

Please make 2 copies of all paperwork, including signed Contract, signed Department of Agriculture Medical Disclosure, signed Contract Addendum (if applicable).

The Adopter keeps one set and the other set is retained by Starfish Animal Rescue and sent with the Adoption Fee Payment/Obedience Deposit (if required) to:

Starfish Animal Rescue
P.O. Box 1355
Plainfield, IL 60544

E-mail: starfishanimalrescue@gmail.com or
beastarfishrescuer@gmail.com
Fax: (708)967-5554

_____ **Obedience Training Deposit** (Check here if required.)

Obedience deposit collected: \$150.00 Check # _____ **(POST-DATED to 6 months from date of adoption!!)**

Please return proof of completion of Obedience Training (graduation certificate) to address/email/fax listed above within 6 months of date of adoption. In order to minimize postage costs, unless otherwise requested, your deposit check will be shredded (and not returned) upon receipt of proof of completion of obedience. In the event you choose not to complete the Obedience Training requirement, your check will be cashed.

Adoption Payment: Amount Paid: \$_____

_____ **Cash** _____ **Check#** _____

_____ **PayPal Receipt #** _____ **(Need Copy of PayPal Receipt)**