

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE RESCUE ADOPTION CONTRACT

DOGS NAME:	RESCUE ID:
DOGS AGE:	GENDER (M/F):
DOGS BIRTHDATE:	DOGS BREED:
DOGS MICROCHIP NUMBER:	
WTWTAR REPRESENTATIVE:	
REPRESENTATIVE PHONE #	
REPRESENTATIVE EMAIL:	
FOSTERED BY:	
FOSTERS PHONE #:	
FOSTERS EMAIL:	

IT IS THE INTENT OF WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE RESCUE (HEREAFTER "WTWTAR") AND THE ADOPTER(S) TO ENSURE AND PROTECT THE WELFARE OF ANY AND ALL DOGS ADOPTED AND PLACED BY WTWTAR INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE ADOPTER(S) THROUGH THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Full Name(s) of adopter(s):

(Hereinafter Adopter(s))

Adopter's Physical Address:

(City, State, and Zip Code)

Adopter's Mailing Address if different from Physical Address:

(City, State, and Zip Code)

Adopter's Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Adopter's Cell:

Adopters Email:

HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I/WE HAVE RECEIVED THE ABOVE AND WITHIN DESCRIBED DOG FROM WTWTAR AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Adopter shall ensure this dog has a loving home, shall provide food, fresh water, adequate exercise and human affection.
2. Adopter shall provide shelter at all times in a secure confinement area when the dog must be unattended. Adopter understands and agrees that an 'invisible fence' does not constitute a secure area unless a responsible person is in the same area and actively managing the dog.
3. Adopter shall allow this dog to sleep inside the house.
4. Adopter shall protect this dog from potential injury and death by keeping this dog on a leash at any time it is outside of a securely fenced area.

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5. Adopter shall not use a choke type collar at any time. Adopter shall use a front clip type collar. WTWTAR recommends SENSE-ation, EasyWalk, Walk/Wag, 2 Hounds Freedom Harness, or Halti collars or harnesses. If your dog backs out of regular collars, Adopter may use a Martingale limited slip collar.

6. Adopter shall never tether the dog while unaccompanied, nor to confine the dog in a way that causes the dog to suffer.

7. Adopter shall never allow the dog to ride in the open bed of a pick-up truck.

8. Adopter shall keep this dog at a healthy, proper weight and provide veterinary treatment when needed, including all vaccinations, heart-worm and flea and tick preventatives, diagnostic and preventative medical tests, and medications and treatments required to maintain overall good health.

9. If the dog is not spayed or neutered at the time of adoption, Adopter shall have the dog spayed or neutered when the dog is of appropriate age, barring any medical conditions preventing a safe surgery. If the dog is female, she will be spayed between the ages of five (5) months and seven (7) months, and if the dog is male, he will be neutered between the ages of seven (7) months and nine (9) months. This dog shall be spayed or neutered between _____ and _____.

Adopter has the option of where they would like the spay or neuter to be performed:

- CARE MORE ANIMAL HOSPITAL - 211 BLACKSTONE CAMP RD, MARTINEZ, GA (706)650-1839
- WESTER VETERINARY CLINIC - 905 WHITE OAK RD, THOMSON, GA (706)597-9200
- EDGEFIELD VETERINARY CLINIC - 218 AUGUSTA RD, EDGEFIELD, SC, 29824 (803)637-0356
- Adopter agrees to send an email to wherethewildthingsarerescue@gmail.com at least two weeks in advance of the preferred date of spay or neuter, and to include the following information:
 - Include Your name:
 - The name of your adopted dog (name at time of adoption, and new name if renamed):
 - Your preferred veterinary location choice from the above list.A WTWTAR volunteer will send you a spay/neuter voucher for your clinic of choice. WTWTAR pays only for the spay/neuter surgery and pain medications. WTWTAR does not pay for pre-surgery blood work or E-collars. These costs will be the Adopters responsibility if elected. If the WTWTAR voucher is not presented at the time of the procedure Adopter will be responsible for all charges. If Adopter prefers the surgery be done by their veterinarian, WTWTAR will reimburse Adopter up to but not exceeding the cost charged by our veterinarians. This cost currently is \$75.00 for spays and \$65.00 for neuters. Documentation will be required for all spays and neuters NOT performed by the veterinarians listed above.

10. Adopter shall keep this dog groomed, clean, free of matting of the dog's coat, and free from fleas, ticks, and other parasites.

11. Adopter shall ensure this dog wears the provided WTWTAR tag as well as Adopter's own identification tag at all times.

12. Adopter shall notify WTWTAR within 24 hours if this dog should become lost or stolen.

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13. Adopter shall notify WTWTAR of his or her new street address, email address, and phone numbers within 30 days of the change of that information. Adopter shall also notify the Microchip company of his or her new addresses and/or phone numbers within 30 days of the change in information.
14. Adopter shall comply with all State and Local Laws and Ordinances which pertain to the ownership of this dog including but not limited to vaccinations and leash laws.
15. Adopter shall never allow this dog to be used for dog experimentation of any kind, dog fighting, or guard duty. _____ **Adopter to initial**
16. Adopter shall never give, sell, or cause this dog to be given or sold to any agency, Humane Society, dog shelter, pound, or Animal Control Facility without obtaining the written consent of WTWTAR.
17. _____ **Adopter to initial**
18. In the rare event the Adopter is unable to care for the dog, the Adopter shall contact WTWTAR to discuss approved viable options which shall include but are not limited to behavior modification training and/or rehoming options. The Adopter recognizes and agrees that adopting a dog is a lifelong commitment and by adopting the dog, the Adopter is committed to the love and care of the dog by acting in its best interest at all times. Any behavior issues should be discussed with WTWTAR as soon as they develop as we may be able to help avert a negative outcome for the dog and the Adopter. In the event all viable options have been extinguished, WTWTAR will evaluate the possibility of taking the dog back into its adoption program providing Adopter acts as foster for the dog until such time as he/she is adopted.
19. Adopter shall complete an approved dog training class with this dog within six months of the date of this contract. Approved classes are reward based obedience training programs with a certified CCPDT trainer. CCPDT trainers can be found at http://www.ccpdt.org/index.php?option=com_certificants&Itemid=102. WTWTAR also has recommended trainers on our website if you are local to the Triangle Area. These trainers can be located on the "Information" section of our website. The adopter may ask a WTWTAR Representative to approve a trainer not already listed as well.
20. Adopter shall have the dog examined by Adopter's veterinarian within two to four weeks of the adoption date. The examination shall include but not be limited to heart-worm prevention prescription, provide medical records received from WTWTAR to Adopter's vet so that vaccination dates will be known by new vet and to establish the dog's relationship with his or her new veterinarian.
21. Adopter shall be responsible for all costs incurred for the dog post adoption (including but not limited to veterinarian costs, monthly heart-worm preventative medication, and flea and tick prevention).
22. Adopter shall pay the non-refundable adoption fee set forth at the end of this contract.
23. A twenty-five dollar (\$25) service charge will be charged to Adopter on any returned checks to WTWTAR issued by Adopter. Adopter shall have no more than two (2) weeks to pay the service charge and the full adoption fee.
24. WTWTAR reserves the right to schedule a follow-up visit and to ascertain that all conditions of this adoption contract are being upheld. Adopter shall admit authorized representatives of WTWTAR onto the premises where the dog is sheltered for such purposes and such entry will not be construed as trespassing.

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25. WTWTAR retains the right to terminate this agreement, to rescind this adoption, to remove this dog from Adopter's possession and to return this dog to the property of WTWTAR should this dog be found not to have received proper care at ANY TIME or if any term or condition of this agreement is not upheld by Adopter at ANY TIME. There shall be no refund of the adoption fee should this occur.

_____ **Adopter to initial**

26. 25. Should it be necessary for WTWTAR to take legal action to recover this adopted dog or otherwise enforce the provisions of this agreement, Adopter shall pay all reasonable attorney's fees and/or costs incurred by WTWTAR in the enforcement of this Agreement.

27. **NOTICE - HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:**

WTWTAR PRESUMES THAT THE DOG BEING ADOPTED IS IN A GENERAL HEALTHY CONDITION AT THE TIME OF ITS ADOPTION. Adopter understands that WTWTAR is not the breeder of this dog and, as such, WTWTAR makes no guarantee of any kind with regard to longevity, health, congenital or inherited defects or any conditions for which clinical symptoms are not in evidence at the time of adoption. **ADOPTER AGREES THAT HE OR SHE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TREATING ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS AND HE OR SHE IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL VETERINARY EXPENSES THAT OCCUR ONCE THE DOG IS IN ADOPTER'S POSSESSION.** Health issues known to WTWTAR for the dog at the time of adoption include:

While in the care of WTWTAR and/or its representative(s), the dog displayed the following behavior:

(A person who is NOT a professional NOR a certified dog behaviorist or trainer documented the behaviors listed herein):

Adopter understands that the dog may or may not exhibit the same or similar behavior in the future and that it may develop new behaviors, including aggressive behavior.

27. Adopter agrees that he or she and his or her agents and/or family representatives shall hold WTWTAR and any and all of its representatives harmless from any and all claims or damages to persons or property made by Adopter or his or her agents or family members and or representatives and further agrees to indemnify WTWTAR and any or all its representatives harmless from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney fees and costs incurred by WTWTAR, and any or all its representatives in the defense of any and all claims of damage to person or property caused by the dog following transfer of possession of the dog.

28. The designation Adopter as used herein shall include said person(s), their heirs, successors and assigns and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine, or neuter as required by context.

SIGNED AND AGREED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

_____ WITNESSED & SIGNED BY _____
ADOPTER'S SIGNATURE WTWTAR REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TOTAL ADOPTION FEE: _____ Any additional donation: _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ Money Order _____ Other _____