



Adoption Contract - Summary

Adoption Requirements:

1. **Adopted dogs must always remain on a leash when outside of the house for the first 2 weeks following adoption, even in a fenced yard, until the animal is familiar with you and will come when called.** After the initial two (2) week probationary period, the dog must be contained in a secure fenced yard, house or on a leash. He/she should not be allowed to roam loose. All cats must be kept indoors only.
2. **Caution must be exercised when entering/exiting doors and vehicles with your newly adopted pet.** The first week to two (2) week period is when most dogs go missing from adoptive homes. A harness or crate must be used to secure your dog when riding in a vehicle per NJ State Law.
3. **You must take this animal to the vet once a year for a checkup and to update shots.** Dogs should remain on a heartworm preventative as per your vet's advice. Although your animal has had some shots, it is recommended that you take him/her to the vet at your earliest convenience for a "wellness checkup" (within 2 weeks). This way your vet can meet your new dog or cat and assess its health. Remember to bring a stool sample with you to this visit.
4. **If your adopted dog is from a state other than NJ, it is recommended that you have your dog re-tested for Heartworm 6-8 months after adoption even if he/she is on heartworm preventative.** Due to the lifecycle of heartworms, it is possible to test positive for heartworms even if they tested negative previously. Please contact WOI if your dog tests positive within 6 months of adoption.
5. If, for any reason, you are unable to keep this animal, you must first contact Wag On Inn Rescue at: woiplacement@gmail.com. Wag On Inn Rescue has the right of first refusal before you attempt to rehome this animal yourself.
6. This animal must be supervised when around strangers and children at all times.
7. If this animal becomes lost, you are to notify Wag On Inn Rescue right away by email to WOIplacement@gmail.com.
8. NO cat shall be declawed at any time.
9. Prong collars or choke collars may not be used for dogs. We provide a martingale collar for all dogs which is the safest collar to use especially for timid/shy/under socialized dogs. We recommend a leash to the martingale collar and a leash to a properly fitted harness, especially in times of stress or transition, for all dogs.
10. **Wag On Inn will register your animal's microchip for you.** If you prefer to register it yourself, verify registration and/or modify the information please go to <https://www.my24pet.com> and create an account. If your pet came from a rehoming situation and was previously registered to a prior owner, a copy of the adoption contract will need to be provided to document the legal adoption. WOI can do this for you or you can do so with 24 Hour Petwatch.

*Any violation of the above may void the adoption contract and result in the animal being returned to Wag On Inn Rescue.

Suggestions for Successful Pet Ownership:

1. We strongly recommend using a crate for dogs. This will keep the dog safe when you are not around to watch him/her. It will help with housebreaking and will provide a safe haven for the dog. A dog should NOT be crated for longer than 8 hours without a chance to get out and stretch its legs. Puppies should not be crated for more than 4 hours.
2. We recommend a Kong or similar toy that can be stuffed with peanut butter, cheese, dog food, biscuits or anything else you can think of. It will keep your new pet busy in a positive way.
3. You should plan for the cost and time commitment for training. All puppies and new pet owners should complete puppy kindergarten/basic obedience. Your rescue pup will not arrive perfect and it is important to be prepared for this responsibility to train your dog.
4. Take good care of your animal and contact us if you experience any type of problem. We may be able to help you to alleviate the problem before it becomes a bad habit.



Date Animal Arrived into WOI care: _____ Animal's Name: _____

Microchip Number (if available, please write TBD if animal does not yet have one) _____

Dear Potential Adopter,

Thank you for showing interest in one of our rescue dogs or cats. Before signing the attached contract, remember the following. The adoption of a dog or cat is a big step. You must be sure that you have the patience and understanding to undertake this commitment. We hope we have taken steps to give you a dog or cat that is safe and healthy. We cannot, however, guarantee a dog's or cat's behavior in any respect. Dogs and cats are sometimes unpredictable. They can sometimes become aggressive or poorly behaved for no apparent reason. While we take steps to reduce that chance, we can never assure you that aggressive behavior will not take place.

Once this dog or cat leaves our hands, we cannot be responsible for its behavior. That responsibility falls to you. You should know this before you adopt this or any dog or cat. Your behavior will affect this animal more than anything else. Your dog or cat will also need patience, proper veterinarian care, proper feeding and diet, etc... If this is a puppy or kitten, it will need booster vaccines, at your expense, until at least 4 months of age or per your veterinarian's advice. You should plan for the cost and time commitment to hire a trainer and/or attend obedience classes with your new dog. If you do not complete any training with your dog and contact us to return an untrained, adult dog who is poorly socialized, there may be limited options to place your dog.

We are not responsible for any dog or cat's history. While we will attempt to give you as accurate a history of the dog or cat as we can, we cannot and do not guarantee that the information provided is correct and/or accurate. We cannot guarantee how your dog or cat will react to people or other animals. We also cannot be responsible for any injuries caused by the dog or cat you adopt. The responsibility to keep your dog or cat under control and safe and to keep others from harm is yours. While we take steps to try to give you a healthy dog or cat and will allow you to have the dog undergo a health exam before your adoption is finalized, at your request and expense, we cannot guarantee or warranty your dog's or cat's health. If at any time Wag On Inn Rescue feels this animal is not being treated correctly for any reason, we reserve the right to reclaim this animal and place it in a more suitable environment.

Adopting a dog or cat is a large responsibility with great rewards both for you and the animal. We hope you have a happy, rewarding and healthy life together.

Very truly yours,
Wag On Inn Rescue

If there are any medical requirements still to be completed by Wag On Inn, you will be considered a foster with intent to adopt, known as our Foster-to-Adopt status, until this animal completes any medical requirements listed below as discussed with a Wag On Inn representative prior to this agreement being signed.

- Since not spayed/neutered yet WOI will contact you to set up up the appt. The cost is included in your Adoption Fee & you agree to bring to appt once we schedule.
- Surgery will be scheduled for _____ . WOI will be in touch with appt info. The cost is included in your Adoption Fee & you agree to bring to appt once we schedule.
- Heartworm Treatment will be scheduled. WOI will set up appts & be in touch w/info. The cost is included in your Adoption Fee & you agree to bring to appt once we schedule.
- Nothing pending for this animal _____ **Foster Initials** _____ **Adopter Initials**

I have read and understand the above information.

Adopter's signature: _____



WAG ON INN RESCUE ADOPTION CONTRACT

I, _____, adopt this animal, _____, and release the adoption agency and others associated with this adoption, from any and all claims for personal injury and/or property damage that may be caused by the above animal, to me or to others. The welfare of this animal will be my sole responsibility. I AM NOT ADOPTING THIS ANIMAL FOR ANOTHER PERSON. This animal will not be used for breeding, or for medical or experimental purposes. I understand that in the event I give false information or do not follow the terms of this contract, the adoption agency may remove this animal from my household and start legal proceedings against me at my expense and may assess damages in the amount of \$2,000.00 against me.

1. **HEALTH:** After adoption, this animal's health becomes my full responsibility. I will provide necessary veterinary care upon sickness, disease or injury. I will watch for any signs of illness in case this animal is harboring a disease. In addition, this animal will be placed on an inoculation program as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian in order to assure and maintain its health. This animal will receive a rabies vaccination and be licensed in accordance with state and local ordinances. Although this animal has had some shots, I will take it to my vet for a wellness checkup, within two weeks of adoption.

If, for any reason, this animal could not be spayed/neutered, complete its heartworm treatment, or complete any other required medical treatment prior to me bringing him/her home, I will be considered a foster parent until it is completed. If I have the procedure done at my vet prior to that date, I will let Wag On Inn Rescue know prior to their scheduling an appointment for such treatment and will send written proof of the procedure to Wag On Inn Rescue within 10 days of completion. Once the medical treatment is complete and verified, my "foster" status will change to "Adopted".

2. **CONTROL:** For dog adoptions, I will keep this animal in a private residence only. The dog will be kept on a leash or in a fenced yard. The dog will be on leash when not within the boundaries of my property. I will keep an ID tag on this dog at all times and notify Wag On Inn Rescue immediately by emailing WOIplacement@gmail.com as well as the police if this animal becomes lost.
For cat adoptions, I will keep this cat inside my home at all times. I will have ID tags on my cat and notify Wag On Inn Rescue immediately by emailing WOIplacement@gmail.com as well as the police if this animal becomes lost.
3. **TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP: If I can no longer keep this animal, I must email Wag on Inn Rescue before I place him/her** elsewhere. I will never abandon this animal or give him/her to a shelter or to another person without first contacting Wag On Inn Rescue. Wag On Inn Rescue has the right of first refusal before I attempt to rehome this animal myself. I will ensure that this animal is never sold, given up for experimentation, or exchanged in any form. If Wag On Inn determines they are able to take this animal back into their care, I will abide by the terms of this contract and allow the adoption agency sufficient time (up to 30 days) to arrange for re-adoption or foster care.
4. **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS:** I understand that I may be contacted for further verification of the animal's welfare, and will cooperate by providing whatever information is requested, which could include a visit to my home by the adoption agency. Wag On Inn Rescue reserves the right to investigate the living conditions of any animal adopted and may remove any animal being kept in conditions that violate the requirements in this contract.



5. I do not hold Wag On Inn Rescue responsible for errors in the information provided to me about this animal. Further, I understand and agree that a representative, as an individual and Wag On Inn Rescue, CANNOT GUARANTEE THE HEALTH, TEMPERAMENT, TRAINING OR SUITABILITY of this animal for any particular purpose. They also CANNOT GUARANTEE HOW THE DOG OR CAT WILL REACT TO PEOPLE OR OTHER ANIMALS. The undersigned adopter does hereby release and covenant to hold harmless Wag On Inn Rescue, its members and its officers, and indemnify them from any claims, damages, costs or actions incurred as a result of the adoption or caused by the actions of the animal transferred herein. I accept all responsibility and liability for the animal as of the date of the adoption.
6. I understand that the donation made as part of this contract is a gift and not a payment for a value received. This donation is not refundable (after trial adoption period of 2 weeks). ****PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR EMPLOYER TO SEE IF YOUR DONATION MAY QUALIFY FOR A MATCHING GIFT.** Many companies will match employee donations to a 501(c)3 charity.**

Volunteer/Foster's Name (Print): _____

Volunteer/Foster's Signature: _____

Amount of Adoption Donation: _____

Date of Adoption/FTA: _____

Adopter's Name (Print) _____

Adopter's Signature: _____

Adopter's Address: _____

Adopter's Phone Number: _____

Adopter's Email: _____

KEEP THIS CONTRACT WITH YOUR ANIMAL'S MEDICAL RECORDS

Wag On Inn Rescue
P.O. Box 221
Oakhurst, NJ 07755

E-mail Katie a scanned copy of this contract:
Wagonintreasurer@gmail.com

Any questions, contact the current NJ foster or Amanda:

website: wagoninn.rescuegroups.org

WOIPlacement@gmail.com

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