



MIDWEST AKITA RESCUE SOCIETY
ADOPTION CONTRACT
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ADOPTER INFORMATION

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City, ST Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ (C) _____ Email _____

ORPHAN INFORMATION

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____
Color/Markings _____
Spayed/Neutered _____ Microchip Mfg/# _____

MEDICAL SUMMARY

Test Results

H/W _____ on _____ Fecal _____ on _____
H/W Preventative Heartgard/Frontline/Sentinel/Interceptor (Circle) Last given on _____

Date of Last Vaccinations

Rabies _____ Clinic Name _____ Tag # _____
DHLPPC _____ Bordetella _____ Other _____

Date Next Vaccinations/Veterinary Care Due

H/W Preventative (Circle) Heartgard/Frontline/Sentinel/Interceptor due on _____
Annual Physical on or before _____ H/W _____ Fecal _____
Vaccinations Rabies _____ DHLPPC* _____ Bordetella* _____

* Please discuss vaccination schedules with your Veterinarian. We strongly recommend you research current discussions regarding vaccinations before your first office visit.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In consideration of Midwest Akita Rescue Society (MARS) allowing me(us) to adopt the above mentioned Akita as our pet, I(we), the undersigned agree to all of the following terms and conditions of this contract. In addition, I(we) understand that non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement, or falsification of the application gives MARS the right to reclaim this Akita without refund of any fees or expenses.

INITIAL

- 1. To give this Akita 4 weeks to adjust to its new surroundings and acclimate to my (our) household. _____
- 2. If unable to care for or to keep this Akita I (we) will never take it to an animal shelter, pound, or humane society and will return the Akita only to MARS, at my (our) expense. _____
- 3. To never allow to be used, or to use this Akita in animal research, for dog fighting, or for protection training, attack training or as a guard dog for any agency, firm, corporation or organization. _____
- 4. To treat this Akita as a family pet with affection and kindness, not to be kept outdoors all the time and, to never subject this Akita to physical or mental abuse or cruelty under any circumstance or at any time. _____
- 5. To maintain this Akita for the rest of its life on an all natural and soy-free high-quality food, or as otherwise directed by a veterinarian. We recommend Canidae dog food. _____
- 6. To immediately license this Akita and renew the license annually. And to keep the license and personal ID tags on this Akita, with a strong collar, preferably the Premier No-Slip Collar provided by MARS or a rolled leather collar. _____
- 7. To never use a choke, pinch, or any electronic collar on this Akita. _____
- 8. To always keep this Akita on a leash with a Gentle Leader or Premier No-Slip Collar when dog is not on owner's property. _____
- 9. To never leave this Akita tied or chained up, indoors or outdoors under any circumstances. For its safety, if the Akita is tethered, it must be supervised. _____
- 10 To never leave this Akita outdoors if a family member is not at home, due to danger of theft and for safety reasons. _____
- 11 To never confine this Akita in a yard in which an electronic/radio fence of any type is the method of containment. _____
- 12 To always provide this Akita with shelter from sun and bad weather, to provide a fenced yard or kennel run with a top and concrete flooring, and to provide clean water when put outdoors. If a fenced yard or run is not possible, I will provide a regular leash walking protocol for this Akita. _____
- 13 To provide regular and emergency veterinary care when necessary, including annual physicals and vaccinations, parasite checks and dental care when needed. And, to maintain Akita on heartworm preventative. _____

- 14 To have this Akita examined by a veterinarian should it die from unknown causes, and to immediately inform MARS of this Akita's passing. _____
- 15 To inform MARS of the circumstances surrounding a situation in which a decision to euthanize this Akita is possible, PRIOR to euthanasia unless the situation is an emergency and this Akita is suffering. _____
- 16 Due to the painful nature of ear cropping, ear taping, tail docking, and dew claw removal, I understand that this Akita is not to have any of these cosmetic procedures performed except in a medical emergency. _____
- 17 To enroll in, and graduate from, a positive reinforcement training class within 6 months of the adoption date. In addition, we recommend meeting with a trainer for a lesson within the next 4 weeks for maximum success. _____
- 18 To always give first consideration to this Akita if a conflict develops between this Akita and an animal brought in after the adoption of this Akita. _____
- 19 To never transport this Akita in an open vehicle, or in any way that would endanger this Akita. _____
- 20 To never let a child less than 18 years of age walk this Akita unless accompanied by a responsible adult. _____
- 21 To immediately notify MARS if I (we) move and provide new address and home telephone number. _____
- 22 To immediately notify MARS by phone if this Akita is lost or stolen. And, to make every effort to locate the dog, including placing ads in local newspapers, and regularly checking the local pounds and shelters by phone and in person. _____
- 23 If, for reasons of age or health, this Akita is not yet spayed or neutered, I (we) agree to present this Akita to MARS, when requested, for spaying/neutering. In addition if this Akita is used for breeding purposes, or sires or whelps a litter of puppies prior to sterilization, I (we) agree to pay the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) to MARS, for punitive damages to the breed and MARS, and that all puppies resulting become the property of MARS. _____
- 24 To allow representatives of MARS to periodically check on this Akita to be assured of compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract. _____
- 25 I (we) agree to pay a \$300 Adoption Fee upon receipt of this Akita. During the initial 4 week adjustment period 50% of this fee is refundable any time upon return of this Akita, but no refund will be made any time thereafter. _____
- 26 I (we) agree with Akita Rescue that the actual value of this Akita is \$800.00. _____
- 27 I (we) agree to pay a minimum of \$25.00 handling charge to MARS on all returned checks. _____
- 28 I (we) agree to be responsible for any and all legal fees incurred if a violation of this contract results in a legal suit. _____

IN ADDITION

INITIAL

- I have read, and understood the MARS Information Package detailing health and behavior characteristics in the Akita breed. _____
- I will immediately join the MARS email group for a minimum of six months. _____
- I understand that MARS does not recommend that an Akita be adopted into a home where there are resident children less than 10 years of age. This recommendation is based on knowing that Akitas can severely injure small children under certain circumstances (Always keep in mind any breed of dog can perform very damaging bites, especially large breeds). _____
- I understand that Akitas are known to be aggressive to other dogs, especially dogs of the same sex, and are known to be aggressive to cats and other animals. _____
- I understand that Akitas display primitive canine behavior patterns at times. When given a harsh correction, the Akita may respond with aggression. _____

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR ADOPTION

_____ Initial _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS FOR ADOPTION

Adopter agrees to prescribed medical advice given to them with regard to this Akita by a MARS representative or licensed veterinarian (see attached medical records).

_____ Initial _____

The undersigned adopter(s) has/have been advised of these facts and agrees to accept all responsibility for the behavior of the Akita chosen for adoption, and agrees to ALL CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of MARS allowing me(us) to adopt this Akita as our pet, I(we) promise and agree to be solely responsible for this animal and to indemnify and hold harmless the MIDWEST AKITA RESCUE SOCIETY, its Board of Directors, Officers, Agents, Members and its Volunteers from any and all claims of liability for the conduct of this Akita on or after the date of this adoption.

The undersigned further agree and intend that this **RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION** shall apply to all known, unknown, and unanticipated damages resulting from my/our adoption, ownership or control of the animal.

THIS IS A BINDING CONTRACT, ENFORCEABLE BY CIVIL LAW.

Signature of Adopter _____ Date _____

Print Name(s) _____

Signature of Co-Adopter _____ Date _____

Print Name(s) _____

Signature of MARS Counselor _____ Date _____

Print Name(s) _____

Accepted By _____ Date _____