

Rooted In Love

Rescue & Sanctuary

ADOPTION AGREEMENT

ADOPTER INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

ANIMAL INFORMATION

(If multiple animals are adopted, attach additional pages as needed.)

Gender: Male Female Unsure

Name: _____

Spayed/Neutered: Yes No Unsure

Species/Breed: _____

ID/Microchip/Ear tag: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dietary Information (type of food, feeding schedule):

Housing Setup (indoor/outdoor): _____

MEDICAL HISTORY & BEHAVIOR

Known Medical Conditions or Concerns:

Current Medications or Supplements:

Behavior Concerns (biting, aggression, fear, etc.):

Notes:

Adoption Fee

The Adopter agrees to pay a non-refundable adoption fee of \$ _____, unless otherwise noted in writing. This fee helps cover part of the Rescue's expenses (veterinary care, housing, etc.) and is not a purchase price for the animal.

No Breeding

The Adopter agrees that the animal is being adopted solely as a companion (or working pet/livestock guardian if applicable) and will not be intentionally bred or used for breeding purposes. Any accidental or intentional breeding constitutes a breach of this Agreement.

Health and Veterinary Care

1. **Known Health Conditions:** The Rescue discloses all known medical conditions to the best of its knowledge. The Adopter understands the Rescue makes no guarantees about the animal's future health.
2. **Ongoing Veterinary Care:** After adoption, the Adopter is responsible for all veterinary expenses, including regular vaccinations, parasite control, and other necessary medical care.

Care and Housing

The Adopter will provide the animal with adequate and appropriate food, water, shelter, exercise, and medical attention. The Adopter will comply with all local, state, and federal laws regarding the housing and care of animals.

No Transfer of Ownership

The Adopter agrees not to sell, give away, trade, or otherwise transfer ownership of the animal to any individual, group, or entity without the written consent of the Rescue. If the Adopter can no longer care for the animal, the Adopter must contact the Rescue to arrange for a return or alternate placement.

Return Policy

The Rescue offers a lifetime return policy: if the Adopter is no longer able to care for the animal for any reason, the animal must be returned to the Rescue. There will be no refund of the adoption fee.

Right of Reclamation

If the Adopter is found to be in violation of any terms of this Agreement (e.g., neglect, mistreatment, unauthorized breeding or transfer), or if the animal's welfare is otherwise in jeopardy, the Rescue reserves the right to reclaim the animal immediately. The Adopter agrees to cooperate with the Rescue in such a situation, including granting lawful access to the property as necessary.

Release and Indemnification

1. The Adopter acknowledges that animals can be unpredictable. The Adopter agrees to release and hold harmless Rooted in Love Rescue, its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers from any claims, damages, or injuries caused by the adopted animal following the adoption date.
2. The Adopter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Rescue from any liability arising from the Adopter's failure to comply with this Agreement or from the animal's actions post-adoption.

No Guarantee

The Rescue provides information about the animal to the best of its ability but does not guarantee the animal's health, behavior, or temperament. The Adopter understands that behavioral or health issues may arise that were not apparent while in the Rescue's care.

Reputation & Public Conduct

The Adopter acknowledges the importance of Rooted in Love Rescue's reputation. The Adopter agrees not to make any negative, false, or defamatory statements that could harm the Rescue.

Non-Disparagement.

Adopter agrees not to make or publish false, misleading, or defamatory statements or posts about Rooted in Love Rescue, its directors, officers, employees, or volunteers. This includes, but is not limited to, statements made in person, via email, in writing, or on social media. Adopter further agrees not to take any action that could reasonably be expected to harm the reputation, goodwill, or legitimate business interests of the Rescue.

1. **Communicating in good faith** with the Rescue about issues pertaining to the Animal's care or the Rescue's operations, with the intent of resolving concerns rather than causing reputational harm.
2. **Good Faith Disputes.** If the Adopter has any concerns regarding the Rescue's practices, care of the animals, or any other matter, the Adopter agrees to address these concerns directly with the Rescue and is prohibited from making any public statements. The Rescue will make a good-faith effort to listen to and address these concerns promptly.

3. Enforcement. Adopter acknowledges that any breach of this Non-Disparagement Clause may cause irreparable harm to the Rescue's reputation and goodwill, and the Rescue retains the right to seek all available legal or equitable remedies should such a breach occur.

Photo & Media Release

The Adopter grants the Rescue permission to use any photographs or videos of the Animal that the Adopter has taken for the Rescue's promotional or adoption efforts. The Adopter may post about the Animal on social media provided it does not violate the terms of this Agreement or damage the Rescue's reputation.

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties regarding the Adopter arrangement. Any modifications or additions to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both the Rescue and the Adopter. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior understandings and representations. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan in Lapeer County. If any provision of this Agreement is deemed unenforceable, all other provisions remain in full effect.

Adopter Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Rooted in Love Rescue Representative: _____ **Date:** _____

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