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ADOPTION CONTRACT

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone(s) _____
E-mail _____

I/we accept _____ ("the dog") a _____ (color) dog, whose breed is known as _____ and is approximately _____ months/year(s) old, and Stray from the Heart, ("SFTH") accepts our offer to adopt the dog.

In consideration for adopting the dog, I/we hereby agree to the following adoption conditions:

- 1) To consider and treat the dog as a household companion, not as an outside pet, and to provide him/her with humane care and treatment, including proper food and clean/fresh water twice a day, four daily walks, shelter, regular exercise, and a reasonable amount of time to adjust to his new home and new surroundings.
- 2) To provide routine veterinary care such as yearly checkups, prevention treatment and emergency medical care for unusual symptoms such as loss of appetite, coughing, excessive urination, vomiting, diarrhea, blood in stool or urine, inability to walk, arthritis, allergies, skin conditions and lethargy; and to provide regular grooming and socialization.
- 3) To register the dog with and obtain a dog license from the municipality where I live or as required by law, and to consult a veterinarian to tag the dog with a microchip.
- 4) To safeguard the dog from loss or mishap. This means walking the dog on leash at all times, not allowing the dog to run at large unsupervised, not allowing the dog in the yard without human supervision, and keeping the dog as an indoor household companion at the premises listed as my address.
- 5) **If the dog is lost or stolen, to immediately notify the undersigned SFTH representative by phone and email. If I/we are unable to reach the undersigned representative, to immediately call: (347) 242-0459, (718) 544-9175, (212) 726-DOGS, AND to email adopt@strayfromtheheart.org and info@strayfromtheheart.org.**
- 6) NOT to give or sell the dog to another person, relative, or any other individual or rescue group, humane association, shelter or pound, or any medical or experimental laboratory or any other organization.
- 7) NOT to alter the dog's appearance in any way, shape or form (e.g. cropping, docking).
- 8) To immediately notify SFTH in the event of the dog's death within the first year of adoption.
- 9) To allow a SFTH representative to make periodic visits to my home during the first six months following the signing of this agreement and to further visits if SFTH deems it necessary.
- 10) To immediately notify SFTH of any change of address or telephone number, or of any plans to move from my/our current residence during the first year from the signing of this agreement, and notify SFTH of any change in circumstances which may prevent me/us from keeping the dog or comply with any provision of this agreement.
- 11) I/we understand that the dog has or will be checked, spayed/neutered and vaccinated by a SFTH veterinarian and that his/her state of health is accurately represented to the best knowledge of SFTH. However, if I/we wish to, we can have the dog examined by my/our own veterinarian within ten days of adoption. If upon such examination it is determined that the health of the dog is not satisfactory, I/we may return the dog within a week, or a more reasonable amount of time, to allow SFTH to secure boarding or a foster home. In any event, I/we understand and agree that if I/we choose to return the dog, the adoption fee is not refundable.

I/we understand that no representations are made by SFTH as to the temperamental or mental disposition of the dog. Accordingly, I/we hereby adopt the dog at my/our own risk, and indemnify and release SFTH, its agents, volunteers, Officers and Directors, of any and all liability arising from damages to person(s) or property caused by the dog.

I/we have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of this agreement, and agree that it is not arbitrary and is common in pet adoption contracts. I/we understand and agree that if I/we fail to comply with any of the terms specified herein, SFTH HAS the right to reclaim the dog without notice or personal service. I/we further agree to pay \$2,000.00 in liquidated damages to compensate SFTH for the cost of enforcing this contract in a court of law.

Adopter/s Name

Date

SFTH Representative

Date