

Adoption Contract

**Cayuga Dog Rescue**  
P.O. Box 722  
Ithaca, New York 14851

Name Of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

All dog adoption contracts approved by Cayuga Dog Rescue (CDR) are subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The adopter agrees that the dog will be kept only as a domesticated house pet. This means that dogs will be kept indoors except for periods of outdoor exercise.
2. **If for any reason, at any time in the life of the adopted dog, the adopter is unable to provide care for the dog, the adopter agrees to return the dog to CDR. The adopter shall not give or sell the dog to any third party, even a family member or close friend, without the prior written consent of CDR.**
3. If the dog has not been spayed or neutered upon release from CDR, the adopter agrees to have the dog spayed or neutered by\_\_\_\_\_. The adopter further agrees to provide proper veterinary care for the dog which includes regular vaccinations, heartworm testing, monthly heartworm, flea and tick protection.
4. The adopter grants CDR the right to visit the adopter's premises for the purpose of checking on the health and general welfare of the dog and to verify that the animal has been spayed or neutered in accordance with the terms of this agreement.
5. The adopter agrees to meet all local licensing requirements for the dog. The adopter further agrees that dog will wear proper identification at all times in the form of the municipal license tag and an ID tag with the dog's name and adopter's phone number shown clearly.
6. The adopter represents that all family members have agreed to the adoption of the dog and that all family members will abide by the terms of this contract. The adopter further represents that he/she is eighteen years of age or older.
7. The adopter represents that he/she has never been subject to legal action for cruelty to or neglect of animals. The adopter further represents that he/she has never owned an animal which has been confiscated by any animal control or humane organization for violations of state or local animal control regulations or animal adoption agreements.

8. If the adopter is a tenant, then adopter agrees to provide written permission from the landlord consenting to the dog adoption.
9. The adopter agrees that the CDR shall have the right of immediate possession of the dog, if in the judgment of CDR, the dog is receiving inadequate care, is being improperly housed or handled or has not been spayed or neutered by the specified date.
10. The adopter hereby declares that he/she is aware:
  - (a.) That dogs are different from human beings in their responses to human actions;
  - (b.) That the actions of dogs are often unpredictable.
  - (c.) That a dog's behavior may change after it accustoms itself to a home or other environment; and
  - (d.) That CDR makes no claims as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of any animal put up for adoption.
11. The adopter understands that there will be no refund of the adoption fee.
12. The adopter acknowledges that he/she has received a copy of the CDR dog Adoption Contract.
13. The adopter, hereby accepts possession of, title to (subject to the conditions of the adoption contract), and responsibility for the dog adopted and agrees to release and discharge CDR forever from liability for any injury or damages to any person or property caused by the adopted dog, and from any causes of action, claims, suits, or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damages.
14. **The adopter understands that he/she is encouraged to call CDR at any time for behavioral counseling in the event that any questions or issues arise with their dog (s). No question or issue is too small! Please call us and let us help!!**

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Adopter

Date

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CDR Representative

Date