

A Time 4 Paws • Adoption Contract
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In consideration of the terms outlined in this agreement, A Time 4 Paws Adoption Center hereby agrees to adopt a dog or cat described as follows:

- ***Name of Dog or Cat** _____
***Breed of Dog or Cat** _____
***Gender of Dog or Cat** _____
- ***Adopters Name** _____
***Intake Number:** _____

TERMS OF ADOPTION

The adoption fee for this dog or cat is \$ _____. This helps to pay the incurred veterinary expenses and care of the dog or cat in the care of A Time 4 Paws. ADOPTION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

* I agree to pay the full adoption fee to A Time 4 Paws. If the adoption fee is not paid, I agree that the adoption is not considered complete, and the animal must be returned to a representative of A Time 4 Paws immediately. Should I not be able to return the animal, I agree to have a representative of the A Time 4 Paws come to my home to retrieve the dog or cat.

Yes

* I agree that I cannot transfer custody of the dog or cat to anyone other than A Time 4 Paws and I agree to return the dog or cat to A Time 4 Paws if ever unable to keep the dog or cat. I may not make unilateral decisions about who the dog or cat will go to in the event I cannot keep the dog or cat and I agree to give written notice to A Time 4 Paws that I need to rehome the dog. I understand that it may take up to fifteen (15) days to make arrangements to care for my dog or cat.

Yes

* I agree to exercise normal care in maintaining the health of this Dog or Cat.

Yes

* I agree to each of the following conditions:

Not to declaw the cat or remove the double dew claws on the rear feet if a dog or dock the dogs tails or ears, if applicable, unless deemed medically necessary by a vet.

To maintain this dog or cat on a proper diet and at a weight sensible for its size and age. I will provide fresh food, fresh water, and plenty of exercise daily.

To provide routine preventative care which includes:

- a. Annual physical examinations by a licensed veterinarian.
- b. Annual vaccinations against DHLPP, Rabies, and Bordatella
- c. Annual fecal examinations and heartworm screenings
- d. Monthly Heartworm and flea preventative used all year long
- e. Lyme disease vaccinations as recommended by your veterinarian.

If a Dog to always keep this dog within a fenced yard (not on a chain) or supervised on a leash; to never leave this dog outside when no one is home, to never allow the dog to be tied to a doghouse or to a chain, nor left unsupervised in a yard for extremely long periods thus resulting in the dogs possible digging, climbing out, or barking endlessly.

To provide regular grooming of the animal's coat to prevent matting. I will also keep nails neatly trimmed, and provide proper care for the ears and skin.

To provide updates to A Time 4 Paws on the dog's progress. We want to know how you and the dog are doing. We love pictures and would like to see them regularly.

Yes

All dogs and cats of A Time 4 Paws are micro chipped. I agree to have personal identification (personal I.D. tag & License tags) on said dog or cat at all times and to regularly check the tightness of any collar. I agree to list A Time 4 Paws as an auxiliary contact with the microchip company upon adoption. If the dog or cat is lost, we can help if we are listed as a contact. This happens from time to time.

Yes

* I agree to always transport this dog or cat in a safe manner. If a dog, it will never be loose in the open bed of a pick-up truck or in any other unsafe manner.

Yes

The typical characteristics and temperament of the dog or cat have been explained to me.

Yes

I have been advised that a dog can sometimes dig, chew, have accidents and exhibit other undesirable traits unless properly supervised, confined, and trained. Proper training is a must and I agree to provide such training.

Yes

I have been advised that this dog or cat may have been neglected, mistreated, or abused and that special care or precautions may be required.

Yes

I have been advised that this dog or cat will need time to adjust to new routines, new family and new surroundings. This adjustment period may be anywhere from a few days to several months. In addition, I am aware that a dog may need training in basic house manners.

Yes

*I agree to carefully introduce the new dog or cat to the existing dogs and cats. Coming to a new home is stressful for the new dog or cat and your existing animals. Careful introduction is a must. Your new dog or cat needs time and space to adjust to the surroundings and your existing animals need to feel they are not being replaced or crowded. Introducing the new dog or cat can result in growling, barking, submissive urination or other undesirable behavior. Properly managing the introductions is therefore important.

Yes

I understand that interactions between my child(ren) and the new dog or cat must be carefully supervised. Any dog or cat in our care is carefully screened, but dogs are dogs and cats are cats and unpredictable on occasion and especially in new surroundings. I agree that I will never leave my child alone and unsupervised with the dog or cat as I realize that one mistake on my part can result in injury and in the dog or cat never having a home.

Yes

I agree to take my new dog to dog obedience school or work with a trainer as needed to help him/her become a happy well-adjusted family pet if needed.

Yes

* Every effort is made to make sure that any dog or cat we place is thoroughly evaluated for its temperament, health, physical soundness and overall adoptability, before it is ever offered up for adoption. We care about our dogs and cats and our adopters and we do our very best to make sure that the dog or cat is right for the adopter and in good condition. However, A Time 4 Paws cannot and does not guarantee the health or temperament of the dog or cat, has no documentation on the actual breed unless otherwise provided or lineage of the dog or cat, and costs for medical care after placement are the responsibility of the adopting party(s). We do our very best to send a healthy dog or cat home with you and we want our adopters to understand that dogs and cats are living creatures who can become suddenly ill just like humans do. We do not reimburse vet expenses after adoption which is why we strongly suggest adopters obtain insurance. We do check for and treat parasites like giardia, coccidia, tapeworms, hookworms, whipworms and roundworms, but testing is only a snapshot in time and we cannot guarantee a parasite-free dog or cat. This is true for any dog or cat- rescue, shelter, breeder or owner surrender - and treatment of parasites is part of everyday dog and cat ownership. Ear infections, skin issues and orthopedic issues are common problems with the breeds we rescue and you will need to be prepared to provide this care after adoption. The cost to provide vet care for these dogs or cats can be expensive. We strongly encourage you to obtain insurance for your new dog or cat. You can check with your vet for companies that provide insurance for animals.

Yes

*It is further agreed that if I fail to perform any of those acts which I have guaranteed to perform or I violate any term of this agreement or I give A Time 4 Paws any reason to fear for the safety of the dog or cat, that A Time 4 Paws may, at its option, revoke this agreement and retake possession of the dog or cat and I will forfeit further right to the dog or cat. I agree to hold harmless and release A Time 4 Paws and/or its members, volunteers and other individuals working for and/or assisting with A Time 4 Paws from all liability, claims,

and/or causes of action arising from any acts, injury and/or occurrences engaged in and/or caused by the dog or cat subject to this agreement, as well as indemnification for damages, court costs, and/or attorney's fees incurred by A Time 4 Paws and/or its members for any court proceedings relating to such matters. Jurisdiction for any dispute lies with the Cumberland County, Tennessee, courts.

Yes

I HAVE READ THIS ADOPTION AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND IT AND AGREE TO BE BOUND TO ITS PROVISIONS. BY SIGNING MY NAME IN THE SIGNATURE BOX BELOW, I AGREE TO BE BOUND TO THIS AGREEMENT. I FURTHER AGREE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ADOPTION APPLICATION IS MATERIAL TO AND PART OF THIS CONTRACT.

* First Name (Print) _____

*Last Name (Print) _____

*Street Address (Print) _____

*City (Print) _____ State _____ *Zip Code _____

* Phone Number _____ Cell No. _____

*Signature of Adopter _____

*Date _____ E-Mail (Print) _____

I want to received E-Mail up-dates regarding A Time 4 Paws _____ Yes _____ No

*** Indicates Response Required**
