

## Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. Foster or Adoption Application/Contract

<u>\*\*Please note</u> that processing of your application takes some time for the volunteers of the rescue. If you are not willing to wait and to assist in the process (generally 1-2 weeks) please do not fill out the application. Our time could be spent saving other dogs rather than taking the time to work on your application, only to find you got a dog elsewhere or didn't want to wait. When you find your new family member, it will be well worth the couple of weeks it took to find a great match! Your honest, thoughtful answers will help us find a family member that suits you AND the dog.

**\*\***We have transitioned to using digital signatures so you will find that information below. If you prefer to provide physical signatures we're happy to do so, just contact us at <u>luckypuprescue@yahoo.com</u> and request paper copies.

#### **ADOPTION PROCESS**

We at Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. are committed to finding the best canine friend for you and your lifestyle so you all will have many happy years together. Our adoption process includes the completion of an application, veterinary and personal reference checks, home visit, and meeting of potential dogs. Exchange of adoption fee and a signed contract takes place when you choose to adopt. You will then receive all veterinary paperwork that we have on the dog by mail or email.

It is our expectation that dogs and cats in the home are up to date on vaccinations and preventions for heartworms as well as required routine testing. If you have or had pets, we require a veterinary reference.

Beginning Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the standard adoption fee is \$475 for puppies through 6 months of age, \$400.00 for dogs 7 months through age 7, and \$300 for dogs over 7 years old. This helps cover adoption costs, transportation to New England if applicable, vaccinations & medical costs so that we may continue to rescue other at-risk dogs. Most dogs cost us more than this, so we rely on fundraising to support the remainder of the costs. In the rare case that a dog is unaltered, an additional spay/neuter contract and \$100.00 refundable deposit required by the state of Maine law. All fees need to be paid via Venmo, Pay Pal or by check or cash (mailing address: Lucky Pup Rescue, PO Box 461, Kennebunkport, ME 04046) after your application is approved. We will not release any dog's vet paperwork until payment is received. We reserve the right to refuse any applicant for any reason if we feel the needs of the dog will not be properly met or the adoption is not in the best interest of the dog. Please submit your completed adoption application by email to luckypuprescue@yahoo.com, by mail, or you may complete the online application here: http://luckypuprescue.org/adopt/adopt-a-lucky-pup.

This application serves as your adoption contract if you are approved and find a suitable

# dog through Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. You must be 23 or older and living in New England to complete & submit the application.

Please answer ALL questions, or write N/A. If you have questions while filling this out please contact us at <u>luckypuprescue@yahoo.com</u>. There are two very important sections at the end regarding our expectations and commitment to you, and your commitment to us and your new dog. Please take the time to read through all sections.

#### Thank you for wanting to rescue a dog!

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Last name:	First name:		
Co –applicant (if a	pplicable):		
Address:	City/Town:	State:	Zip:
Email Address:			
Home phone:	Cell phone:	Work Phone:	
Place of Employme	ent:		

**Best Time to Contact**:

How did you hear about our rescue?:

Please list below <u>all</u> humans who live in your household, including ages (applicant included):

**Do all household members want to adopt a dog? If not, please explain:** 

Please list all <u>dogs</u> living within your home, include ages, gender, breeds, whether they are altered and any special issues:

Please list all other animals, species, ages and special issues:

Are all pets in your home altered and up to date with vaccinations?

If not, please explain:

If you do not have small children living in your home, will your Rescue Dog

come into regular contact with any children under the age of 10?

Does anyone in your house have allergies?

If Yes, what kind of allergies?

How long have you lived at your current residence:

Do you own or rent your home?

If you rent, has your landlord provided written permission for you to have a dog?

If you rent, please provide your landlord's name & phone #:

If you rent, does your landlord or agency have breed or size restrictions?

How far are you willing to travel to pickup your rescue dog?

If you do not have a dog now, have you had dogs in the past?

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter or rescue organization?

If yes, why?

Have you ever sold, given away, or put down a pet?

If yes, why?

## **INFORMATION ON THE CARE OF YOUR DOG**

**Do you have a specific dog you are applying to adopt**? (please list name of dog if so):

If yes, are you willing to consider other dogs if that dog is unavailable to you or is not a good match for your situation?

If you don't have a specific dog in mind (or even if you do, you may elaborate on this question), please tell us what you are looking for in terms of age, gender, breed, energy level, color, size, etc:

How many hours per day will your dog(s) be alone (without humans) on a regular basis?

Do you have a fenced yard? If yes, please describe the fence Type (i.e. wooden/chain link/invisible): Dimensions (i.e. height/width/length): If you don't have a fence, are you willing or planning to install one? Will the dog(s) be kept on a runner, tied out, or live outside? Will the dog(s) be walked daily? Will the dog(s) be exercised in a fenced yard? Will the dog(s) be allowed to run free outside of a fenced yard? Who will care for, train and exercise the Rescue dog? How will you exercise your Rescue Dog? Where will your Rescue Dog be kept during the day? Night? Where will the dog(s) be when you are not home? Will the dog(s) be kept out of certain areas in the house? Are you familiar with crate training (adult dogs should never be left for more than 6 hrs in a confined crate, puppies 3hrs)? Are you willing to use a crate for your Rescue dog? What will you do with your dog(s) if you need to be away from home overnight?

Are you aware that costs of maintaining a dog can average \$500-\$1000 or more a year (food, annual check ups & shots, heartworm & flea/tick prevention, grooming, etc.)?

### **CARE AND TRAINING OF YOUR DOG**

It is strongly recommended that to build a bond with your new dog and establish the ground rules in your family that you enroll in a positive reward-based training class after your dog has settled into your home. Will your dog(s) receive formal obedience training? If yes, please identify the obedience trainer (we are happy to give recommendations if you like): On a scale of 1-10 (1 being the lowest level and 10 being very dedicated) what is your level of commitment to working with any behavior issues that a rescue dog may have?

Please elaborate if you'd like:

If you move, what will you do with your dog(s) and/or other pets?

Do you understand the state and local ordinances concerning dog licensing and leash laws?

What would you do if one of your pets requires significant medical attention?

Why do you think you would be a good adopter for rescue dog(s)?

## REFERENCES

# Please give your Veterinarian's address and phone number (for present or past pets):

**Personal References** – not a relative, significant other, or household member. Please consider someone who has seen you interact with animals.

Personal Reference #1 (name, phone & relationship):

Personal Reference #2 (name, phone & relationship):

May we visit your home prior to application approval (in-person or by video)?

Once you adopt, are you amenable to the rescue sharing your email address with the foster family or adopters of your dog's siblings, (It is sometimes helpful to share medical information among related dogs) and some families have kept in touch if all parties are agreeable).?

Petsmart has a program where they donate money to rescues for every adopted dog. May we share your contact info with them? They will send one notification to you where you can opt in or out of receiving promotions etc.

### LEGAL INFORMATION – PLEASE READ AND TYPE YOUR NAME AT THE END: THIS WILL CONSTITUTE YOUR LEGAL SIGNATURE

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CLOSELY- WE WILL NEED YOUR PAYMENT AT TIME OF ADOPTION SO PLEASE BRING A CHECK FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT OR USE VENMO or PAYPAL (WE WILL SEND THE INFO ONCE APPROVED) PLEASE READ THE TERMS SO YOU UNDERSTAND OUR POLICIES -THANK YOU! I/We attest that I/we understand that Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. makes no guarantees or statements regarding any dog's age, breed, health, or temperament. While Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of all of the dogs, Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. is not able to guarantee any dog's age, breed, medical status or history, behavior or disposition. I/We hereby release Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. and its employees, directors, members and representatives of any and all possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by any dog adopted by me/us to any person or property or relating to the health or temperament of the dog, including any expenses related thereto.

I/We attest that the Terms and Conditions of Adoption as stated in the Adoption Contract have been read in full by me/us and I/we understand that this is part of the adoption process and will be enforced. I/We attest that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We attest that we have retained a copy of the Adoption Contract and also understand that completion and submission of this application does not guarantee adoption of a Rescue dog.

I understand all of the questions and have completely read the application and understand that this dog MUST live indoors and this dog will not be chained nor penned outside. I further agree that if for any reason I want to give up this dog, I will call Sue Richardson, President of Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc at 207-985-6763. I agree that in any circumstance, if I can no longer keep this dog, the dog will be returned to Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. does not refund your adoption fee if the dog is returned. You may choose another dog if you feel there's one better suited to your home and needs but we also reserve the right to deny any person a dog regardless. Lucky Pup Rescue, Inc. also retains the right to reclaim and remove any dog that has been adopted from any home if we feel the dog's needs are not being met. *This is a legally binding contract.* 

Your name(printed name constitutes signature): Today's Date:

**Important Notice**: We make no guarantees in reference to the health and/or temperament of the dog. The dog is adopted "AS IS" and the adopter assumes responsibility for the treatment of and all existing conditions or any other conditions of physical or temperament changes that may occur. While the rescuer makes every effort to place only healthy animals, the rescuer cannot guarantee the health of any animal. The rescuer shall not be held responsible for any medical expenses which may be incurred, hereby expressly excluding any implied or express warranties, merchantability, or fitness for any particular purpose, including without limitation and warranties regarding health, temperament or whether the animal is housebroken. If your adopted dog is from a Southern state where heartworm preventative on the EXACT date stated on your paperwork. If you miss or are late in giving preventative, your dog most likely will become positive and require treatment which is expensive and invasive. There is a possibility that your dog may become heartworm positive and require treatment

even with consistent preventative. In this case contact us and we or your vet can advise the next step. Every dog should have a heartworm test 6 months from arrival in to the state of Maine. Please don't hesitate to ask more about heartworm or consult your veterinarian. Signing below attests that you understand the importance of preventative and will provide monthly preventative year round for your adopted dog. In addition, if your dog becomes lost or ill, please notify us be emailing luckypuprescue@yahoo.com. We have medical, behavioral, and search/rescue resources that can help. Thank you.

Signed: Date: