Adoption Contract
Pet Matchmaker Rescue
PO Box 21406
Bakersfield, CA 93390

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____ Estimated age: _____
Color: _____Gender: _____ Date: _____

Adopter's Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

This agreement is entered into this date by and between Pet Matchmaker Rescue and the applicant ('Adopter")
for the adoption of the above identified rescue dog ("the dog").

Terms and Conditions

1. Adopter agrees to pay Pet Matchmaker Rescue an adoption fee of $_____ for the above named dog. This
fee, minus $100, is refundable provided the adopter personally returns the alive dog to Pet Matchmaker Rescue
within fourteen (14) days of its adoption and releases Pet Matchmaker Rescue of any further liability. Failure to
pay the adoption fee constitutes breach of contract.
Initial: _____

2. Adopter agrees the dog is to be a family companion and agrees to provide the dog with a safe home, adequate
food, water, proper care, exercise, love and attention. Adopter agrees not to violate any laws or ordinances with
the dog. The dog is not to be used as an attack or protection trained dog and will not be used for commercial
guard work or research purposes.
Initial: _____

3. Adopter agrees that the dog will be confined inside the home when no one is at home. When the Adopter is to
go away for a prolonged period of time, or vacation, Adopter is to prearrange proper care for the dog.
Initial: _____

4. Adopter agrees to keep a buckle collar on the dog with ID tag, current rabies tag, and town dog license. The
dog is only to have a choke collar on during training and walks. If at any time the dog is lost, stolen, hurt, or
killed, the Adopter is to notify Pet Matchmaker Rescue immediately.
Initial: _____

5. The dog is not to ride loose in the bed of pickup trucks, convertibles, or to be left in a car for any excessive
period of time, or in warm (over 70 degrees) or very cold weather. Car windows should be opened a little for
ventilation at temperatures above 50 degrees.
Initial: _____

6.Adopter agrees to have a clean, secure fenced area for the dog. If a fenced enclosure is not available, Adopter
agrees to leash walk dog. If Adopter uses invisible fencing, the dog is to be sufficiently trained before releasing it
inside the system. Under no circumstances is the dog to be kept routinely on a runner or tie out.
Initial: _____

7. Adopter agrees to have the dog examined by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year and provide for all
vaccinations and preventive treatments necessary (especially but not limited to monthly heartworm preventive,
and flea/tick protection).
Initial: _____

8. Adopter agrees to enroll the dog in an obedience class if the dog needs obedience training which the Adopter cannot him/herself provide.
Initial: _____

9. Adopter is aware that all dogs can bite. Adopter agrees to not allow dog to be alone with small children unsupervised at any time. Adopter agrees to not allow children to ride, crawl on, or jump on the dog. Adopter understands that dogs that are abruptly awakened from sleep can and often do bite.
Initial: _____

10. Pet Matchmaker makes no guarantees or statements regarding the dog's age, breed, health, or temperament. While Pet Matchmaker Rescue has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of the dog, Pet Matchmaker Rescue is not able to guarantee the dog's age, breed, medical status, behavior, or disposition. Pet Matchmaker Rescue is available for consultation, advice and assistance pertaining to the health, training and compatibility of the dog. Adopter agrees to release Pet Matchmaker Rescue and its members or representatives of any all possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by the dog to any person or property. Adopter accepts this dog as is with all defects, either observable or unobservable, and assumes all risk for the dog upon signing of this contract.
Initial: _____

11. If for whatever reason, Adopter is not able to keep this dog for its entire life, Adopter agrees, upon consultation with Pet Matchmaker Rescue, to find a home for the life of the dog which meets the terms and conditions of this contract.
Initial: _____

12. Adopter will allow Pet Matchmaker Rescue to conduct home visits and phone check-ins at their discretion after adoption in order to check on the dog's welfare.
Initial: _____

13. Pet Matchmaker Rescue has the right to rescind this contract and demand return of the dog if this contract, including all its covenants and conditions, is breached. If Adopter fails to return the dog, Pet Matchmaker has the right to seek a Court Order for return of the dog and seek liquidated damages from the Adopter in the amount of $1000 plus any court costs or attorney's fees. Payment of damages shall not excuse Adopter from returning the dog to Pet Matchmaker Rescue.
Initial: _____

14. This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Adopter and Pet Matchmaker Rescue and their successors or beneficiaries. Both parties have fully read and understood all of the agreement, which sets forth all promises, conditions, and understandings, oral or written.
Initial: _____

In testimony whereof, Adopter and Pet Matchmaker sign on this date:

Signatures

Adopter:

_____

Printed name:

_____

Pet Matchmaker Rescue Representative:

_____

Printed Name:

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