



Bridges to Home

P.O. Box 21354
Albuquerque, NM 87154

Dog Adoption Contract

Date: _____

The Adopter agrees to adopt the following animal (hereinafter called "Dog") from Bridges to Home (BTH):

Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____

Estimated Age/DOB _____ Gender: _____ Microchip #: _____

As the Adopter, I agree to the following terms & conditions:

1. _____ Adopter agrees to pay BTH an adoption fee of _____ for the above-named dog. If the dog is returned within the 10-day trial adoption period, this fee minus \$100 will be refunded.

2. _____ Adopter agrees that the dog is to be a family companion and agrees to provide the dog with a safe home, adequate food, water, shelter, 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.

3. _____ Adopter agrees to keep a buckle collar on the dog with ID tag, current rabies tag, and local dog license on it at all times. The dog is **NOT** to have a choke or prong collar on, even in training. In the event that the dog is lost, stolen, killed, or passes away due to illness, the Adopter is to notify BTH by phone or email **immediately**.

4. _____ Adopter agrees that the dog will be confined inside the home or dog run with adequate shelter, and access to water (**never to be left outdoors in the cold, inclement weather, or extreme heat**) when the adopter and family is away from home. When the adopter will be away for a prolonged period of time, the Adopter is to prearrange proper care for the dog.

5. _____ The dog is not to ride loose in the bed of pickup trucks, convertibles, or any other open vehicle. The dog is **NEVER** to be left unattended in a vehicle.

6. _____ Adopter agrees to have a clean, secure, fenced area for the dog. If a fenced enclosure is not available, the Adopter agrees to leash walk the dog. If the Adopter uses Invisible Fencing, **the dog is to be sufficiently trained before releasing it inside the system. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE IS THE DOG TO BE KEPT ON A RUNNER OR TIE OUT.**

7. _____ Adopter agrees to have the dog examined by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year and provide for all vaccinations & treatments necessary to ensure good health. Dog must receive heart-worm preventative as directed by the veterinarian. If euthanasia becomes necessary, Adopter agrees to have it done by a licensed veterinarian.

8. _____ Adopter agrees to notify BTH of any change in address and/or phone number within 30 days of the change for the first five years following animal adoption.

9. _____ BTH makes no guarantees or statements regarding the dog's age, breed, health, or temperament. BTH has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of the dog, BTH is not able to guarantee the dog's age, breed, medical status, behavior, or disposition. BTH is always available for consultation, advice, and assistance pertaining to the health, training, and compatibility of the dog. Adopter agrees to release BTH and its members or representative(s) of

any and 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.

10. _____ The Adopter understands that BTH has taken all necessary measures to prevent disease and illness in rescued animals. However, rescued puppies & dogs coming from animal shelters, abandonment, or otherwise deplorable conditions are at an increased risk and therefore are vulnerable to an array of disease and illness despite BTH's efforts to prevent it. The Adopter acknowledges that BTH is not to be held liable for the contraction of any such diseases or illnesses.

11. _____ If, for whatever reason, the Adopter is unable to keep this dog for its entire life, the Adopter **MUST** return the dog to BTH. **THE ADOPTER AGREES NOT TO GIVE AWAY, SELL, OR DISPOSE OF THIS DOG WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF BTH. THE DOG SHOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE RELINQUISHED TO ANY KILL SHELTER.**

12. _____ Adopter agrees to allow BTH to conduct home visits and home check-ins at their discretion after adoption in order to check on the dog's welfare.

13. _____ Adopter agrees that puppies younger than 1 year of age will be enrolled in some sort of Obedience training within 120 days of adoption. It is understood that Obedience Training is recommended for dogs of all ages, though not required. This stipulation can be waived with the express consent of BTH. While in training the dog is **NOT** to be trained using a prong or choke collar, or any other abusive methods of training.

14. _____ In the event that this contract, including all of its covenants and conditions, is breached by the Adopter, BTH has the right to rescind this contract and demand return of the dog, without refund of adoption fees (even if it is within the trial period). If the Adopter fails to return the dog, BTH has the right to seek a Court Order for the return of the dog and seek liquidated damages from the Adopter in the amount of \$750.00 plus any court costs or attorney's fees. Payment of damages shall not excuse the Adopter from returning the dog to BTH.

15. _____ By signing this contract, **the Adopter and all associated family members understand that dogs and children should NEVER be left alone and unsupervised together.** Preventing injuries to both animal and human requires supervision and caution. When supervision is impossible, be sure to have your dog in either a safe crate, kennel, or dog run separate from children. Again, this is for the safety of the pet and children.

16. _____ The Adopter understands to carefully observe interaction between the adopted dog and existing pets. Be sure to allow all animals to be introduced properly. Do not allow the adopted dog and existing pets to be left together alone while you are away for at least 2 weeks to 1 month to prevent injury to either. It is recommended to feed animals separately for the course of the first month and until it can be certain that no food related aggression is present between animals.

17. _____ This agreement shall insure to the benefit of and be binding upon Adopter and BTH 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.

I understand all of the above terms & conditions and have completely read and fully understand the entire adoption contract.

I understand that this dog **MUST** be allowed indoors and that the dog is not to be chained or penned outside for any reason. I further understand that if for any reason I wish to give up the dog, I will call BTH, and undergo a 14 day waiting period in which representatives of BTH will work with me to resolve any issues the dog may be having. If it is found that the dog has been neglected, or abused in any way or for any reason, the representative has the right to remove the dog from the premises immediately and without notice. My signature below authorizes BTH to do so as necessary, and automatically transfers ownership rights of said dog back to BTH at that time.

As the adopter, I agree to accept full responsibility for the care and welfare of this dog, releasing BTH and its representatives of any liability from this date forward. I agree to abide by the adoption terms & conditions and realize that I am committed to this dog for his/her lifetime. I fully understand that BTH may repossess this dog at any time if the adoption terms & conditions are violated.

YOUNG PUPPY/ELIGIBLE MEDICAL EXCEPTION ADDENDUM

In cases of young puppies that are too young to be sterilized, vaccinated for rabies, and other necessary procedures otherwise required for adoption by BTH, this addendum is an agreement with the Adopter and BTH that the dog will be sterilized by the age of 6 months and be properly vaccinated according to age.

The Adopter understands that failure to do so is a breach of contract and gives the authority for the dog to be permanently removed from the Adopter's possession and ownership returned to BTH. Failure to comply with the terms of this addendum is considered a breach of contract on the Adopter's part.
(PLEASE INITIAL)

MEDICAL – Your dog has received the following:

DHPP 1	At 6 Weeks
DHPP 2	At 9Weeks

Please schedule at 4 Paws Vet Clinic (505-821-0309) under the dog's original name

DHPP 3	At 12 Weeks
Rabies	At 12 Weeks
DHPP 4	At 16 Weeks
Spay/Neuter	At 6 months

1. _____ The dog **MUST** be sterilized by the age of 6 months unless the veterinarian has a valid reason to post-pone surgery. (Veterinarian explanation must be provided).
2. _____ Rabies vaccination will be given after the age of 12 weeks, according to law.
3. _____ The dog will be microchipped at the time of the rabies vaccination or sooner. (If applicable)
4. _____ The dog will be kept on regular vaccination schedules, as recommended by veterinarians.
5. _____ Sterilizations, rabies, and microchip will **ONLY** be covered by BTH under the adoption fee if the dog receives care from the approved veterinarian (see below). If the adopter chooses to use a different

veterinarian for these procedures they may do so, but at the adopter's expense without reimbursement from BTH. If a veterinarian other than BTH's approved veterinarian is used, proof of procedures must be provided to BTH via mail (address below).

APPROVED VETERINARIAN:

4 Paws Pet Hospital
6600 Holly Avenue Northeast, Suite B-5
Albuquerque, NM 87113
505-821-0309

This adoption contract is entered into this _____ day of _____, between Bridges to Home Animal Rescue NM and,

Adopter's full name (PRINT): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Other/alternate _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

BTH Rep Name & Contact Info: _____

Please send PayPal payments to:
bridgestohome@gmail.com

Do you give permission for Bridges to Home to share your contact information with the adopters of your dog's litter mates (if applicable) for the purpose of keeping in contact about their growth and health, share pictures and set up play dates so the siblings may see each other?

YES NO

MAIL COPIES OF MICROCHIP ID#/RABIES VACCINATION/SPAY OR NEUTER PROOF TO:
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