



## ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Rescue Representative:		Adopter Name:	
Address:	<b>1468 263rd Lane</b>	Address:	
City, State, Zip:	<b>Madrid, IA 50156</b>	City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	<b>515.259.0049</b>	Phone:	
Email:	<b>ohmydogrescueinc@gmail.com</b>	Email:	

Dog's name:		Age:		Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	
Adoption Date:		Adoption Fee: Payment Method:		<input type="checkbox"/> Paypal	<input type="checkbox"/> Venmo	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check

*It is a generally accepted policy that all dogs be altered before adoption.  
If the following medical procedures are not current, they become the responsibility of the new owner.*

Dates of:	Spay/Neuter		Heartworm Test	
	DHP/Parvo		Bloodwork	
	Rabies		Bordetella	
	Dental Cleaning		Microchip	

Veterinary Clinic: (where records may be obtained)	
Phone Number:	
Address:	



**Terms of Adoption:**

1. We will not place a dog known to have an unsound temperament. However, no one can predict how any dog will react in a given situation, especially without complete knowledge of the dog's past. Therefore, adoptive owners are strongly urged to exercise caution when introducing the adoptive dog into their home and to monitor the dog's behavior until the dog has had sufficient time to become fully acclimated to its new environment and the adopter has had sufficient opportunity to become familiar with the dog's personality.
2. A dog must never be allowed to run loose and should always carry identifying tags or tattoos with an identifying name and number. New owners, especially apartment dwellers, must agree to walk the dog on a leash.
3. If the adoptive owner cannot, for any reason, keep the dog they must notify the representative that handled the adoption and give that person the option of re-acquiring the dog.
4. The placement of a dog in a home with another pet must be discussed with the representative. As dogs often display dominant traits toward other pets, not all breeds of dog make suitable living companions. This is especially true for older dogs and pets.
5. The adoption facilitator shall not be responsible for any bodily injuries or property damage caused by any adopted dog or by the actions of its adoptive owners. The adoptive owner hereby specifically assumes sole responsibility for, and agrees to hold the facilitator harmless from, any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of liability imposed by law upon the facilitator because of bodily injuries to any person or persons including the adoptive owners, or any damage to property arising out of consequences of the placement of this dog, howsoever such injuries or damage to property may be caused, or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, members or any other person.

The undersigned Adopter(s) hereby agree to abide by the "Terms of Adoption" as listed below.

- 1) Return: If, for any reason the adoption is not satisfactory, the dog **MUST** be returned to Oh My Dog Rescue, a representative of the rescue should be contacted to facilitate the return. Resources must be found to house and intake a dog, therefore returns must be scheduled. If the return is due to behavioral or medical concerns, an evaluation may be required at the adopter's expense .

Initial \_\_\_\_\_



Attention: No refund will be given if you return the dog you adopted. You need to make sure you want this dog as a part of your family and that you are taking responsibility for her/him for the rest of her/his life.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Training: The primary function of a rescue dog is that of a pet only. No rescue dog will be trained as or expected to be an attack or a guard dog. Should any adopted dog require behavioral training, this is at the expense of the adopter/owner.  
Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Health program: This dog will be placed on a regular annual inoculation and year round, lifelong heartworm preventative program established by the adopter's veterinarian. The Adopter(s) agree to provide daily food and water of a clean nature. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Rescue dogs must not be maintained as outside dogs. If the adopted dog is found living outside, on a tie out or in any other unsafe condition, Oh My Dog Rescue has the right to reclaim the dog. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and discussed this adoption agreement with the rescue designee in full. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I understand that if any information herein is found to be false that: (1) my application can be refused and/or (2) if a dog has already been adopted, said dog shall be relinquished to Oh My Dog Rescue without refund of the adoption donation.

I agree that although all dogs are medically examined and treated before placement, evaluated for personality, and every effort is made to match an appropriate dog with each home, no guarantees are expressed or implied as to personality or medical soundness of the dog by Oh My Dog Rescue or their designee. I agree to accept the dog "as is" and understand that the adoption donation is non-refundable. I understand and agree that any material and substantial breach of this agreement shall entitle Oh My Dog Rescue to take possession of the dog with or without notice. If, in the opinion of Oh My Dog Rescue or their designee, conditions warrant removal of the dog from the home, Oh My Dog Rescue retains the right to remove the animal from the premises without a refund of any monies paid. This agreement shall be binding upon any party in whose possession the dog may be found.

I have read the preceding and agree to the conditions set forth.

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Signature of Oh My Dog Rescue      Date  
Representative

Signature of Adopter      Date

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Signature of Adopter      Date

#### FOSTER TO ADOPT ADDENDUM

Due to veterinarian recommendations of a spay/neuter at a later date, the adopter agrees to pay 100% of the adoption fee upon the date of placement. This begins a foster to adopt agreement between the adopter and Oh My Dog Rescue. The dog must be spayed/neutered (costs to be covered by the rescue) before the adoption is finalized, at which time full ownership will be transferred to the adopter. Date of required spay/neuter shall be determined by Oh My Dog Rescue under the guidance of a veterinarian of their choice (outlined below). Should the adopter refuse to comply with this



agreement, ownership shall return to Oh My Dog Rescue and the dog would need to be returned to a rescue representative within 24 hours of the breach of this contract, no refund available. Failure to comply would result in legal action. Any medical bills incurred due to negligence or accident while in the adopter's care will be the responsibility of the adopter. Any medical bills related to any known conditions prior to final adoption will be the responsibility of the rescue, any vet visits must be pre-approved by a representative of the rescue. After adoption is finalized by the final payment of adoption fee, any subsequent medical bills become the responsibility of the adopter. By signing below, the adopter agrees to the conditions set forth in the above addendum.

Service to be completed: **Spay/Neuter, scheduled appointment** \_\_\_\_\_. **No food after 11pm night before.**  
Veterinarian Location: University West Pet Clinic 515-223-8185 8145 University Blvd, Clive, IA 50325 OR Approved Local veterinarian, to be paid remotely by Oh My Dog Rescue. 515-259-0049  
All receipts and records should be sent to the rescue by email at [ohmydogrescueinc@gmail.com](mailto:ohmydogrescueinc@gmail.com). The dog will remain under the "Oh My Dog" at University West account until the spay or neuter surgery is complete.

Signature of Oh My Dog Rescue Representative	Date	Signature of Adopter	Date

# Bringing Your Adopted Dog Home

The first thing most people want to do is show off their new puppy. But I urge you to take it slow, he has been through a lot and it's very stressful. Give your new dog time to decompress.

The common milestones your new dog will go through will be the first 3 days after bringing your dog home from the shelter, then 3 weeks, then 3 months. Study the graphic on the following page.



Keep dog on leash and in a crate for car ride home.

Take a nice long walk outside with your new dog before entering your home.

Keep existing pets separated from new dog for at least 24 hours.

Introduce your new dog to the inside of the house slowly so to not create overwhelm.

Keep the first few days quiet, no special outings or visitors.

Create a routine from day one.

Research training classes and sign up for one right away.

Never leave the new dog alone with your children.

Stay calm, be patient, and read about the 3-3-3 rule

# The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule



**3D**

## In the first 3 days,

your new dog will be overwhelmed with his new surroundings. He will not be comfortable enough to be himself. Don't be alarmed if he doesn't want to eat for the first couple of days, many dogs don't eat when they are stressed. He may shut down and want to curl up in his crate or under the table. He may be scared and unsure what is going on. Or he may be the opposite and test you to see what he can get away with, kind of like a teenager.

**3W**

## After 3 weeks,

he's starting to settle in, feeling more comfortable, and realizing this really may be his forever home. He has figured out his environment and getting into the routine that you have set. He lets his guard down and may start showing his real personality. Behavior issues may start showing, this is your time to be a strong pack leader and show him what is right and wrong.

**3M**

## After 3 months,

your dog is now completely comfortable in his home. You have built trust and a true bond with your dog, which gives him a complete sense of security with you. He is set in his routine and will come to expect his dinner at his usual time.

# The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog

The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline, every dog is unique and will adjust differently. Give your dog space and allow him to go at his own pace.

## 3D



**In the first 3 days,**

- Feeling overwhelmed
- May be scared and unsure of what is going on
- Not comfortable enough to be "himself"
- May not want to eat or drink
- Shut down and want to curl up in his crate or hide under a table
- Testing the boundaries

## 3W



**After 3 weeks,**

- Starting to settle in
- Feeling more comfortable
- Realizing this could possibly be his forever home
- Figured out his environment
- Getting into a routine
- Lets his guard down and may start showing his true personality
- Behavior issues may start showing up

## 3M



**After 3 months,**

- Finally completely comfortable in his home.
- Building trust and a true bond
- Gained a complete sense of security with his new family
- Set in a routine

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