



ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Date: _____

1. **The Animal:** We, Saving Grace Animal Rescue, are placing the following animal with you, the Adopter, for the adoption by you as a companion dog and family member:

Name of animal _____ M ___ F ___

Breed/Mix/Color/Markings _____

2. **Adoption Donation:** To assist us in continuing our rescue work, the Adopter agrees to make a non-refundable donation of \$100.00, per animal.

3. **Spay/Neuter:** If this animal has not been sterilized prior to this adoption due to age or physical condition, the Adopter agrees to have the animal spayed or neutered as soon as it is safe and healthy for the animal.

4. **Care of the Dog:** The Adopter agrees that the animal will be treated as a family member and will be given house privileges; i.e. stay inside in cold/inclement weather and will not be restricted to the yard at any time. The Adopter agrees to provide the animal with fresh water, wholesome dog food, adequate outdoor exercise, affection and shelter. The Adopter agrees the animal will not be used as a guard animal, for breeding purposes, or for any purpose other than as a companion/friend to you. No alteration to the animal's appearance is permitted (i.e. docking of tails, ears).

5. **Veterinary Care:** The Adopter agrees to provide the best available care to the animal in a timely manner. The animal will also be on monthly heartworm & flea preventative and any other medications directed by the vet.

8. **Safe Environment:** The Adopter will provide a secure fenced yard (if available) with ample room for outdoor exercise. If fencing needs repair/modification, the adopter agrees to make any necessary repairs.

NOTE: Many dogs are sensitive and scared of loud noises: the adopter agrees to keep the adoptee indoors or in a safe and secure environment on holidays such as New Year's Eve, the Fourth of July and Halloween.

9. **Identification/Leash/Collar:** The Adopter agrees that the animal WILL ALWAYS wear an effective form of identification which includes a current and working telephone number. The adopter must walk the animal on a leash when on public streets, in parks, or other unfenced areas, and must never allow the animal to roam free unsupervised. The animal will NEVER be tied up on your property or elsewhere. The Adopter will not leave the dog crated for extended periods of time (more than 6-7 hours).

10. **Transportation:** The animal will be properly restrained when transported in any vehicle, and will never be transported in the back of an open vehicle or pick-up truck.

11. **Lost Dog:** The Adopter agrees to make an immediate and serious effort to find the animal should it become lost, by (a) filing lost reports with local animal control authorities/ shelters, SPCAs and local veterinarians and pet stores, (b) post lost signs (c) place lost ads in the adopters local paper and (d) contact us for additional support and advice.

12. **No Right to Transfer:** If at any time the adopter cannot continue to provide proper care for the animal, the adopter will not abandon, give or sell the animal to another person, company, organization, medical research, pound or animal shelter. The adopter agrees to do one or more of the following:

A. Obtain approval from SGAR to transfer the ownership of the animal to a friend/relative. SGAR must approve the new adopter who will be required to sign their own adoption agreement.

B. Agree to cover the costs to board Adoptee for an agreed-upon time, allowing SGAR to actively seek a new home and then relinquish the animal to SGAR when a home is found. Note: Boarding costs can range from \$25 to \$35 per day, per animal.

C. Return adopted animal to SGAR.

Breach of Agreement: In the event that the adopter does not comply with the terms of this Agreement, or the animal is abused and or neglected, SGAR holds the right to recover the animal from the adopter upon demand, in which the animal will then be surrendered to us immediately.

Signed _____ Print Name _____

Driver's License # _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact # (cell) _____ (Home) _____

E-Mail address _____

Emergency Contact/Friend or Relative that does NOT live with you:

Name & number _____