

# WAGS TO RICHES ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY

## Adoption Agreement

THIS ADOPTION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) between Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, a Central Washington non-profit corporation and the undersigned (“Adopter”), establishes the terms for adoption and post-adoption care necessary to provide an appropriate home for a dog. These requirements are based on Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary’s experience and continuing commitment to see that all rescued animals are well matched to their adopting family/owner.

*Note: Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary is a referral service only. Persons adopting Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary pets assume full responsibility for pre-adoption evaluation, as well as post-adoption expenses or liabilities related to such pets, as described below. Adoption applicants will NOT be allowed to take custody of a pet, unless and until this Agreement is completed and executed by an authorized Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary volunteer. (1) This Agreement has been completed and executed by an authorized Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary volunteer and (2) Adopter has paid the applicable non-refundable adoption fee.*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (actual or estimated): \_\_\_\_\_

If adoption of the above-identified animal is approved by Wags to Riches Animal Rescue, and Sanctuary, Adopter promises and agrees to the following conditions:

- 1. To keep this animal in Adopter’s personal possession, provide proper and sufficient food, water, shelter, grooming, and humane treatment at all times.**
- 2. Not to sell, trade, or abandon this animal in any way, but to notify Wags to Riches if it becomes necessary to relinquish custody of the animal.**
- 3. This animal will be maintained as an indoor house pet and family companion. It will not be maintained outside on a continuous basis as a yard dog, or in a basement, garage, or outbuilding for extended periods. Adopter will not use the animal for medical or any other experimental purposes, breeding, or any unlawful competition or exhibition.**
- 4. To ensure that when outside and unattended, the animal is in a secure fenced yard, or a yard which is not close to highways, or high traveled roads. To never allow him or her to run loose without adult supervision. The animal will never be chained or tied while unattended, whether indoors or outdoors.**
- 5. This animal will not be transported in the open bed of a pick up truck or similar vehicle without being enclosed in a properly secured crate or kennel.**
- 6. To procure any veterinary care at once if the animal becomes sick or injured and to keep current on all vaccinations against rabies, distemper, parvo, corona and kennel cough viruses and to follow through with continued flea/tick treatment as directed by a veterinarian.**
- 7. To provide the animal with a current ID tag secured to a collar which will be worn at all times. In addition, it is recommended that each dog be micro chipped, as a means of permanent identification.**

8. To obey all Animal Control regulations governing the area in which Adopter lives, and to license this animal according to such regulation.
9. Wags to Riches requires that animals be spayed or neutered before adopting. However if for any reason this cannot be done in this instance, Adopter agrees to have this animal spayed/ neutered at Adopter's expense. In such case, Adopter will be required to furnish a pre-paid receipt for the spay/neuter procedure from a licensed veterinarian prior to taking custody of the animal.
10. Wags to Riches may conduct an ongoing review of this adoption and may follow-up on any complaints or reports, including an examination of the animal and its living conditions, in order to protect the welfare of the dog throughout its life. Adopter further understands and agrees that if he or she fails to satisfactorily uphold the terms of this Agreement, or if any misrepresentations have been made in order to obtain this animal, Wags to Riches may terminate this Agreement, with or without notice, and may demand the surrender of the animal immediately.
11. Adopter understands and agrees that Wags to Riches is a referral service only and therefore is not responsible for the accuracy of information received about the habits, temperament or physical condition of the above-identified animal. Adopter assumes full responsibility for evaluation of this animal BEFORE agreeing to adopt it.

**Waiver of Liability and Indemnification**

*Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary makes no representations or warranties, expressed or implied, about the above-identified animal's habits, temperament, physical condition or suitability for adoption in this instance. Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary shall not be liable for, and is hereby relieved from, all financial or legal responsibility for medical or any other expenses incurred by the above-identified animal at any time following adoption.*

*Also, Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary shall not be liable for, and is hereby relieved from, all liability for any damage, expenses, causes of action, fines, suits, demands, judgments or claims of any nature whatsoever arising from or by reason of any damage to property or injury to any persons caused in whole or in part by the above-identified animal placed with Adopter.*

*Adopter hereby agrees to protect, indemnify and hold Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary harmless against all of the aforesaid damages or liabilities caused by or related to the above-identified animal.*

**Note: for purposes of this Agreement, the term "Adopter" means the undersigned, his or her family, friends and any third parties allowed or directed by Adopter to possess or provide care for the animal. Adopter hereby assumes full responsibility for compliance by these persons with this Agreement.**

Adopter affirms that he/she is at least eighteen years of age and fully understands the contractual obligations under this Agreement.

**Adopter's Name (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopter's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_