

HEART DOG ADOPTION CONTRACT

Date: _____

- 1) I understand this contract is between myself and HEART and the dog(s) will reside with me as their caregiver and will assume responsibility for the dog(s).
- 2) The dog(s) will live inside the home and will not be isolated from family.
- 3) The dog(s) will not be confined in a crate or pen for long periods of time and will not be kept chained or tethered.
- 4) I agree to provide a good standard of humane care which includes:
 - A good diet for the dog's needs and constant access to clean drinking water
 - A suitable, clean and safe environment for a dog of it's age
 - Outlets to express normal dog behavior, such as chew toys and play
 - An environment free from mistreatment or abuse by myself or others
- 5) I agree not to use punishment based training methods or aversive training tools, such as choke-chains, spike collars or shock collars
- 6) I will provide good medical care including:
 - Monthly heart worm preventive and other preventive medication
 - Yearly visits to the vet for a general health check
 - Prompt veterinary visits in case of injury or illness
- 7) If at any time I become unable to provide care myself, I will contact HEART as soon as possible to discuss new placement options. I will not re-home, leave in the long-term care of another or relinquish the dog(s) to a shelter/rescue group without HEART's permission.
- 8) I will contact HEART at least every six months to report on the well-being of the dog(s)
- 9) I will promptly update HEART with changes in address or contact information
- 10) I give permission for a HEART representative to visit at any reasonable time to observe that the contract conditions are being met. If I am unable to meet the conditions of this contract, I agree to return the dog(s) to HEART.

Signature of adopter

Address

Dog information

Name at HEART: _____ Male Female

Breed: _____ Color: _____ Microchip: _____

Animal control # (if applicable) _____

Adoption fee received: Yes No Staff's initials _____