



# ADOPTION CONTRACT

Dog AGK # \_\_\_\_\_

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, (the "ADOPTER"), do this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ enter into this Adoption Contract, agree to pay an adoption fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledge receipt from Adopt A Golden Knoxville, Inc. ("AGK") of the dog named and described as follows (the "Dog"):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chip Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Chip # \_\_\_\_\_ (attach sticker if available).

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** (after carefully reviewing each term and provision ADOPTER should initial each numbered item)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to immediately notify AGK if the Dog is lost or stolen, and to make all reasonable efforts to find the dog.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to return the Dog to AGK if unable to keep the Dog for any reason, including illness of the Dog as set out below, and **never** take the Dog to a shelter. ADOPTER agrees not to "rehome" the Dog without the express written consent of AGK.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to take the Dog to a veterinarian at least once a year for an examination, update on all routine shots recommended by the veterinarian, and a heartworm test followed by year round heartworm preventative. ADOPTER further agrees to provide the Dog with necessary veterinary care upon sickness, disease, or injury and authorizes any veterinarian who provides care to the Dog to release any information about the Dog to AGK.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER understands that this Dog was given a general wellness exam by a veterinarian and was treated for any medical condition detected at the time of this exam. ADOPTER agrees to accept full responsibility from the date of this contract for all medical treatment of this Dog whether a medical condition was detected or not, unless noted otherwise in this contract. ADOPTER understands AGK is a non-profit organization that is run solely by volunteers and AGK makes no warranties or representations about the health, condition, training or temperament of the Dog, but has disclosed all known background and medical history.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER understands that medical care for a dog can be very expensive. Medical problems for large breed dogs can include severe hip and joint problems that can cost thousands of dollars to treat appropriately. ADOPTER understands and agrees that ADOPTER is responsible for providing all necessary medical care. AGK recommends that ADOPTER consider purchasing pet health insurance.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to **never** euthanize the Dog for any reason, other than when it is in the best interest of the Dog to provide immediate relief from pain and suffering when there is no reasonable medical expectation of recovery. In the event of a diagnosis of a chronic illness requiring long term medical care and the quality of life of the Dog is uncertain, ADOPTER agrees to contact and consult with AGK regarding alternatives for treatment.

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7. \_\_\_\_\_ If not previously spayed or neutered, **PUPPY ADOPTER** will have the Dog spayed or neutered by the age of 12 months and provide proof of such, or AGK has the right to reclaim the Dog. ADOPTER may have the procedure done by an authorized AGK vet who will direct bill AGK if the appointment is set up by AGK, or the ADOPTER can have their own vet perform the surgery and AGK will reimburse them up to \$100 upon receipt of paid invoice. ADOPTER can also elect to handle this cost as a donation to AGK and receive a donation receipt. ADOPTER must contact AGK two weeks before surgery is to be scheduled to discuss the method ADOPTER has selected.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to provide this Dog with a safe, loving, home environment, proper care and humane treatment in accordance with all current and future state, county and local laws and ordinances where ADOPTER resides. ADOPTER agrees to purchase or obtain all required licenses, and meet any other legal requirements for the Dog and obey all applicable laws.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER understands that this Dog has a microchip that is registered to AGK, and agrees not to take any action to have such microchip removed or reregistered.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER understands and guarantees that this Dog will be an inside dog, will not be left outside in bad weather, all day or all night. Dog will not be outside when ADOPTER is not at home unless it is in a pre-approved fenced area with access to a pre-approved dog door. Dog will never be allowed to ride in the back of an open-air truck, ADOPTER agrees to provide for the safety of this Dog at all times.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to provide a collar with identification tag bearing the name, address and phone number of ADOPTER as well as an AGK identification tag.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER understands that AGK, does not buy or sell dogs, but finds homes for dogs in need of a loving home. This adoption contract is not a sale. An adoption fee is charged to help cover the medical and boarding expenses incurred for this Dog. A portion of the fee may be tax deductible, but please consult a tax professional.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER understands that there is no refund of the adoption fee even if Dog is returned. If Dog is returned, the adoption fee paid will be considered a donation and 100% is tax deductible.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees that in the event the Dog is returned for any reason, that the Dog will be returned to Knoxville, Tennessee to a place designated by AGK at the sole expense of the ADOPTER.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to allow representatives of AGK to visit ADOPTER's home to check on the overall wellbeing of this Dog and to ensure compliance with the items set forth in this adoption contract.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER understands and agrees that AGK shall in all events have the right to remove this Dog from ADOPTER's home and/or care upon any misrepresentation in the application process or any breach of this adoption contract. Upon any such removal, ADOPTER shall forfeit any and all rights of ownership to the Dog which ownership rights shall vest in AGK.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify AGK and their representatives against any and all claims, known or unknown, now or hereafter arising in connection with this Dog or arising out of the conduct of this Dog on or after the date of this adoption contract.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER agrees to pay AGK for any and all expenses, including court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, in enforcing the terms and provisions of the contract. In the event of the breach of any term herein, ADOPTER agrees to pay liquidated damages in an amount not less than the adoption fee paid for the Dog and submits to the jurisdiction of the Courts in Knox County, TN. Payment of these damages shall not excuse ADOPTER from relinquishing the Dog to AGK.

19. \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Terms and Conditions:

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In consideration of the release of this Dog by AGK, ADOPTER agrees to an accepts the terms of this contract and acknowledges that this written agreement sets forth all promises, agreements, conditions and understandings between the parties, both oral and written.

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ADOPTER Signature	Printed Name	Date
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CO-ADOPTER Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Street	City/State/Zip	Home Phone
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Adopt a Golden Knoxville Representative	Printed Name	Date
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