



## ADOPTION APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

### ***DOG'S INFORMATION***

Dog's Sanctuary Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSD ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Breed or Mix \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Altered? \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Identifying Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Health Assessment \_\_\_\_\_

Heartworm Test \_\_\_\_\_ Prevention Due \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies \_\_\_\_\_ Tag # \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccinations and other treatment \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***ADOPTER'S INFORMATION***

Adopter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers' License # \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Years at address? \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

Please list complete contact information for two people not related to you whom you have known at least two years. The ideal reference can speak to your ability to care for animals.

**Personal Reference #1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Reference #2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinary Reference**

Name of vet \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number & contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have been a client. \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than two years, please provide a second veterinary reference on the back of this sheet)

***OTHER QUESTIONS: USE THE BACK IF NEEDED***

Please list each animal that currently resides in your home. Include age, breed, health, and temperament.

Please list any animals you have owned in the past 10 years not included in the answer above and explain why you no longer own them.

Are your animals spayed or neutered? If not, please explain your reasons.

Do you have a completely fenced yard? If yes, please describe the type and height of fence. If no, how will you handle your dog's outdoor needs?

How many people live in your home? Include their ages and experience with dogs.

Where will your senior dog spend the day? The night?

Where will you keep your senior dog when you are not home?

Do you have a crate? Are you willing to crate train your senior dog if necessary?

How many hours will the dog spend alone during a typical day?

Are you willing to return your senior dog to the Sanctuary if you can no longer keep him?

Why do you want to adopt a senior dog? Please be detailed.

What are your plans for your senior dog (pet, guard, hunting, obedience, search and rescue, therapy, other).

**ADOPTION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

In consideration of receiving the dog described above, I hereby agree to be bound by the following terms:

1. I understand that the dog I am adopting is a shelter dog whose prior health history and experiences are not fully known.
2. I understand that only spayed/neutered dogs are released for adoption from The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs.
3. I agree to be personally responsible for the care of this dog for the rest of its life; to provide veterinary care for any apparent illness or injury; to vaccinate as prescribed by my veterinarian; and to allow the dog to live in my home as a part of my family. I agree that this dog will remain an indoor dog. **Under no circumstances will I leave the dog unattended on a chain or tether.** I further agree to have the dog under my control when it is not within the confines of my property.
4. I agree to keep The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs' ID tag attached to a properly fitted collar, which will remain on the adopted dog at all times, and to obtain the licenses required by local authorities.
5. **If I cannot keep the dog for any reason, I agree to notify The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs and to return the dog upon request. I agree not to give the dog away without the prior written consent of The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs.**
6. Each dog adopted from The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs has undergone a reasonable health screening prior to being made available for adoption, including screening for internal and external parasites. Dogs are vaccinated against rabies. The Sanctuary does **not** typically vaccinate older dogs against Distemper, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus, Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, and Bordetella Bronchiseptica because of the health threat associated with over vaccination. Please discuss this vaccination schedule with your regular veterinarian. **I understand that The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs is not liable for medical conditions that our staff does not detect while the dog is at the Sanctuary.**
7. I agree to be financially responsible for any treatment advised by my veterinarian. **I understand that under no circumstances will The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs reimburse me for any services provided by a veterinarian after the dog has been released by The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs.**
8. Dogs placed by The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs are evaluated for temperament. The Sanctuary will not place a dog with known vicious tendencies. Every attempt is made to identify behavioral issues, such as chewing, barking, house training. Such tendencies are usually correctable through training. **I agree to accept full responsibility for providing humane training should it be necessary.**
9. I understand that The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs makes no guarantee regarding temperament, disposition, or training of the dog.
10. I understand that The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs makes follow-up calls to all adopters and reserves the right to visit my home.
11. **Should The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs determine that I am not complying with the terms and conditions of this contract, I agree to return the animal upon demand. If I refuse to relinquish the animal, I understand that The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs shall have the right to enter the premises where the dog is being kept and remove the animal without process of law. I agree to waive all claims for trespass or damage.**
12. **I agree that The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs shall not be legally liable for any acts of the dog once it has been adopted. I hereby release and discharge The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs, its employees, agents, board members, donors, and supporters, for all acts, omissions, claims, or causes of action of any kind arising from the adoption of this dog.**

I agree that this is the contract between the parties. I have read and fully understand this adoption contract and agree to abide by these terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sanctuary for Senior Dogs Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Non-refundable adoption fee \$125.00

Received \_\_\_\_\_ Seniors Program (\$60.00 for adopters 60 years and older) \_\_\_\_\_