

Adoption Contract and Release

Long Island Golden Retriever Rescue (hereinafter referred to as LIGRR) in consideration of the sum of \$ _____, the receipt of which is acknowledged by _____, releases the full responsibility for, and transfers ownership of _____ (Pet's Name & Breed), to the undersigned adopter. The adopter agrees to abide by the terms of adoption listed below:

1. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** The undersigned adopter does hereby agree to release, indemnify, and covenant to hold harmless LIGRR, its members and its officers from any claims, damages, injuries, costs or actions incurred as a result of this adoption or caused by the actions of the dog transferred herein.
2. **Return:** The adopted dog may be returned to LIGRR within two weeks of the date of adoption for a refund of the donation if the adopter is not satisfied with any aspect of the adoption. The sum of \$100.00 shall be deducted from any refund for administrative expenses. After two weeks of the date of the adoption, no refund will be given if the dog is returned to LIGRR.
3. **Refund:** There will be no refund or reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the adopter, including, but not limited to, veterinarian fees, for the adopted dog, even if it is returned to LIGRR.
4. **Non-Breeding:** It is understood that this pet, if not already neutered or spayed, will be neutered or spayed as soon as possible, in accordance with a licensed veterinarian's recommendation. If the animal is not neutered or spayed within 2 months of taking possession of the animal, (unless recommended otherwise by a licensed veterinarian), LIGRR may reclaim the animal
5. **Transfer of Ownership:** This pet will not be transferred to any person by the adopter. If for any reason the adoption is not satisfactory, the adopter will notify LIGRR. The adopter will hold the pet at the adopter's expense until proper foster care or adoption arrangements can be made. The adopter agrees to notify LIGRR of his/her new address upon moving and to notify LIGRR immediately if the dog is lost or stolen.
6. **Health:** The pet is to be seen by a licensed veterinarian yearly and be placed on an inoculation and parasite check program as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian in order to assure and maintain the health of the pet. The pet will also be tested for heartworm and a heartworm preventative will be administered as prescribed by a veterinarian. The pet will receive a rabies vaccination and be licensed in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the dog resides.
7. **Control:** The adopted dog must wear an identification tag at all times. The pet will not be allowed to run loose off the adopter's property (except if involved in bona fide sporting events). The pet will be under voice control or on lead when not within the boundaries of the adopter's property.
8. **Training:** LIGRR strongly recommends that the adopted dog and its owner enroll in an obedience or canine good citizen class. However, the adopter agrees not to train the dog for protection, guard, or attack purposes.
9. **Care:** The adopter accepts full responsibility for maintaining a reasonable level of care for this dog including food, water, grooming, adequate sanitation, exercise, attention, safety, and shelter. The dog will be treated with affection and kindness and never subjected to

abuse, animal research, fighting or used as a guard dog for any agency, corporation or organization.

10. **Reservation of Rights:** LIGRR reserves the right to enforce this contract in order to protect the welfare of the adopted dog. It is understood that LIGRR may perform an ongoing review of this adoption and follow-up on any complaints or reports about said dog at any time. If the terms and conditions of the Adoption Agreement are not upheld, LIGRR reserves the right to terminate the Agreement and to reclaim the dog.

11. **Remedies upon Default:** Should the adopter breach any of the agreements contained in this contract or misrepresent any facts to LIGRR to obtain the pet, LIGRR shall have the right to rescind this contract and demand return of the pet. Should the adopter fail to return the pet, LIGRR may, at its option, 1) peaceably enter the adopter's premises to take possession of the pet, or 2) seek an order from a court of competent jurisdiction for return of the pet and payment of damages and may retain the sum paid for the pet pursuant to this agreement.

12. **Attorney Fees:** The adopter agrees to pay any attorney fees and costs incurred by LIGRR to obtain remedy under the paragraph entitled "**Remedies upon Default**".

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this Adoption Agreement and agree to abide by all of its rules and regulation set forth herein.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Adopter Name (Print)

Signature of Adopter

Co-Adopter Name (Print)

Signature of Co-Adopter

Rescue Committee Member (Print)

Signature of Committee Member

New Owner Address: _____

Phone Numbers: (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

One copy to the adopter and one copy to LIGRR.

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