

# DOG ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTER:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin or other contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

History of the Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This dog's vet will be: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Animal Advocates Society of B.C. loves each and every dog it has rescued and cared for, just as we love our own dogs. If you cannot meet a dog's simple needs, please reconsider getting a dog at this time.**

**We only allow our dogs to go to homes that meet the following criteria:**

1. **This dog is to be an equal member of its family** and therefore every member of its family must want it equally, and feel the same way about its inherent worthiness. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
2. **This dog will be separated from its family as little as possible.** Most experts agree that four hours is as much as a dog can bear. They cannot, after all, catch up on their reading. After years of having dogs in our homes we have learned that a dog does not want to be separated from its pack/family for even four seconds. Humans love them for their unshakeable lovingness and loyalty; that is why we domesticated them. We made them as dependent as babies on us. That is why we owe them the great moral responsibility to provide for their emotional, mental, and physical needs. This dog will not be alone for more than four hours at a time (2 hours for a pup),

except under extraordinary circumstances, or the AAS adopting agent makes an exception (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.

3. **This dog will not be forced to stay in confinement by itself:** in the house, i.e: in the basement, laundry room, bathroom, garage, etc, and specially outside. A dog doesn't ever want to be alone in a yard, not even northern breeds. We have cared for malamute-wolf crosses who had never been allowed in a house, and within days they are happily sleeping in the house with all the other dogs. If you're inside, the dog wants to be inside, if you're outside, the dog wants to be outside. Two dogs outside are just as lonely as one, because they know that their family is inside (the den) and they have been excluded. Isolation is the cruellest thing that can be done to a dog. This dog will not be isolated. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
4. **This dog will not be tethered,** except for short periods under extraordinary circumstances\*, ie: outside a store, on a ferry etc. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
5. **This dog shall never be used as guard dog.** All dogs will loyally warn and defend, but it's not their primary purpose, which purpose is to be loved, respected, and included in its family circle. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_
6. **This dog shall never be without personal identification on its collar,** to include your address, telephone number(s) and your vet's telephone number. An ear tattoo, municipal license tag, or microchip, as good as they are, cannot be read by a person several blocks away, and cannot be deciphered on weekends, after hours or holidays. You want your dog to be returned to you as quickly as possible, and this can only be assured by having a personal identification tag on the dog at all times.(initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
7. **This dog,** if picked up or taken by the pound, **shall not be left at a pound** past the time the dog is found to be at the pound. If any Animal Advocates dog is left at a pound, we shall immediately reclaim the dog. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
8. **If this dog goes missing, Animal Advocates will be notified immediately** so that we can assist in finding it. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
9. **This dog, if not sterilized, shall be at approximately five months of age.** It shall not be bred. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
10. If not already tattooed, **this dog shall be tattooed** at the first opportunity (usually during sterilization) or at any other time the dog is under an anaesthetic. Animal Advocates has had this dog microchipped, which identification remains in Animal Advocates' name. In addition to the tattoo, the word "CHIP" shall also be tattooed in the ear. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
11. **This dog shall not be euthanized without Animal Advocates permission,** except under extraordinary circumstances\*, i.e.: incurable, unrelievable, disease or injury. If the dog's health will incur extraordinary expenses, Animal Advocates will reclaim the dog and pay the bills, or will arrange to help deserving owners with the expenses. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
12. **This dog shall not be euthanized for reasons of behaviour.** Every dog is capable of learning acceptable behaviour, given time, love and help. We have taken up to two years to socialize dogs, and we, and they, have never failed. Animal Advocates will reclaim any dog showing antisocial behaviour and rehabilitate it. Animal Advocates will not accept that the dog was killed on the advice of a vet or a trainer, or any other "expert". (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
13. **This dog's health will be maintained** with the same consideration as any other member of its family.(initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
14. **This dog will not be allowed to become infested** with fleas or other parasites. No flea collars or over the counter flea products shall be used. Many of them are toxic. See your vet for parasite problems.(initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
15. **This dog shall have plenty of exercise and stimulation and socializing** with other dogs appropriate to its age. A walk on a leash is not sufficient, nor is it much fun. Dogs don't naturally walk in straight lines, with their heads up. Running a dog beside a bike or car can cause heat prostration, dehydration, and bone and soft tissue damage. Dogs love and deserve free-run parks, woods, beaches and creeks and play with other dogs. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.

16. **This dog shall not be crated**, either for training or punishment: crating is too easily abused. Almost no punishment is necessary for dogs, if lots of love, example, behaviour modification training, and consistency is used. (initial)\_\_\_\_\_.
17. **THIS DOG SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANY OTHER PERSON WITHOUT ANIMAL ADVOCATES SOCIETY OF B.C.'S WRITTEN PERMISSION.** WE MAY VERY WELL APPROVE OF A NEW FAMILY IF YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR DOG FOR ANY REASON, BUT WE MUST SCREEN THEM JUST AS WE SCREENED YOU, AND THE NEW FAMILY MUST SIGN OUR ADOPTION AGREEMENT. WE WILL TAKE BACK ANY DOG AT ANY TIME, AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE SAFE AND LOVED WITH US, NEVER IN A CELL, AND NEVER KILLED. (INITIAL)\_\_\_\_\_.
18. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANIMALS ADVOCATES SOCIETY OF B.C. MAY EXAMINE AND MAKE ENQUIRY ABOUT THIS DOG AT ANY TIME. (INITIAL)\_\_\_\_\_.
19. IF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE "AGREEMENT" ARE NOT UPHELD, ANIMAL ADVOCATES SOCIETY OF B.C. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT AND TO RECLAIM THE DOG. (INITIAL)\_\_\_\_\_.
20. I agree to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of this dog by (date)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Sections of this agreement may be deleted or amended by Animal Advocates Society, but only by the Animal Advocates representative signing below, and must be signed by the representative to be valid.**

This adoption form has been confirmed legal and binding by a lawyer.

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signature of adoptor (1)

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signature of adoptor (2)

\_\_\_\_\_  
for Animal Advocates Society of BC

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Print name of AAS representative

**FREE VET EXAM AT MARINE DRIVE VETERINARY CLINIC, 1279 MARINE DRIVE, NORTH VANCOUVER, 988-2177, with the PRESENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.**