

Indiana Bulldog Rescue Inc. Adoption Contract

Preamble: Bulldogs are typically affectionate and friendly, and Indiana Bulldog Rescue, Inc. will not knowingly place a dog with an unsound temperament. However, no one can predict how any dog will react in a given situation without full knowledge of its life experiences before rescue. Consequently, a rescued dog may exhibit behavioral issues, therefore, adopters are strongly urged to exercise prudence and caution in introducing an adopted bulldog into new situations until it has become fully adjusted to its new environment and the adopter has had an opportunity to become familiar with the dog's unique personality. The Indiana Bulldog Rescue makes no claims, representations, or warranties regarding the temperament, behavior, or future health of any rescued bulldog.

The Bulldog is not a working or sporting dog. It is bred solely for companionship. Although it loves a daily walk with human companionship, the Bulldog's physical structure (i.e., compact body, short legs and brachycephalic features) make it unsuitable for living outdoors or rigorous exercise like jogging. An adoptive home should have a fenced yard for exercise. If this is not possible, the dog must be exercised on a leash. An Indiana Bulldog Rescue volunteer will visit the prospective adoptive home to evaluate it for rescue dog placement.

UNCONDITIONALLY, THE INDIANA BULLDOG RESCUE RETAINS THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL. If, for any reason, the adopter cannot keep the rescued dog, he/she will contact the Indiana Bulldog Rescue volunteer who placed the dog with him/her for repossession and further action. You agree to give us reasonable time to find the dog another foster home and understand that this may take a few weeks. If the adopter suggests a possible placement, that prospect must complete an application and be approved by the Indiana Bulldog Rescue. Indiana Bulldog Rescue and its volunteers act only to reduce, as much as possible, the trauma of repeated moves. Primary responsibility is to the rescued Bulldog throughout its lifetime. You agree that you may never surrender the Dog to an animal shelter or any pet organization which euthanizes surplus pets. You agree that you may not euthanize the Dog except in the case of the Dog's terminal illness, injury, or old age accompanied by pain and suffering. The euthanasia must be performed by a licensed veterinarian in a private clinic or hospital.

The Indiana Bulldog Rescue carries insurance for damage or loss involving rescued Bulldogs while under its care. This insurance does not cover the adopter once ownership has been transferred. The Indiana Bulldog Rescue strongly recommends that new owners of any dogs consider obtaining appropriate insurance coverage for themselves. Providers of homeowners' insurance can explain the requirements and costs of such protection. (Bulldogs, of course, are not classified, by their nature, as "dangerous" or "aggressive". A more appropriate classification is "companion" or "couch potato".)

This contract is made between the Indiana Bulldog Rescue, as represented by the member whose signature appears below, and the adopter whose signature appears below.

The undersigned Adopter agrees to be bound by the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Has read understands and agrees to the Preamble herein.*
- 2. Understands and agrees to the First Right of Refusal herein.*
- 3. Provide this dog with personal I.D. tags, proper food, fresh water, and adequate indoor shelter at all times.*
- 4. Provide this dog with loving humane treatment by myself and other family members, and will not be left alone for extended periods of time (more than an average work day).*
- 5. Schedule Basic Canine Training classes with a Certified Canine Trainer or Canine Training School or Academy within thirty (30) days of the date that this contract is signed, and to attend and complete Basic Canine Training classes with the Bulldog, and to provide Indiana Bulldog Rescue a copy of the Training Certificate of Completion, or equivalent documentation within ninety (90) days of the date that this agreement is signed.*
- 6. If behavioral issues arise with this dog, to seek professional care and/or training, including, but not limited to, behavior modification.*
- 7. This dog will not be subject to harassment by me or other persons who live or visit my home, and will be protected from other animals in my care. Additionally, the animal will not be used for purposes of experimentation, vivisection (Surgery for Experimental Purposes), or for dog fighting.*
- 8. Provide the dog with adequate protection from drowning hazards, including, but not limited to the use of canine approved life jackets.*
- 9. Provide veterinary treatment for this dog as needed, including annual examinations, DHLPP and rabies vaccinations, and heartworm and intestinal parasite checks, to be followed by periodic use of preventatives.*
- 10. Comply with all state and local laws and ordinances related to keeping this dog, including leash/license laws.*
- 11. Never give or sell this dog to another person, including, but not limited to family members, neighbors, coworkers, acquaintances, agencies, or animal shelter or to allow it to be used for experimentation, dog fighting, or any other commercial or illegal activity.*
- 12. Immediately notify the Indiana Bulldog Rescue member or the Indiana Bulldog Rescue member named below, or the Indiana Bulldog Rescue organization, to make arrangements to return the dog to the Indiana Bulldog Rescue member if, for any reason, you are unable to keep this dog.*
- 13. Immediately notify the Indiana Bulldog Rescue if this dog is lost.*
- 14. Permit an Indiana Bulldog Rescue volunteer to make yearly inspections, at the sole discretion of the Indiana Bulldog Rescue, including scheduled homes visits.*

15. Permit a Rescue Network member to observe the premises where the dog is housed and to reclaim the dog if, in the sole judgment of the Indiana Bulldog Rescue volunteer, it is not being cared for as agreed to in this document, or if facts have been misrepresented to the Indiana Bulldog Rescue.

I HEREBY ACCEPT POSSESSION OF THIS DOG "AS IS" AND AT MY OWN RISK, and hereby release and waive any claims against the Indiana Bulldog Rescue, Inc., and any and all of its Board Members, volunteers members, foster parents, representatives, and the veterinarian(s) treating the dog at the request of the Indiana Bulldog Rescue, which I may have now or in the future for any damages to person or property caused by this dog.

I agree to make a donation _____ to the Indiana Bulldog Rescue to help with the spaying/ neutering and veterinary care of future rescued Bulldogs. If the dog is returned to the Indiana Bulldog Rescue for good reason within the first two weeks from taking possession, the donation amount paid will be refunded in full. If the dog is returned to the Indiana Bulldog Rescue within two to four weeks from taking possession, one half of the donation amount will be refunded. After this period, no refund will be made whether the dog is returned by the adopter or as a result of reclamation as specified in item 11 of this contract.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I KNOWINGLY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE TERMS, OR IN ANY WAY PUT THE BULLDOG IN A SITUATION WHICH ENDANGERS ITS HEALTH, INDIANA BULLDOG RESCUE, INC. MAY TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, INCLUDING TAKING THE PET FROM MY POSSESSION AND/OR LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ME.

Name of Dog: _____ Age/Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____

Color and Markings: _____

Special Needs/Medications: _____

Adopter: _____ Date: _____

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Indiana Bulldog Rescue Volunteer : _____ Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____