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Eskie Rescuers United

American Eskimo Dog Rescue

(A 501c3 Non-profit Organization)

Adoption Agreement

NAME OF ADOPTIVE AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG: _____

NAME(S) OF PROSPECTIVE ADOPTER(S): _____

Throughout this Agreement, the words "I," "we," "our" and "us" refer to "Eskie Rescuers United American Eskimo Dog Rescue" (hereinafter also referred to as "Eskie Rescuers United" or "ERU"), and the words "you," "your" and "yours" refer to the "Adopting Family." In consideration of your payment of the required adoption fee and our allowing this dog to be adopted, you and we agree to the following terms:

In accepting this dog from Eskie Rescuers United American Eskimo Dog Rescue, you agree to abide by the following regulations in accordance with this contract, which is designed to allow us to advise you of our policies when adopting one of our rescues. We strongly advise you to read this thoroughly, as this contract is binding once signed.

1) Eskie Rescuers United WILL NOT adopt out any "intact" dog (intact meaning not neutered or spayed) that can be altered. Please note also that we WILL NOT adopt out any of our rescued dogs into a home with ANY intact dog or cat, unless approved by the Executive Director of ERU. If the dog being adopted is too young to be altered, you agree that you will have the dog neutered within 90 days of adoption unless a vet has reported that it is unsafe to do so. An additional neuter/spay deposit fee will be submitted. Upon submitting proof of neutering/spaying, this fee will be refunded to you. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

2) You agree to have this dog under a veterinarian's care within a 7-to-14-day time frame following his/her adoption, to ensure that appropriate medical care is maintained to keep this animal in good health. All our rescued dogs have been properly vaccinated in accordance with state laws and are current on heartworm and flea/tick prevention. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

3) You agree that you will not sell, give away, or take this dog to a shelter (i.e. Animal Control, Humane Society, etc.). You agree to transfer ownership and surrender this dog back to ERU if for any reason this dog cannot be properly cared for by you. You are responsible for all transportation costs to return the dog to the rescuer/ foster home, even if it is out of state or across the United States. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

4) You are advised that we retain the right to check on this dog at our discretion through unannounced home and yard checks, to ensure this dog is being cared for in accordance with this adoption contract. We use the services of other rescue organizations, when necessary, to perform out-of-state home checks, so the fact that you may not be local to us does not exclude you from this provision. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

5) Eskie Rescuers United DOES NOT allow any of our dogs to be adopted as outdoor dogs. It is a direct violation of this contract to leave this animal outside to live as an outdoor dog. Many dogs enjoy the outdoors; however, this does not grant you permission to leave them unattended or unsupervised. If it is determined that

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you are in violation of this provision, you will be notified immediately to resolve this issue. If the situation has still not been rectified to the satisfaction of the Executive Director of ERU, you may expect immediate removal of said dog from your home. By signing this contract, you are accepting these terms set forth, so consider yourself and your family so advised. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

6) We ask that you always keep the Eskie Rescuers United I.D. tag on the adopted dog's collar throughout the lifetime of said dog. This is to ensure that if said dog gets lost and you cannot be reached, someone from our organization can be notified right away and we can, by every means possible, attempt to contact you to let you know where the dog is. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

7) You should be advised that the American Eskimo is a unique breed. Please do your research before considering an Eskie as a companion animal for your family. They are extremely smart and very loyal, so please use common sense with this breed, as they can be protective of their family members and may need guidance to shape respectful conduct using positive reinforcement. You should allow your new dog ample exercise time but be advised that ERU DOES NOT ALLOW CHAINING OF ANY KIND. You may use an overhead trolley system that is approved at the time of your home visit, and we encourage leashed walks, when safe, whether or not you have a fenced-in yard. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

8) You agree to support this dog's training using force-free, reward-based methods. Per the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB), aversive tools (e.g. shock/e-collars, bark collars, prong or choke chains, aversive sounds) must not be used. Resources for humane training approaches are available on our website. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

9) You agree to indemnify ERU from all liability regarding this dog once this adoption contract has been finalized (signed by adopter(s) and ERU representative). Health and/or temperament are not guaranteed. This organization strives to ensure that you are given a full history of this dog to the best of our knowledge. There are NO guarantees with any animal, rescued or otherwise. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

10) Although we do our best to ensure that you are adopting a healthy dog, and that you are advised of any known health conditions with this dog, there may be unknown and hidden conditions that are not known to us. We will not be obligated to provide treatment for these unknown and hidden conditions as well as any health conditions for which you have been advised. You agree that upon adoption that you take full responsibility for the care of this dog. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

11) Adoption of heartworm positive dogs: If a dog tests positive for heartworms, ERU may decide to treat the dog using the slow-treatment protocol. This consists of a 30-day treatment of doxycycline and a once-a-month heartworm preventative (moxidectin-based product). If this treatment is being done for this dog, ERU will provide you the medication necessary to continue the treatment. This may consist of a supply of doxycycline and heartworm preventative medicine. You are responsible to administer the treatment medications at the prescribed intervals and to keep a record. After one year of treatment has been administered to the dog, ERU will pay for a follow-up heartworm test performed at an approved veterinary practice. If the heartworm test is positive, then ERU will continue to treat the dog using a method at our discretion. If you should decide to follow a different course of treatment for this dog, you agree to do so at your own expense and assume all risks associated with that treatment. The "Description of the Eskie" section of this contract indicates if this dog is heartworm positive. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

12) Special consideration for heartworms: If you find that your dog tests positive for heartworms and we tested the dog as being negative for heartworms, we may elect to provide treatment. We must be notified of this condition before any treatment has been given to the dog. Notification must be within the first 90 days of the adoption of the dog. If this organization provides for treatment, it will be through a veterinarian or facility of our choice and using a treatment method of our choice. If you decide to use a different facility or treatment method, you agree to pay for the cost of the treatments. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

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13) There is a required non-refundable adoption fee of \$300 for older puppies 6 to 11 months, \$250.00 for adult dogs 1 yr to under 5 yrs, \$200 for adult dogs 5 yr to under 10 yrs, \$150 for senior dogs (10 yrs and up). For puppies under 6 months, the adoption fee is individually determined. These funds are used to spay or neuter every animal, give all vaccinations, exams, heartworm tests, deworming, grooming, training, boarding and the daily care required for the upkeep of all our dogs, including a balanced, high quality, healthy diet. Without this fee, we could not continue to provide the level of care these dogs need. Adopters 60 years of age and older who adopt a senior dog receive a 50% discount, and repeat adopters receive a 25% discount on the adoption fee. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

14) If you are adopting a dog that is not within your local area, you must make and pay for any transportation arrangements required to get the dog to you. If you return the dog, you must also make and pay for any return transportation arrangements. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

15) You agree to keep this dog on monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventative. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

IF THERE ARE ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS CONTRACT, YOU WILL BE HELD LIABLE AND CIVILLY RESPONSIBLE.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ESKIE:

Dog's Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: (If Known) _____

Male Female Neutered Spayed **NO-Adopter will Alter**

Color: Pure White Bisque Some Bisque

Microchipped: Yes Manufacturer and # _____

NO-Adopter will Chip

Any Health Issues: Yes No

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

Any Other Info On Eskie, Please Fill In Here: _____

This dog has been heartworm tested: Yes No Heartworm positive?: Yes No

If Yes, treatment protocol: _____

Treatment started on: _____ Heartworm test due on: _____

Next monthly flea/tick preventative due on: _____

Next monthly heartworm preventative due on: _____

ADOPTING FAMILY INFORMATION:

Name of Main Caretaker: _____

Address: _____

ERU Rescue ID: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.(s): _____
(Home)

(Cell)

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone No.: _____

CARETAKER/PETSITTER WHO WILL LOOK AFTER DOG WHEN OWNER IS GONE:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.(s): _____
(Home)

(Cell)

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone No.: _____

PAYMENTS:

Adoption Fee: \$ _____ Method of Payment _____

Neutering Deposit: \$ _____ Method of Payment _____

AGREEMENT:

The adopting family represents that no member of the family has been convicted of, or is being prosecuted for, charges of cruelty to animals, and agrees to accept the following conditions to be eligible to adopt the dog described above. The adopting family agrees that the dog will be a house pet and will receive all care and attention necessary to ensure its health and well-being. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Providing an indoor home environment. The dog will be kept in an area where sufficient access to the family is assured and where adequate heating/cooling and fresh food/water are available.
- 2) Providing adequate shelter, shade and water when the dog is outdoors. The family understands this dog is predominantly an indoor pet and agrees that he/she will not be housed outdoors for extensive periods of time or overnight.
- 3) Providing adequate control and supervision over the dog's movements when outdoors, to prevent nuisance running in the community, by using a harness or collar with a strong enough leash. Please be sure you are informed of all city and county ordinances and guidelines in your area relating to the ownership of dogs.
- 4) Providing daily a high-quality, nutritionally healthy food, adequate exercise, and clean, fresh water sufficient to maintain proper health.
- 5) Providing adequate grooming to keep the dog mat-free, flea-free and tick-free, and to maintain good condition of his/her coat, ears, feet, nails, teeth and eyes.
- 6) Providing adequate medical care consisting of rabies vaccines and vaccines recommended by your DVM for your location (e.g. Lyme, parvo, leptospirosis), fecal check for worms, annual heartworm tests and monthly heartworm, flea and tick prevention. The adopting family also agrees to provide adequate medical care immediately in the event the dog is injured or becomes ill.
- 7) The adopting family agrees to provide, upon request, proof of vaccinations, heartworm check and access to the dog, if necessary, for follow-up visits.
- 8) Providing licensing as required by the community, county and state laws and obeying all animal control laws.
- 9) Providing a safe and emotionally nurturing environment for the dog. The adopting family agrees that the dog: will not be abused, beaten or otherwise treated cruelly in any manner; will not be chained; will not be used for attack or guarding purposes; will not be used in any aspect of dog/animal fighting; and will not be subjected to any biological, chemical, psychological or other type of experimentation. If Eskie Rescuers United finds out any type of abuse has been observed, the dog in question will be taken from your possession and you will be fully prosecuted as allowed by law regarding this legally binding contract.
- 10) Utilizing kind, reward-based training that highlights the importance of understanding a dog's perspective while strengthening the bond between you and the dog. Please reach out to us if you need help finding a positive reinforcement trainer in your area.
- 11) Refraining from activities that will result in creating aggressive tendencies in the dog, including allowing children, other individuals or animals to tease, torture or otherwise hurt the dog. Collars used in punishment-based training, including shock/e-collars, prong collars and choke collars must not be used. The adopting family recognizes that, although ERU makes every effort possible to provide a dog that is compatible with the adopting family's home environment, ERU is not liable for aggression and/or biting that may arise because of any abusive, neglectful or otherwise negative treatment of the dog while in your care.
- 12) We do not warrant the temperament or behavior of the dog, nor will we be liable for any acts of the dog such as biting or aggression while living with the adopting family for as long as the dog lives.

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13) If for any reason and at any time things do not work out between you and the adopted dog, you are to notify Eskie Rescuers United immediately, so we can find a new home for him/her. **YOU ARE NOT TO FIND A HOME FOR THIS ESKIE ON YOUR OWN.** _____ PLEASE INITIAL

14) The adopting family agrees to keep the dog for as long as he/she lives and will not transfer ownership or custody to any other person, business or organization other than Eskie Rescuers United. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

15) The adopting family acknowledges that they have read all provisions of this agreement, and that its purpose is to safeguard the health and well-being of the dog and to protect him/her from neglect, abuse and cruelty. If at any time the dog is treated in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this contract, the contract will become void and Eskie Rescuers United will reclaim ownership and custody of the dog. The undersigned adopting family will be liable and responsible for the reimbursement of any costs associated with recovering the dog, treating any health issues and preparing the dog for re-adoption. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

16) Please notify ERU immediately if the dog is lost or stolen. Also, please notify ERU when the dog passes away for our records. Thank you.

17) The undersigned adopting family enters into this agreement freely and of its own will.

THIS IS A BINDING CONTRACT. YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER TO SIGN.

ALL CONDITIONS, TERMS AND PROVISIONS AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED BY:

Signature(s) of Adopting Family (Main Caretaker)

Date

Witnessing/Submitting

Rescuer's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone No.(s): _____
(Home) (Cell)

Organization Affiliation: ☐ ERU

☐ Other

Position: _____ Org. Name: _____

Signature of Witnessing/Submitting Rescuer

Date