



Eskie Rescuers United
American Eskimo Dog Rescue, Inc
(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, Inc" (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 donation and our allowing this dog to be adopted, you and we agree to the following terms:

In accepting this American Eskimo Dog from Eskie Rescuers United American Eskimo Dog Rescue, Inc., 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" animal (intact meaning not neutered) that can be neutered. Please note also that we WILL NOT adopt out any of our rescued American Eskimos into a home with ANY intact dog or cat, unless approved by the Executive Directors of Eskie Rescuers United. In the event that the dog being adopted is too young to be neutered, you agree that you will have the dog neutered as soon as the dog is able to be neutered. An additional neuter deposit fee will be submitted. Upon submitting proof of neutering, this fee will be refunded to you. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

2) You agree to have this animal under a veterinarian's care within a 7 to 10 day time frame following his/her adoption, to insure that appropriate medical care is maintained to keep this animal in good health. All of our rescued American Eskimos have been properly vaccinated in accordance with state laws. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

3) You agree that you will not sell (for any monetary amount), give away, or take to a shelter (i.e. Animal Control, Humane Society, etc.) this dog without prior permission from us. This animal MUST be returned to Eskie Rescuers United if he/she cannot be kept for any reason. 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 animal 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. We ask that you not leave them unattended or unsupervised for long periods of time. It is a direct violation of this contract to leave this animal outside to live as an outdoor dog. Many Eskies enjoy the outdoors immensely; however, this does not grant you permission to leave them unattended (running at large,

chained or tethered) for more than 2 consecutive hours in a 12-hour period. If it is determined that 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 Directors of Operations of ERU, you may expect immediate removal of said American Eskimo 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 keep the Eskie Rescuers United I.D. tag on the adopted dog's collar at all times 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 to be taught manners and guidance while outdoors. You should allow your new dog ample exercise time, but be advised that Eskie Rescuers United DOES NOT ALLOW CHAINING OF ANY KIND. You may use an overhead trolley system that is approved at the time of your home visit, or leashed walks if you do not have a fenced-in yard. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

8)You agree to take this dog to basic obedience training class if this has not already been done. Many of our Eskies were surrendered because they were not taught proper manners by their former owners. Taking an obedience class with your new Eskie, whether he/she is 6 months or 10 years old, helps not only in the behavior of your new companion, but also with the bonding process with him/her. This is a necessity. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

9)You agree to indemnify Eskie Rescuers United from all liability in regards to this dog once ownership is transferred to you. Health and/or temperament are not guaranteed. This organization strives to ensure that you are given a full history of this Eskie 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, Eskie Rescuers United 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 (either Tri-Heart Plus or Heartgard Plus). 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 heart worms: In the event that you find that your dog tests positive for heart worms and we tested the dog as being negative for heart worms, 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

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use a different facility or treatment method you agree to pay for the cost of the treatments.

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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, heart worm tests, deworming, grooming, boarding and the daily care required for the upkeep all of our rescues, including a balanced, high quality, healthy diet suitable for an American Eskimo Dog. Without your donations, we could not continue to provide the level of care these animals need.

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

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15) Be advised that the value of each dog from Eskie Rescuers United is set at \$600.00, and if any terms of this contract are violated in any way, you will be held responsible in a court of law for reimbursement to ERU of said amount as well as any and all court costs and attorney fees. We have retained the services of an attorney in South Carolina where we maintain our 501(c)(3) status. We have state representatives in every state in which we are located to represent Eskie Rescuers United American Eskimo Dog Rescue, Inc., should the need arise for us to uphold the term set forth in this contract. Any misuse of, or intentional harm to, any of our rescue dogs will result in your prosecution. We will protect, by any means necessary, our rescue dogs from any harm or neglect.

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

Please complete this portion of the rescue contract.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ESKIE:

Dog's Name: _____

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

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Neutered ☐ **NO-Adopter will Neuter**

Color: ☐ Pure White ☐ Bisque ☐ Some Bisque

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

Treatment protocol: _____

Treatment started on: _____ Heartworm test due on: _____

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ADOPTING FAMILY INFORMATION:

Name of Main Caretaker: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

(Cell) (Alternate)

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) (Work)

(Cell) (Alternate)

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 Eskie described above. The adopting family agrees that the American Eskimo Dog (hereafter referred to as "Eskie") 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 Eskie will be kept in an area where sufficient access to the family is assured and where adequate heating/cooling and food/water are available.
- 2) Providing adequate shelter, shade and water when the Eskie is outdoors. The family understands this Eskie 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 Eskie'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 on a daily basis nutritionally healthy food, adequate exercise, and clean, fresh water sufficient to maintain proper health.
- 5) Providing adequate grooming to keep the Eskie 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 community-required vaccines, fecal check for worms, bi-annual occult heart worm tests and monthly heart worm, flea and tick prevention. The adopting family also agrees to provide adequate medical care immediately in the event the Eskie is injured or becomes ill.
- 7) The adopting family agrees to provide, upon request, proof of vaccinations, heart worm check and access to the Eskie, if necessary, for follow-up visits.
- 8) Providing licensing as required by the community, county and state laws and obeying all animal control laws. This Eskie shall wear such licensing and rabies tags at all times, including while in the owner's home.
- 9) Providing a safe and emotionally nurturing environment for the Eskie. The adopting family agrees that the Eskie: 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 American Eskimo Dog Rescue, Inc. finds out any type of abuse has been observed, the Eskie in question will be taken from your possession and you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent allowed by law in regards to this legally binding contract.
- 10) Providing an environment which maintains proper and adequate contact and socialization of the Eskie with people and other animals, to encourage the Eskie to behave in a socially acceptable manner and to discourage habits and situations that may result in intolerable and nuisance-like behaviors.
- 11) Obtaining adequate obedience and behavioral training, when warranted, to ensure the development of positive habits and behaviors in the Eskie.
- 12) Refraining from activities that will result in creating aggressive tendencies in the Eskie, including allowing children, other individuals or animals to tease torture or otherwise hurt the dog. The adopting family recognizes that, although Eskie Rescuers United makes every effort possible to provide an Eskie that is compatible with the adopting family's home environment, Eskie Rescuers United is not liable for aggression and/or biting that may arise as a result of any abusive, neglectful or otherwise negative treatment of the dog while in your care.

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13) We do not warrant the temperament or behavior of the Eskie, nor will we be liable for any acts of the Eskie such as biting or aggression while living with the adopting family for as long as the Eskie lives.

14) As of, _____, _____ is in your home on a 30-day
(Date) (Dog's Name)

trial basis. If for any reason things do not work out between you and _____, you
(Dog's Name)

are to notify Eskie Rescuers United American Eskimo Dog Rescue, Inc. immediately, so we can find a new home for him/her. **YOU ARE NOT TO FIND A HOME FOR THIS ESKIE ON YOUR OWN.**

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15) The trial period for placement of this Eskie with the adopting family shall be thirty (30) days. The adoption will be considered permanent after thirty days from the date this agreement is signed. The adopting family agrees to keep the Eskie 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 American Eskimo Dog Rescue, Inc. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

16) 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 Eskie and to protect him/her from neglect, abuse and cruelty. If at any time the Eskie is treated in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this contract, the contract will become void and Eskie Rescuers United American Eskimo Dog Rescue, Inc. will reclaim ownership and custody of the Eskie. The undersigned adopting family will be liable and responsible for the reimbursement of any costs associated with recovering the Eskie, treating any health issues and preparing the Eskie for re-adoption. _____ PLEASE INITIAL

17) The adopting family will notify Eskie Rescuers United immediately if the Eskie is lost, stolen or dies.

18) 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

Signature(s) of Adopting Family Date

Witnessing/Submitting

Rescuer's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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

Organization Affiliation: ☐ ERU ☐ Other

Position: _____ Org. Name: _____

Signature of Witnessing/Submitting Rescuer Date