ADOPTION CONTRACT

FAX SIGNED CONTRACT TO **978.470.3733** OR SCAN/EMAIL TO **INFO@GDRNE.COM**

Dog's name: _____ **Breed:** _____ **Estimated Age:** _____

ID Tag #: _____ **Microchip #:** _____

GREAT DOG RESCUE NEW ENGLAND

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MA LICENSE #0049

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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1. Adopter agrees to pay GDRNE an adoption fee of $_____ for the above named dog or puppy. This fee, minus $150, is refundable provided Adopter personally returns the live dog in the same condition as when it was adopted by GDRNE within fourteen (14) days of its adoption. If a need for a return arises, the Adopter agrees to fill out necessary return paperwork and care for or pay to board the dog until a foster home can be secured. Adopter agrees to provide transport to the foster home or kennel. Returns after this time may be subject to a return fee. _____
2. Adopter agrees the dog is to be a family companion and agrees to provide the dog with a safe home, adequate food, water, proper care, exercise, training, love and attention. Adopter agrees not to violate any laws or ordinances relating to animal welfare. The dog is not to be used as an attack or protection trained dog and will not be used for commercial guard work. _____
3. Adopter agrees to keep a buckle collar or harness on the dog with ID tag, current rabies tag and any required town dog license. The Adopter agrees NOT to use pinch, prong, shock, choke, chain or other adverse training method collars. _____
4. Adopter is responsible for training, socialization and properly addressing any behavioral issues with the dog. Your GDRNE dog or puppy WILL require professional training. Adopter agrees to cover any costs of proper training with a licensed professional trainer. Adopter agrees to only use trainers or programs that offer positive reinforcement training. _____
5. Adopter agrees that the dog will be contained inside the home when no one is at home. When Adopter is to go away for a prolonged period of time or vacation, Adopter is to prearrange proper care for the dog. _____
6. The dog shall not ride loose in the bed of pickup trucks, convertibles or to be left in a car when air temperatures exceed 70 degrees. _____
7. Adopter agrees to have a clean, secure fenced area for the dog. If a fenced enclosure is not available, Adopter agrees to leash walk dog. If Adopter uses invisible fencing, the dog is to be sufficiently trained before releasing it inside the system. Under no circumstances shall the dog be kept routinely on a runner or tie out. _____
8. Adopter agrees to have the dog examined by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year and provide for all vaccinations and treatments necessary to ensure good health. If euthanasia becomes necessary, Adopter agrees to have it performed by a licensed veterinarian. _____
9. While GDRNE has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of the dog, GDRNE makes no guarantees or statements regarding the dog's age, breed, history, health, or temperament. Adopter hereby releases GDRNE and its employees, directors, members and representatives of any and all possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by the dog to any person or property or relating to the health or temperament of the dog, including any expenses related thereto. Adopter accepts this dog as is with all defects, either observable or unobservable, and assumes all risk and medical care for the dog upon signing of this contract. _____
10. Adopter acknowledges that Great Dog Rescue New England is not responsible for any payments or costs associated with visits to veterinarians or Animal Hospitals other than approved visits to our designated veterinarian, Andover Animal Hospital. Adopter shall indemnify and hold GDRNE, its officers, directors, representatives, volunteers and affiliates not responsible for any fees, services, or costs associated with care at these facilities. _____
11. Adopter acknowledges that, while the dog has been routinely dewormed and had a negative fecal result, it is very likely due to the life-cycle of intestinal parasites that the dog may test positive for roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, giardia or coccidia in the future. Intestinal parasites are very common and easily treatable. Adopter agrees to run a fecal after adoption and treat as needed. _____
12. Adopter shall indemnify and hold GDRNE, its officers, directors, representatives, volunteers and affiliates not responsible for any injury, damage, liabilities or other claims arising from Adopter's possession of the dog or from the activities of the dog while in the possession or care of Adopter. _____

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13. If for whatever reason Adopter is unable to keep the dog for its entire life, Adopter must offer first right of refusal to GDRNE. Adopter agrees not to give away, sell or dispose of the dog without the prior written consent of GDRNE. _____

14. In the event that GDRNE becomes concerned regarding a dog's welfare, GDRNE will work with the police department and/or with animal control to ensure the dog's safety and that the provisions in this contract are being followed. _____

15. In the event any provision of this contract, including all its covenants and conditions, is breached by Adopter, and/or any misrepresentations have been made by Adopter, GDRNE has the right to rescind this contract and Adopter must return the dog to GDRNE. If Adopter fails to return the dog, GDRNE has the right to seek a court order for return of the dog and seek liquidated damages from Adopter in the amount of $1,000 plus any court costs or attorney's fees. Payment of damages shall not excuse Adopter from returning the dog to GDRNE. _____

16. This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Adopter and GDRNE and their successors or beneficiaries. Both parties have fully read and understood all of the agreement, which sets forth all promises, conditions, and understandings, oral or written. _____

In testimony whereof, Adopter signs on this date:

SIGNATURES

Adopter Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed NAME: _____

GDRNE Adoption Coordinator: _____