

**SUNBURST FOUNDATION OF WILMINGTON
CANINE RESCUE**

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PLEASE READ THIS AGREEMENT

**ADDENDUM TO “ADOPTION AGREEMENT”
NEW OWNER INFORMATION**

We ask that you give careful consideration to adopting a companion animal. Animals are not toys or short-term commitments. Make sure that your lifestyle allows the time, patience and expense that this animal will need over the next 10 years or more.

Sunburst Foundation has the following requirements: **ALL ADOPTIONS ARE ON A TRIAL BASIS. YOU ARE REQUIRED** to contact a member of the Sunburst Foundation within 10days of adoption, to confirm adoption at that time. Adoption fees are non-refundable.

Your “Adoption Agreement” is a legal contract. Keep this list with your copy of the “Adoption Agreement.” If you have any questions regarding your new pet, call a member at the number listed.

The new owner agrees to the following:

1. Not to keep the animal on leased or rented property where a “NO Pets” policy is in force.
2. To obey all applicable laws governing control and custody of animals.
3. To provide the animal with immediate veterinary care upon sickness, disease or injury.
4. To allow Sunburst Foundation to visit the premises without prior notification to ensure the terms of this agreement if there is cause for concern.
5. To hold Sunburst Foundation harmless for any veterinary fees or claims incurred by, or damage caused by the animal while it is in the new owner’s care.
6. To return the animal to Sunburst Foundation if unable to keep the animal (advance notice of return is necessary).
7. To never abandon, surrender, sell or give the animal to a shelter, pet dealer or laboratory.
8. To notify Sunburst Foundation immediately if the animal is lost or stolen and to make reasonable efforts to locate the animal.
9. To keep the dogs on Heartworm Prevention for the rest of their lives.
10. To provide the animal with all of the vet recommended vaccinations in a timely manner as well as heartworm prevention. If this is not done within the required

time period, unless directed by the vet, the animal may be confiscated by the Sunburst Foundation.

You agree to:

- 1. Treat the animal with kindness, never subjecting this animal to abuse or cruelty and authorize Sunburst Foundation, at its sole discretion, to determine whether or not the pet has been abused or neglected.**
- 2. To provide regular veterinary care, including annual vaccinations and parasite checks as needed.**
- 3. To allow Sunburst Foundation to periodically check on this animal and to contact your vet to confirm treatments.**
- 4. To contact Sunburst Foundation or a veterinarian when problems arise so that the problem may be eliminated or alleviated.**

You further agree to:

- 1. Noncompliance with any of the above terms and conditions may result in the immediate forfeiture of the animal and the Sunburst Foundation may reclaim this animal without payment of compensation to owner.**
- 2. If any information on the Adoption Agreement is found to be false. Sunburst has the right to immediately confiscate the animal.**
- 3. The Sunburst Foundation has explained the typical characteristics and temperament of the animal to the best of our knowledge.**
- 4. Sunburst Foundation has given me the attached health/vaccination information on this animal.**
- 5. Sunburst Foundation has advised me that this animal may have been neglected, mistreated or abused and that special care or precaution may be required.**

Animals adopted from Sunburst Foundation may have been exposed to various diseases from contact with other animals. Wildlife rabies is currently prevalent in this area of North Carolina. A dog, cat or other animal that is bitten (exposed) by a rabid animal, may not develop symptoms for up to 6 months. During this time (incubation period) the exposed animal may not be protected against rabies. Although all animals have been carefully checked by a veterinarian for signs of infection, it is important that you know the symptoms of rabies in your pet: change in behavior, vicious or nervous activity, difficulty swallowing, excessive drooling, difficulty walking or paralysis. If your adopted pet develops any of these symptoms, immediately separate the animal from people and other animals until it can be examined by a veterinarian.

Sunburst Foundation strives to screen animals and to inform prospective owners of any perceivable problems, but some problems may not be evident at time of adoption. In the event that an adopted animal has health or behavioral problems for which the new owners do not want to assume responsibility, the animal should be returned to the Sunburst Foundation within 30 days with a statement from attending veterinarian as to the condition diagnosed.

Sunburst Foundation contact

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