



Rakki-Inu Akita Rescue, INC

ADOPTION CONTRACT #: _____ DATE: _____

AKITA'S NAME: _____

AGE: _____ SEX: _____

COLOR/MARKINGS: _____

DATE SPAYED/NEUTERED: _____ HW TEST: _____ FECAL: _____ WORMING: _____

DATE OF LAST PREVENTATIVES: FLEA: _____ HEARTWORM: _____

DUE DATE OF VACCINATIONS: DHLPP: _____ PARVO: _____

RABIES DUE DATE: _____ RABIES TAG #: _____

TATTOO #: _____ MICROCHIP #: _____

STATE: _____

In consideration of Rakki-Inu Akita Rescue, INC (RIAR) allowing me (us) to adopt the above mentioned Akita as our pet in accordance with the conditions, I (we), the undersigned, agree to all of the following terms of this contract and understand that noncompliance with the terms of this agreement or falsification of the application gives RIAR the right to reclaim this Akita through whatever means necessary without refund of the adoption donation.

1. To give Akita _____ weeks to adjust to new surroundings.
2. To return Akita only to RIAR if unable to keep, at adopter's expense.
3. To never take this Akita to an animal shelter, pound, or humane society.
4. To never allow this Akita to be used in animal research.
5. To never allow this Akita to be used in DOG FIGHTING.
6. To never allow this Akita to be used for protection training of any kind.
7. To treat this Akita as a family pet, with affection and kindness and never subject this Akita to abuse or cruelty at any time.
8. To consider this Akita's needs and safety above that of pets that may be brought into the home at any future date.
9. To never leave this Akita alone chained or tied up, either indoors or outdoors under any circumstances. This Akita must be leashed unless in a secure, fenced yard. Due to the inherent temperament of the Akita, dog parks are not an acceptable place to allow this Akita off leash.
10. To never leave this Akita unattended outdoors when no one is home.
11. To treat the Akita as a house pet, and not kept outdoors all the time.
12. To provide this Akita with shelter from sun and bad weather, a fenced yard or enclosure, and clean water when outdoors.
13. To maintain this Akita for the rest of its natural life on a high-quality food, preferably all natural and soy-free, or as otherwise directed by a veterinarian.
14. The dog has been fully vet checked and/or wormed prior to adoption. Once adopted, the new owner is responsible for all ordinary and extraordinary vet care. The adopter agrees to provide regular veterinarian care when necessary, including annual vaccinations, parasite checks, dental care, and to maintain this Akita on heartworm preventative (no



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Ivermectin; Interceptor okay). Adopter agrees to treat any future short- or long-term medical issues in full, and to not let this Akita suffer in any manner. If this is not done, RIAR reserves the right to reclaim the dog.

15. RIAR will fully disclose any known health problems prior to adoption. RIAR is not responsible for any genetic / hereditary defects evident after adoption.
16. Should this Akita die from unknown causes, the adopter is requested to have the dog autopsied at the adopter's expense and provide results to RIAR in order to help the breed.
17. To immediately license, put and keep personal/rescue I.D. tags on this Akita at all times, with a strong collar.
18. To notify RIAR if I move and give my new address and home telephone number.
19. If this Akita is lost or stolen, to notify RIAR immediately by telephone and to make every effort to locate the dog, including placing ads in local papers, regularly checking all local pounds and shelters by telephone and in person, and by other methods included in the Lost Dog info packet.
20. The adopter agrees to allow representatives of RIAR to periodically visit and check on this Akita to be assured of compliance with all of the items in this contract.
21. The adopter agrees to pay a suggested _____ Adoption Donation upon receipt of this Akita. This is refundable during the adjustment period upon return of this Akita, but at no time thereafter.
22. The adopter agrees to pay a minimum of \$30.00 handling charge to RIAR on all returned checks.
23. The adopter agrees to be responsible for any and all legal fees incurred if a violation of this contract results in a legal action.
24. The adopter and Akita Rescue agree that the actual value of the Akita is \$1,000.00.

AKITA RESCUE does not usually recommend that an Akita of more than one year of age be adopted into a home where there are children of less than teenage years. This recommendation is based on past experience.

The Akita is known to be aggressive to other dogs, especially dogs of the same sex, and is known to be aggressive to cats and other animals. Based on past experience, AKITA RESCUE does not recommend that any Akita live in a home with another dog of the same sex – for the safety of this Akita's, we ask that the adopter do not, at any future date while this Akita is with the adopter, take another dog into the home that is of the same sex as this Akita.

The Akita displays primitive canine behavior patterns at times. When given harsh correction, the Akita may respond to interpreted aggression with aggression.

The adopter has read and understood the Information Package given to him/her detailing health and behavior characteristics in the Akita breed.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR ADOPTION:

The undersigned adopter has been advised of these facts and agrees to accept all responsibility for the behavior of the Akita chosen for adoption, and agrees to ALL CONDITIONS of this contract.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION:

In consideration of RIAR allowing me/us to adopt this Akita as our pet, I/we promise and agree to be solely responsible for this animal and to indemnify and hold harmless Rakki-Inu Akita Rescue, INC, its Board of Directors, Officers, Agents, Members, and Volunteers from any and all claims of liability for the conduct of this Akita on or after the date of this adoption.



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The undersigned (s) further agree (s) and intend (s) that this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION shall apply to all known, unknown, and unanticipated damages resulting from my/our adoption, ownership, or control of such animal.

THIS IS A BINDING CONTRACT ENFORCEABLE BY LAW.

Name(s):

Signature of adopter (s):

Name(s):

Signature of adopter (s):

Street address:

City:

State:

_____ Zip Code _____

Driver's License Number & State:

Home Telephone:

Work Telephone:

Signature of representative:

Additional Waivers/Stipulations:

Representative initials: _____

Adopter (s) initials: _____



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ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT:

1. Should use a good quality food. I used _____ (bag given to adopter) that can be purchased through www.PetFoodDirect.com or you can find a local dealer (PetSmart, Dog Stuff on Birdneck Rd, etc). Another good food is _____.
2. Must take _____ to an obedience class. This is a good way to bond with family and learn his/her place in the household from day one as well as socialization around other animals and people. Obedience class should be behavior modification/positive reinforcement type training and not heavy handed techniques.
3. Must introduce slowly to new situations, other dogs/cats, dog/family, and people/children per handouts and discussions. Adopter is aware of and agrees to work on children/dog/family harmony. Adopter is aware this can take time and up to several months. Adopter is committed to working on this and understands it will not happen in 24 hours. Use of baby gates and crates has been discussed by RIAR with adopter.
4. _____ is not to be allowed off leash unless in a fully fenced area with no "stranger" dogs. Dog parks and invisible fencing are NOT acceptable for this Akita. He/she needs to have conditioning done slowly. We recommend short walks several times a day and progress up slowly to 1 plus miles. If this dog is under 2 years of age, no jogging until after the puppy is mature.
5. Must be licensed after 2 week adjustment period and RIAR must be notified of the license number.
6. EVERYTHING RIAR knows about this Akita has been relayed to the adopter. This is a rescue dog, and as such, RIAR cannot be held liable for any past or future medical/health or behavior/temperament issues.
7. Any images/photographs of _____ taken while with RIAR are the property of RIAR and may be used by RIAR representatives without copyright infringement or expectation of financial compensation. Any images sent to RIAR or uploaded to our sites are the sole property of those uploading them and are considered royalty-free. These images may also be used by representatives of RIAR on any of our sites or for advertising/promotional uses.

RIAR representative initials: _____ Adopter(s) initials: _____



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FIVE ADOPTION TIPS – PLEASE READ!!!

Ways to help assimilate your newly adopted Akita into your home correctly!! Always always remember: NOTHING IN LIFE IS FREE!! If your Akita wants it, he/she has to WORK for it!!! Be it praise, a cookie, a toy, his meal, a treat – he/she MUST work for it!!!

1. Please be sure that your whole family realizes that this is an adult Akita – as such he/she will need time to assimilate into your family – he/she will NOT walk in and act like he/she has been there forever. He/she may be aloof, will mourn leaving us here, and will need to be kindly IGNORED for the first few days – nothing but food, water and outside to do his/her business. Too much stimulation such as play or neighbor visits or family parties during this period can be confusing for an adult Akita who has not yet bonded to you and your family yet.
2. NO HUGGING, no KISSING, no GRABBING HIS/HER COLLAR at first, let the adopted Akita start to bind and come to you for attention first, do NOT be the one to initiate attention. ***For the 1st week, leave the leash on him/her in the house***—if he/she does something wrong, **grab the LEASH and correct by using ONLY the leash giving a slight tug**, a low “NO NO” and then leading him/her into another area away from where he/she did something wrong (jumped on the furniture maybe, or counter-surfed); do NOT grab his/her collar to correct him/her – NOTHING will make any new Akita aggressive quicker than a human they don’t know grabbing their collar and yelling at them. So be SURE everyone in your family follows this!!
3. I will tell all visitors to my home please, as Cesar Millan “The Dog Whisperer” instructs everyone who owns dogs to tell visitors to your home or people on the street: ***“Ignore my Akita; do NOT get on the floor with him/her; do NOT put your face down and hug him/her; and do NOT expect to play, tease, push around, or command my Akita in this way.”*** Do NOT allow family members to play tug-of-war or to tease your Akita at any time for any reason. Do NOT allow anyone to try to take your Akita’s food bowl or water bowl from your Akita at any time. **DO** expect everyone in your family and all outsiders’ visiting to respect you Akita’s “space” or ask them to leave if they will not follow your rules. Better they leave than to have a problem happen that you will regret later on.
4. Do NOT feel sorry for this Akita – yes he/she may have been a rescue but they are still an Akita – if you give them an inch, they will take a mile! So whatever rules you will have, have them from the second the Akita walks in – if it’s “no getting on the furniture,” “no sleeping in the formal living room,” or “no being in the kitchen when we are eating/making food,” start it from day one and make everyone follow it – and do NOT deviate from it, as that will only cause him/her to be mixed up. Don’t make any excuses for any behavior that is out of the normal – Akitas NEED to know someone other than them is in charge – so a correction using the leash and saying “NO NO” in a low voice then walking the Akita out of the area is NOT being mean!!! Every member of the family MUST be in agreement with this policy or you will have chaos!
5. Remember that an Akita deserves to be given the same respect that you want him/her to give you!! Respect his/her space and insist everyone coming into your home do the same. DO NOT try to hug him/her or pet him/her while he/she is asleep. Respect his/her strength – do NOT try to play games like tug-of-war that you can’t win – if you let an Akita win, you lose face to him/her and that’s NOT good. Gentle fun games are best to play with an Akita like fetch or hide-the-treat, etc.... never tug-of-war or “chase me” type of games. Do not walk OVER your Akita when he/she is in a doorway, make the Akita move first; do NOT allow your Akita to race outside before you or run inside ahead of you; do not allow your Akita to walk way ahead of you on a walk. You are always in charge. You do things first and you command the pace with which you walk with your Akita by your side.

Call us if you have any issues with your newly adopted Akita – we are here to help in every way we can!!!

SIGNATURE: _____