



## ***SECOND CHANCE RESCUE***

### **ADOPTION CONTRACT**

Second Chance Rescue appreciates your decision to give a new and loving home to an orphaned, homeless pet; one who may likely become the best companion and friend you will every know! The information that follows reviews Second Chance Adoption Policies. The policies are in compliance with the law and are written to be in the **BEST INTEREST OF THE ANIMAL** you are considering for guardianship. Our objective is to find responsible, loving, lifelong homes for animals. Our hope is that the animals that we help become a gift to you as well.

The following adoption requirements apply to anyone wishing to adopt an animal to help insure that the animal will be placed in a humane home:

- You must be eighteen years of age or older.
- You must have identification showing your present address.
- You must have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in your household.
- Animals adopted are to be companions and are not adopted for the purposes of experimentation, dissection, vivisection, or fighting.
- You must be agreeable to pre and/or post home visitation by Second Chance Rescue, as we find appropriate for each individual case.
- You must agree to pre and post consultations concerning the adoption.
- You must agree to share the name of your veterinarian for reference.
- Animals must be inoculated against rabies, as required by the city and county ordinance in which you reside.
- You must be willing and able to spend the time and money necessary to provide vaccinations, training, medical treatment and proper care for your animal companion.
- All animals adopted from Second Chance Rescue must be spayed or neutered. Second Chance will normally have the operation completed including the cost of spay and neuter in its fees. If the animal was unable to be altered during the rescue period due to illness or difficulty scheduling with a vet, an appointment will be made and you will be responsible to keep it, communicating the completed alteration to Second Chance immediately.
- You must agree to comply with licensing and leash laws for your area. Animals should be safely contained with food and shelter. Fenced areas for dogs are recommended. Chaining is NOT recommended.
- Second Chance Rescue reserves the right to refuse or deny an adoption to anyone. Second Chance Rescue has made efforts to see that all animals are in good health; however, it is possible that an undetectable illness may be incubating at the time of adoption that we cannot be held accountable for.
- Second Chance Rescue will not place an animal it KNOWS to have an unsound temperament. However, no one can predict how any animal will react in a given situation, especially without complete knowledge of its life experiences. Therefore, adoptive guardians are strongly urged to **EXERCISE CAUTION AND PRUDENCE IN**

INTRODUCING THE ANIMAL INTO A NEW SITUATION until the animal has become fully adjusted to its new environment, and the adoptive guardian has become familiar with the animal's personality.

- No Second Chance animal will be placed in a new home which does not have adequate containment for the animal. New adoptive guardians must agree to walk the dogs on a leash. Animals are best when kept in close companionship with their families. Sleeping areas should be in the home or a protected area; animals should not be kept outside in extreme temperatures without protection. If the breed of dog you are adopting can be aggressive, for example American Pit Bulls, exercise caution when introducing the animal to other animals.
- Adoptive guardians, who are found to fight dogs or use them for other illegal or inhumane purposes as defined in this contract, will pay Second Chance Rescue \$500.00 restitution. Such individuals shall not retain custody of the animal.
- Adoptive homes may be visited at ANY time following adoption, without notice, to insure animals are properly cared for. If an animal appears to be abused, neglected or other contractual agreements are broken; Second Chance Rescue has the right to reclaim the animal with no refund of fees. This agreement is binding upon any person in whose possession the animal may be found. Such adoptive guardians/owners who have been found abusive or neglectful of their contractual agreements may be held liable for costs incurred by Second Chance Rescue due to the violation, such as cost of medical, shelter, food and relocation.
- Adoptive guardians must agree to **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**: You the adoptive guardian/owner assume full responsibility of the animal. Second Chance Rescue Association shall not be responsible for any bodily injuries or property damage, including injury to other animals, caused by a rescue dog or the adoptive guardian/owner. The adoptive guardian/owner hereby specifically assumes sole responsibility for, and agrees to hold Second Chance Rescue harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees as they become due) by reason of liability imposed by law on Second Chance Rescue or any of its officers and members because of bodily injuries or death to any person or persons including the adoptive guardian/owners, or any damage to property arising out of or in consequence of the placement of the rescue animal, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, whether or not the same may have been caused, or may be alleged to have been caused, by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents or members or any other person. In other words, you are solely responsible if the animal bites another person or otherwise causes any kind of damage to you, your family, or any person, third party, animal, or property and you agree not to sue us or institute any other actions such as arbitration against Second Chance Rescue for such damage. If a third party sues us because of damage caused by the animal we placed with you, you **INDEMNIFY** us by paying all costs we incur, including legal fees and judgments, as they become due.
- ARBITRATION**: Should any dispute arise between you, the adoptive guardian/owner, and Second Chance Rescue not otherwise disclaimed in this contract, you agree to arbitration. By agreeing to arbitration, you give up your right to a jury trial and agree to have our dispute resolved by a mediator agreeable to both parties (ie: you and Second Chance Rescue) instead of by a court of law. Arbitration is cheaper and faster than a lawsuit, and the interests of both parties are served by agreeing to this highly efficient method of dispute resolution. Second Chance Rescue will not unreasonably refuse approval of an arbitrator. If you unreasonably refuse approval of an arbitrator, you give up your right to institute any kind of action against Second Chance Rescue or its agents.
- The rescue animal is being placed as a pet, and shall not be sold or given to any person without written consent of Second Chance Rescue. Second Chance Rescue shall be

notified within five days after any change of address or telephone number where the animal will reside in order for the lost and found service to be effective.

- The new guardian/adopter agrees to give permission for Second Chance Rescue to obtain information on him/her from other agencies.
- SECOND CHANCE RESCUE DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, PERSONAL HANDICAP, SEXUAL PREFERENCE, OR VETERAN STATUS WITH REGARD TO VOLUNTEER SELECTION AND/OR ANIMAL ADOPTIONS.

I HAVE READ THE PRECEDING AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH THIS \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License or state ID number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND CHANCE RESCUE PRE-ADOPTION QUESTIONS

1. Is this your first experience with an animal companion? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
2. I currently have \_\_\_\_\_ dogs and \_\_\_\_\_ cats in my household. Elaborate below.

# of Dogs or Cats	Spayed or Neutered	Male or Female	Ages

3. What is the reason for wanting a pet?  watchdog  hunter  
 companion  gift
4. Have you ever adopted from a shelter or rescue organization?  Yes  No  
If yes, when \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter or given up a pet?  Yes  No  
If yes, when \_\_\_\_\_. Please describe the situation.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. If you have owned other pets in the past five years, how many and where are they now?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Have any of your pets been missing in the past two years?  Yes  No
8. If you have had missing pets, were they found?  Yes  No
9. If your animal gets lost, what will you do?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Is this pet going to be  inside  outside  both
11. Have you had a dog or cat die on your premises in the past 3 months due to distemper, parvo, feline leukemia, feline aids or other diseases?  Yes  No
12. Since most rescue pets have unknown backgrounds, are you prepared to take your pet for a veterinary exam if this was not already done?  Yes  No
13. Do you have a veterinarian?  Yes  No
14. Will you have this animal spayed/neutered if not already done?  Yes  No

15. Dogs/cats can live up to 20 years. Are you prepared to take responsibility for their entire life?  Yes  No
16. Do you understand your local ordinances/laws for leashing, licensing and sterilizing?  
 Yes  No
17. How much do you anticipate spending yearly to feed, vaccinate, license and care for your pet? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you intend to enroll your dog in obedience class?  Yes  No
19. What will you do if your pet shows destructive behavior?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Who will be responsible for this pet's care? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Who will care for this pet when you leave town on vacation? \_\_\_\_\_
22. How many hours a day, on average, will this pet be alone? \_\_\_\_\_
23. How long will you give your new pet time to adjust to your other pets and/or home?  
\_\_\_\_\_
24. There are \_\_\_\_ children living in my home. Their ages are: \_\_\_\_\_
25. Does any member of your house have allergies to animals?  Yes  No
26. Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No How tall is your fence? \_\_\_\_\_  
What material? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, how will you contain this pet on your property?  
\_\_\_\_\_
27. How long have you lived at your present address? \_\_\_\_\_
28. How many times have you moved in the past five years? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Are you planning on moving in the next year? \_\_\_\_\_
30. If you move, what will you do with your pet(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
31. Type of housing:  Rent Apt.  Rent House  Own Home  Live with relative  
 Live in student housing  Own Condo  Rent Mobile Home  Own Mobile Home  
 Own Farm  Rent Farm
32. If you rent, please give landlord's name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
33. Do you need information on house-breaking or training?  Yes  No

**SECOND CHANCE RESCUER INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE LOOKED OVER QUESTIONS.** \_\_\_\_\_

## ***SECOND CHANCE RESCUE GUARDIANSHIP CONTRACT***

By adopting an animal from Second Chance Rescue I accept responsibility for his/her lifetime and agree to the following commitments which reflect responsible animal care and guardianship. Please initial by each.

I will be a responsible guardian for my companion animal by:

\_\_\_ providing proper and ample food, water, shelter and compassionate care for my pet at all times.

\_\_\_ having this pet immunized and examined by a licensed veterinarian annually at my own expense, and will obtain medical aid at once if this animal becomes injured or unhealthy.

\_\_\_ keeping current identification on this pet at all times.

\_\_\_ by not selling, giving away, or abandoning this pet at any future time. If at any time I am no longer able to provide care for this animal, I will contact Second Chance Rescue and return for re-adoption.

\_\_\_ in the event my pet becomes lost, I will notify the nearest animal control agency/shelter immediately for their assistance. I will make every reasonable effort to locate and claim my pet including retrieving him/her from a shelter or impound facility. I will place a lost ad in the local paper if the service is free.

\_\_\_ I understand all animals have value in and of themselves, and have the right to humane care and treatment. As such I will not allow this animal to be used for experimentation or fighting.

\_\_\_ I understand and agree to abide by the laws protecting my new pet such as licensing, rabies vaccinations, and leashing when in public.

\_\_\_ I understand that I am breaking the law if my pet is not licensed and inoculated, if my pet is diseased or injured and not under veterinary care, if my pet is running at large, if I leave my pet unattended for more than 48 hours, if I keep an animal for 12 hours without providing water and shelter, if I fasten my pet to any object in the public's way and leave unattended, if I confine my animal in a parked vehicle without allowing for cross ventilation, if I let my pet fight for entertainment or gain, if I mistreat, neglect, abandon, deprive of food/water, fail to provide shelter, needlessly injure, kill or transport my pet in an unsafe or cruel manner.

\_\_\_ I understand all adoption fees paid to Second Chance Rescue are fees for services and medical care and are applied to the organization's work in caring for animals, and are not refundable.

\_\_\_ I understand that like humans, animals learn behaviors according to how they are treated or mistreated. Since Second Chance Rescue cannot guarantee how previous humans treated this animal, Second Chance makes no claims or representations as to its behavior or temperament. Furthermore, I understand that a third party may have provided information on this animal and that Second Chance Rescue does not warrant the accuracy of such information. Therefore, I agree that I will at no time assert any claims, charge, or demand of

any kind against Second Chance Rescue and its volunteers for any charges incurred by me in connection with this animal. In addition, I accept this pet as is and assume all risks of ownership, and fully and completely release Second Chance Rescue, its agents, volunteers and associates from any claim, cause of action or liability arising out of and in connection with this adoption and pet.

\_\_\_ This contract may be specifically enforced by Second Chance Rescue through judicial proceedings. I hereby agree that in the event I breach this contract and Second Chance Rescue files suit to enforce this contract to defend any claims under this contract, that I will pay any applicable court costs or attorney's fees incurred by Second Chance Rescue and its volunteers.

Animals Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_

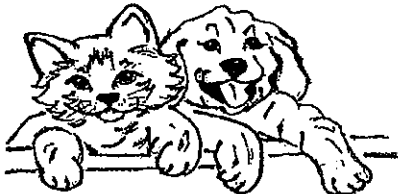
Vaccinations \_\_\_\_\_ Date given \_\_\_\_\_

Other medical information \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies tag# \_\_\_\_\_ by veterinarian and clinic \_\_\_\_\_

Vet address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**Second Chance Rescue, Greeley, Colorado**

**Contact information:**

**970-353-7955**

**For CAT INFORMATION only:**

**970-339-9161**

**This form must be completed by adopter and signed by Second Chance witness**

**ADOPTER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTER'S ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **DRIVER LICENSE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTION CONTRIBUTION \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **PAYMENT METHOD** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND CHANCE RESCUER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that the above information I am providing in this application is truthful and accurate. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this adoption agreement and will fulfill my part of the contract. I authorize Second Chance Rescue to verify any information necessary to complete this adoption. I understand inaccurate or misrepresented information will void this adoption.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter's signature                      Date                      Second Chance witness                      Date

