

**Adoption/Application/Alteration Agreement**

**America's Animal Society  
(AAS) (Non-Profit Organization)**

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**Note: All proceeds from adoptions are used by America's Animal Society to help offset operating costs and further their mission to reduce the number of unwanted and overpopulation animals.**

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Driver License # \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers Lic. # \_\_\_\_\_ Children Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Pet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref# \_\_\_\_\_

Color/Markings \_\_\_\_\_ Known Conditions: See known conditions on other side of this document and/or attachment.

Registration Papers received with animal. Initials.....   
 Vaccine record received with animal. Initials   
 Veterinary check (Physical) received with animal. Initials .

I, the undersigned, have *received*, read and understand the conditions of adoption as outlined on attachments and both sides of this agreement form and agree to assume all responsibility for this/these animals listed above, as provided herein. I also understand that America's Animal Society does not make refunds and makes no claim that this animal is free from all disease and/or illness. I also understand there may be significant risk with the adoption of any animal including risk to my own health and family members and I assume all responsibility for all risk associated with this "adoption." **I also understand approval for the adoption depends on my agreement to assume responsibility for the animal's treatment and any costs associated with treatment if needed. Also, I hereby give consent for a full or partial investigation of my background and/or home inspection by AAS or its authorized agent.** Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT SIGN UNLESS YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS OF ADOPTION.**

Adoption Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoption Center(Circle One) Newark, Csr/Crk, RGRS, Internet  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to this adoption and voluntarily, I want to help reduce suffering animals by contributing to AAS the indicated dollar amount to help AAS in furtherance of its mission to reduce the overpopulation and suffering of animals. I understand I will receive periodical information updates and reminders about pertinent matters as related to animals. I understand I will be eligible for any other benefits that become available for this contributor level. The amount I would like to contribute Monthly is \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00, \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 other amount \_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card listed below, monthly, the amount indicated as a contribution. I understand I can cancel this contribution at any time.

Adoption Fee	
Recovery Cost	
Vet exam vaccines etc.	
Out of State	
Health Certificate \$21.00	
Rabies Vaccine \$15.00	
Spay/Neuter	
Transportation Costs Quoted	
<b>Adoption Amount</b>	
Discount/Credit	
<b>Total Adoption Cost</b>	
Cash	
Check #	
Visa M/C Discover	
Non-Refundable Deposit	
Balance Due by	

Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ AMX Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit # back of Card \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

READ THIS AGREEMENT AND ATTACHMENTS IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE SIGNING.

**This is a private adoption through our non-profit society. It is not an adoption from the county or city animal shelter.** We are not affiliated with any other animal welfare or rescue group. It is important that you understand the adoption procedures that apply to animals from this society before agreeing to assume responsibility for one of our animals.

When you adopt an animal from AAS you agree that you will have it spayed or neutered no later than 4 months after the adoption. You also agree to provide AAS with proof of alteration. You also agree that if the animal has not been spay or neutered within the specified time and/or you have not provided AAS with proper proof of spay or neuter that an AAS employee, AAS officer and/or its designated enforcement agent may remove the animal from your possession with out your notice or consent and you agree no action shall be taken against AAS or its designated enforcement agent.

**The purpose of the adoption program is to reduce the number of genetically defective purebred animals and "at risk" animals of being reproduced and/or raised in private and/or commercial breeding programs by incompetent breeders.**

Although some animals may have come from less than optimal conditions this does not mean or imply that all or any of our animals come from such places previously described. However, the potential of them ending up in such places when placed on the commercial market and available to the highest bidder is great.

**Registration:** Many animals will come with registration applications from the breeder. While the society may transfer those applications to the adopter, the society does not guarantee that the animal can be fully registered from the applications or that the previous owner was in good standing with the registry who issued the application. Each registry has the right to refuse registration for what ever reason and the society will not get involved other than a good faith effort of transfer registration applications to the new owner. In order to remove these animals from breeding programs in most cases they must be purchased from the breeders and brokers to remove them from breeding programs. Therefore we must pass the recovery cost on to the adopter. The funds raised through our adoption fees are used to pay for the cost of spaying/neutering, vaccinating, and testing of these animals and to offset the costs of operating our adoption centers. Volunteers are utilized at the adoption centers as much as possible.

These animals come to us either through the adoption and diversion of incoming shelter animals or brokers and breeders. Therefore, we may not know anything about their history. What we do know, we are glad to share with you.

**We make no claim that these animals are free from all disease and/or illness.** While we do provide supportive medical care for animals who already have or who develop mild conditions while in our care, some may not show signs of illness until after you adopt them. These are usually minor. However, they can be severe and may require extensive treatment.

**Once you adopt an animal, you are responsible for the care, treatment, and well being of that animal,** regardless of when it became ill or what it may cost. In the case of a severe illness and suffering you and your veterinarian may determine weather to treat or euthanize an animal.

**Approval for the adoption will depend on your agreement to assume responsibility for the animal's treatment and any cost's associated with treatment. You are strongly encouraged to take any and all animals you adopt from us (or anyone) to our veterinarian or to your own veterinarian** at the earliest possible opportunity for a check-up.

Occasionally, one of our available animals has "special needs" – such as an eye problem that requires surgery, bacterial infections or upper respiratory infections or even pneumonia, requiring veterinary care or other genetic conditions requiring extensive care. In these cases, any information we have about the diagnosis of the condition and/or any recommended surgeries or treatments will be made available to you. Approval for the adoption will depend on your agreement to assume responsibility for the animal's treatment and costs associated with the treatment regardless of

whether or not America's Animal Society or any representative's were aware or made you aware of any condition.

For your protection – and out of concern for the animal, **renters should first obtain their landlord's approval for a pet in writing.**

To aid in our efforts to promote responsible pet adoptions and "GUARDIANSHIP," it is our practice to make only lifetime adoptions. Except as provided in the 7 day return policy **WE DO NOT MAKE REFUNDS.** **If you are unable or unwilling to make that kind of commitment – and to honor it – you are encouraged to walk away rather than adopt an animal from our society. If you have any questions about an animal, the time to ask is before you adopt.**

Some of the information passed on to you at the time of the adoption is the only record we have of an animal's vaccines, and other routine treatments we have provided. **Preserve written copies of information provided to you** at that time. Make copies, if necessary, for your own veterinarian.

You also agree that if you become unable or unwilling to assume responsibility for this animals well being including but not limited to veterinary care and cost associated with care and treatment of this animal you will place it with someone who will assume responsibility for it or return it to America's Animal Society where it can be cared for properly and will not hold AAS accountable for any return of value exchanged. Except as provided here in **WE DO NOT MAKE REFUNDS.**

**7 Day Limited Right to Return** You may return your dog within 7 days of adoption. Provided you have your puppy checked by your veterinarian or ours and the following applies. If they find that the animal has developed any significant (life altering) physical defect (excluding injury or illness) that was not previously found by our veterinarian and/or noted on the adoption agreement you may return your puppy for full credit plus 10 percent discount off regular price of another puppy or a full refund. You must have a signed letter from your veterinarian stating the physical defect found. If you use another veterinarian than our staff veterinarian we reserve the right to have the animal rechecked by our veterinarian and to get third party veterinarians opinion if our veterinarian doesn't agree with yours. Which ever two veterinarian's opinions are the same will be final and the determination of AAS will be accordingly. Any veterinary fees incurred by the adopter are the adopter's responsibility and you agree to accept that responsibility. However, if you use our staff veterinarian at our facility we will assume the responsibility for the puppy check only (no treatment). This does not in any way negate any part of this agreement. After the 7 day allowance under this section, all parts of this agreement are in full effect, final and non-negotiable. Any transportation cost's for the return of a puppy that is returned for any reason are the sole responsibility of the adopter. This limited return right may be void at the sole discretion of AAS on discounted animals. If an adjustment is granted, refunds will be made in 30 days.

**7 day no cost veterinary care policy:**

In the event that your animal becomes ill within 7 days of adoption you may return it to AAS in Newark until it recovers. AAS staff under veterinary advisory and/or hospitalization will care for the animal until it recovers. There will be no cost to the adopter in this event. However, AAS is not responsible to the adopter in any way if the animal dies while in AAS care or thereafter and adopter agrees. For emergencies after facility hours call 740-349-8024 and leave message. If we do not return your call immediately and you feel it is an extreme emergency you may call our emergency veterinarians clinic at 740-467-2949 and leave message that you adopted a puppy from America's Animal Society and it is ill. Someone will return your call. Should you decide the animals care is very urgent and you are unable to contact us or deliver the animal to our Newark facility and you take your puppy to another veterinarian you assume all responsibility for any cost incurred as provided in the adoption agreement. This is a service provided by AAS and does not guarantee our veterinarian or anyone else will be available. You are ultimately responsible for the care of the animal as described above. This does not change any part of the adoption agreement or lessen your responsibilities as set forth in this agreement.

**7 day no questions ask return policy:** We offer this only because we do not want our animals adopted on impulse and unwanted. The adopter may return the described animal provided it is in good health or in the same condition as when adopted and all registration papers for any reason within 7 days for a 80 percent refund. This return policy will be void at the sole discretion of AAS on animals discounted from the original asking adoption fee and/or as noted on front of form.

### **30 Day Health Maintenance.**

This service is provided at AAS Newark facility only. The adopter may utilize our staff veterinarian for one follow up well puppy exam. A second exam may be provided if the AAS veterinarian notes a health condition that warrants a follow up exam. Any medications needed are the responsibility of the adopter unless the veterinarian determines that the condition was pre-existing and clinical evidence was noted prior to the adoption. In the case of pre-existing conditions, medications will be provided by the AAS veterinarian for up to 30 days from adoption. This covers medication only from pre-existing conditions and does not include vaccines, preventative medicine, internal or external parasite control, diagnostics, laboratory work or emergency calls or any other treatment. Upon the request of the adopter AAS veterinarian will administer vaccines and/or preventative medicine and the fee for the vaccine is the responsibility of the adopter.

We do not provide reimbursement under any circumstances for other veterinarians or hospitals except as follows. Re-imburement to the adopter may be provided at AAS discretion for medications and care for the following conditions when provided by a veterinarian other than our staff veterinarian and the conditions are pre-existing of adoption: Upper respiratory infections \$20.00, Pneumonia \$50, Coccidiosis and/or Giardia \$20.00, internal Parasites \$10, viral or bacterial infections other than listed above \$20. The maximum reimbursement benefit for any animal is twenty percent of the adoption fee or \$100 which ever is less. No payment will be made for office visits, diagnostics, emergency visits, hospitalization or any other expenses incurred under any circumstances.

The sole and exclusive jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute shall be Licking County, Newark, Ohio, pursuant to America's Animal Society's dispute resolution policy. You agree that if you have disputes with us regarding the terms of this Agreement or your adoption, you will first try to resolve them with us informally. You also agree that any actions taken to enforce this Agreement by you or us will be brought only in courts located in Newark, Licking County, Ohio, and you consent to such exclusive jurisdiction and venue.

### **All proceeds from adoption fees are used by America's Animal Society for furtherance of its primary mission.**

The funds raised through our adoption fees are used to pay for the cost of veterinary services, vaccinating, and testing of these animals and to offset the costs of operating our adoption centers. No part of the net earnings of the society shall inure to the benefit of any officer, board member, or private individual except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to the society in furtherance of its primary purpose.

**Known Conditions:** Many animals especially puppies are exposed to parasites, viral and bacterial conditions prior to our receiving them and occasionally while in our care. These puppies most times are already stressed which lowers their immune response and results in ill health shortly after they have been adopted. While we work very hard to prevent and control these conditions with vaccinations and medication it is inevitable that some puppies will become ill. There seems to be an epidemic of upper respiratory infections and pneumonia in the past several months. Your puppy has likely been exposed to many of these viruses and bacterial infections. While most of these conditions are not usually fatal if treated, it is very; very important that if you see any of the following conditions that you seek professional (veterinary) assistance immediately. Fever over 102 degrees F, Lack of appetite, runny nose, coughing, loose stool, blood in stool, listlessness or any other unusual condition or behavior. Puppies can become dehydrated very quickly with loss of appetite. Many small breeds will go into sugar shock with loss of appetite and/or good nutrition. A little honey, corn syrup or we prefer Nutristat a couple times per day can help prevent sugar shock. This information comes from our experience only and is intended to help you should you encounter one of the previous mentioned conditions until you can seek the advice of your veterinarian.

There are no warranties, expressed or implied, made by AAS regarding this animal and no representations other than those expressed in writing in this Agreement.

Any part of this agreement that does not comply with local, state or federal regulations is void where prohibited. All other parts of this agreement shall be in force as stated.