

Terms and Conditions of Adopting a Dog from Freedom Train Dog Rescue

1. **Spaying/Neutering and Vaccination Requirement:** Freedom Train requires that all dogs and cats in the household be spayed/neutered and up to date on vaccinations before an adoption of a Freedom Train Dog can take place.
2. **Adoption Fee:** Freedom Train Rescue requires an adoption fee.
3. **Lifetime Commitment:** The average dog has a lifespan of 12 to 15 years. You agree to a commitment for the rest of his/her life.
4. **Return Policy:** If you are unable to keep your dog, you agree to return him/her to Freedom Train Dog Rescue without hesitation.
5. **Responsibility for Long-Distance Adoption:** If this is a long-distance adoption, and you are unable to keep your dog, you are willing to assume the responsibility including travel, boarding, and financial responsibility for returning the dog to Freedom Train Rescue.
6. **Application Acknowledgement:** I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined.
7. **Investigation and Home Visit:** I give Freedom Train Dog Rescue permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and related officials. If the application passes this review, I agree to a home and yard visit on a mutually agreed upon date by a Freedom Train representative before an adoption decision is made.
8. **Adoption Decision and Compatibility:** Furthermore, I understand and accept that the adoption decision depends upon many factors, including, but not limited to, the compatibility of the family and home to the individual dog and other applications received on the dog, and therefore I will not take issue with the decision. Unless otherwise indicated by Freedom Train Dog Rescue, I may be considered for another dog.
9. **Responsibilities as Adopter:** 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, love, and attention.
10. **Collar and Identification:** Adopter agrees to keep a buckle collar on the dog with an ID tag and town dog license. The dog is only to have a choke collar on during training and walks. If at any time the dog is lost, stolen, hurt, or killed, the Adopter is to notify Freedom Train Dog Rescue immediately via writing.
11. **Confinement and Care:** Adopter agrees that the dog will be confined inside the home. When the Adopter is to go away for a prolonged period of time or vacation, Adopter is to prearrange proper care for the dog.

12. **Transportation and Temperature:** The dog is NOT to ride loose in the bed of pickup trucks, convertibles, or to be left in a car when air temperatures exceed 65 degrees.
13. **Fenced Area and Leash Walking:** Adopter agrees to have a clean, secure fenced area for the dog. If a fenced enclosure is not available, Adopter agrees to leash walk the dog. If adopter uses invisible fencing, the dog is to be sufficiently trained before releasing it inside the system. Under NO circumstances is the dog to be kept routinely on a runner or tie out.
14. **Veterinary Care:** 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 as determined by a licensed veterinarian, Adopter agrees to give monthly Heartworm, flea, and tick preventative medication.
15. **Contact Information:** Adopter agrees to notify Freedom Train of change in address/phone number within two weeks of such change.
16. **No Guarantees:** Freedom Train Dog Rescue makes no guarantees or statements regarding the dog's age, breed, health, or temperament.
17. **Hold Harmless Agreement:** The adopter(s) hereby acknowledges, understands, promises, and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the rescuers from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, or liability of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in connection with this adopter/foster.
18. **Dispute Resolution:** Any disputes between the parties are to be resolved within a court of law in the state of Connecticut in Fairfield County and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut.
19. **Adopter's Agreement:** By emailing this adoption contract on behalf of any dog in Freedom Train care, adoptee's electronic submission/signature is considered binding.
20. **Applicability to Future Adoptions:** This adoption agreement shall be fully applicable and pertain to the dog applying to adopt, as well as to any and all other dogs the adopter may adopt in the future from Freedom Train.