

# Trumbull County Dog Warden

7501 Anderson Avenue, Warren, Ohio 44484  
330-675-2787 Office 330-675-2788 Fax

## Adoption Contract

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Impound Date: \_\_\_\_\_ License#: \_\_\_\_\_

*The following information will be used to register the microchip:*

Name of Dog at pound: \_\_\_\_\_ New Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/ Neutered?

Name of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing/Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/City Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### I. General Provisions:

1. In consideration of receiving the above named dog from the Trumbull County Dog Warden, adopter specifically agrees to the following:

- A. Not to sell, give away, or abandon the animal and to contact the Trumbull County Dog Warden if Adopter is no longer able or interested in keeping the animal.
- B. To have current license & identification on the animal at all times with owner information and/or microchip identification.
- C. To provide proper and sufficient food, water, shelter humane and kind treatment at all times.
- D. To have the animal vaccinated including rabies as recommended by your veterinarian.
- E. Not to permit the animal to be used for the purposes of experimentation.
- F. Not to permit the animal to run at large or become a public nuisance.
- G. Not to permit the animal to be debarked or defanged under any circumstances.
- H. To comply with all state and local ordinances governing the licensing and ownership of animals.
- I. To have the animal neutered or spayed and submit proof thereof to this office, within 30 days.

2. Adopter acknowledges that some or all of the information provided in the Adoption Contract may have been received from a third party and that the Trumbull County Dog Warden does not guarantee the accuracy of the information it has provided about the animal.

3. If, at any time in the future, Adopter desires to relinquish custody or the Trumbull County Dog Warden demands the return of the animal for failure to comply with this contract, Adopter agrees to return the animal to the Trumbull County Dog Warden making no charges of any nature for licensing, care, food, veterinary or any other services.

4. Adopter agrees to pay reasonable attorney fees and court expenses if the Trumbull County Dog Warden must bring legal action against Adopter to enforce this adoption contract,

5. Adopter agrees to allow agents or representatives of the Trumbull County Dog Warden to visit the animal at any time.

### II. Dog Adopter's Assumption of Risk, release of Liability, and Indemnification. (applicable to dog adoptions only)

Adopter acknowledges that ownership of the dog poses dangers to people and animals. Such dangers include, by way of example and not limitation, the risk that the dog can bite, trip,

and fight other animals. Adopter also acknowledges that the Trumbull County Dog Warden has limited information about the dog, and therefore cannot predict whether the dog will be

Page 1 of 2

suitable for the Dog Adopter's lifestyle and household. Adopter acknowledges the Trumbull County Dog Warden has not represented, warranted, guaranteed. Or promised that the dog can be trained, that the dog is not dangerous, will never bite or be vicious, or that the dog will not exhibit other behavioral problems in the future. Adopter assumes the risk of injuries, losses, damages, costs, and expenses caused by the dog. Adopter further agrees not to hold Trumbull County or the Trumbull County Dog Warden responsible for injuries, losses, damages, costs and expenses caused by the dog.

In consideration of receiving the above-named Dog from the Trumbull County Dog Warden, I, the undersigned and person named above, do hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

I am adopting the Dog with the understanding and knowledge that the Dog's disposition, temperament, and/or behavior may be different in my care and in a different environment.

I hereby release and discharge Trumbull County and Dog Warden and their respective officials, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, representatives, and volunteers from any and all actions, claims, demands, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, and liabilities of any kind and character, that I or my assigns, heirs, guardians, next of kin, spouse, and/or legal representatives now have or may have in the future, for any injury, death, or property damage related to adoption of the Dog. I, furthermore; agree to indemnify and hold Trumbull County and Dog Warden and their respective employees, and volunteers of any kind or character harmless from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, arising out of adoption of the Dog

This agreement is a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

**III. Final Agreement**

This Adoption Contract supersedes all prior discussions, representations, warranties, and agreements of the parties, and expresses the entire agreement between Adopter and the Trumbull County Dog Warden. The parties confirm that, except for that which is specifically written in this Adoption Contract, no promises, representations, or oral understandings have been made regarding the animal, or anything else. This Adoption Contract may be amended only by a written instrument signed by the parties.

**IV. Severability**

If any provision of this Adoption Contract is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such fact shall not invalidate the remaining portions thereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Correct/Not correct:** \_\_\_\_\_ (initial) - *Myself and no member of my household is a felon who has served a sentence/probation in the last 3 years.*

By signing below Adopter acknowledges he/she has read the Adoption Contract and agrees to abide by all of the rules and regulations set forth herein.

**Adopter Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog Warden Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_