

**Sadie Mae Foundation Animal Rescue League, Inc.
Adoption Agreement**

Pet's Name:	Breed:
Color & Description:	Microchip ID#
Sex:	Age: Approx.
Neutered/Spayed:	Date of Neuter:
Note:	

In consideration of the donation in the amount of \$____.00 the undersigned Adopter does hereby forever release, discharge and hold harmless, the Sadie Mae Foundation and any other person, firm or corporation charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns, from any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of service actions and causes of action belonging to the said Adopter arising out of any act or occurrence on account of the adoption of the _____ known as _____ (“**adopted pet**”).

The Sadie Mae Foundation will not adopt dogs or cats to someone that is not fully committed to giving the animal at least 30 days to adjust to their new surroundings. Adjusting into a new home environment is a highly stressful event for any animal, one that should not be taken lightly. We will not consider adopting any animal into a home which has not given this serious thought.

The undersigned Adopter further agrees to abide by the terms of this adoption, as listed below. Please initial the bottom of each page of this agreement.

1. Adopter agrees to give adopted pet a minimum of 30 days to adjust to its adoptive home. The Sadie Mae Foundation is happy to offer suggestions and is always available for support and resources.
2. Adopter agrees to contact the Sadie Mae Foundation in the event that Adopter is unwilling or unable to keep the adopted pet for its lifetime. The Sadie Mae Foundation may, if circumstances permit, re-take custody of the adopt pet or assist the Adopter in placing the pet in another home or safe setting. In the event that the Sadie Mae Foundation agrees to re-take custody of the adopted pet, then Adopter agrees to be responsible for all expenses incurred in returning the adopted pet to the Sadie Mae Foundation. If the Sadie Mae Foundation is immediately unable to house the adopted pet, Adopter agrees to keep the pet while the Sadie Mae Foundation seeks a new home. Adopter agrees not to give the adopted pet to friends, relatives, or any other person or another shelter without the prior, written consent of the Sadie Mae Foundation.
3. Adopter agrees to keep an identification tag attached to a properly fitted collar which will remain on the adopted pet at all times, whether inside or outside of the house, and to obtain all licenses required by the local authorities.

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In addition, the adopted pet has been microchipped for identification through HomeAgain's® Chip FurKeeps program. By signing this agreement the adopter agrees to enroll the pet through HomeAgain® and to pay the \$10.99 enrollment fee directly to HomeAgain®. Adopter understands that the adoption donation for this pet does not include the microchip enrollment fee. Enrollment is available either online <http://www.homeagain.com/chipfurkeeps> or via phone at 866-802-5650. Sadie Mae Foundation's shelter ID number: CT220.

Enrollment of the microchip includes a lifetime membership. HomeAgain® may send the Adopter offers soliciting renewal of, or initial enrollment in, optional services. This adoption agreement does not require the Adopter to purchase these optional services.

4. Adopter agrees to care for the adopted pet in a humane manner and be a responsible animal guardian. This includes supplying clean and adequate food, water and shelter, as well as exercise, attention and medical care.
5. Adopter agrees to provide the adopted pet with necessary inoculations at the intervals advised by Adopter's veterinarian. Adopter will obtain immediate veterinary care, should the adopted pet become ill or injured.
6. Adopter agrees to keep the adopted pet as a house pet. Adopter agrees to work on any houstraining issues should they arise. Adopter understands and agrees that making the adopted pet an outside pet constitutes grounds for the Sadie Mae Foundation to reclaim the adopted pet.
7. Adopter agrees to have the adopted pet under control when adopted pet is not within the confines of Adopter's property. The adopted pet will not be tied or chained outside unattended.
8. If adopting a dog under one year of age, Adopter agrees to take the adopted pet for basic obedience training and will provide the Sadie Mae Foundation with a copy of the training certificate within 3 months of the date of adoption. Adopter agrees not to employ harsh training methods including striking or choking the adopted pet in an attempt to discipline. Adopter can ask the Sadie Mae Foundation for a list of trainers and/or visit www.apdt.com for further information.
9. Adopter understands that the Sadie Mae Foundation will only place animals for adoption after they have been spayed or neutered. If, for health reasons, the adopted pet is not spayed or neutered at the time of adoption, Adopter agrees to adhere to the requirements of management, veterinary care and potential sterilization per the advice of the Sadie Mae Foundation and its associated veterinarians. Puppies under the age of 6 months will not be spayed or neutered. If the adopted pet is a puppy, Adopter agrees to spay or neuter the adopted pet by the age of 6 months and shall mail the Sadie Mae Foundation a copy of the spay or neuter certificate. Failure to do so shall constitute a breach of contract and in that event the Sadie Mae Foundation shall have the right to reclaim the adopted pet.

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9. If adopting a cat, Adopter agrees not to de-claw adopted pet, which would render it defenseless. If adopting a dog, Adopter agrees not to debark, doc or crop the adopted pet. Adopter further agrees not to perform any unnecessary surgery that would deform the adopted pet's natural body.

10. The Sadie Mae Foundation has advised the Adopter of any and all known adverse behavior and health problems associated with the adopted pet. Adopter understands and agrees that the Sadie Mae Foundation cannot guarantee the health, temperament or training of the above-described adopted pet, and hereby releases and holds harmless the Sadie Mae Foundation from any claim, cause of action or liability for any injury or damage to persons or property once the adopted pet is in the Adopter's possession. Adopter further understands and agrees that the Sadie Mae Foundation gives no guarantees, expressed or implied, of the suitability of the adopted pet to Adopter and/or to Adopter's family. If a health problem develops during the first 10 days, Adopter agrees to notify the Sadie Mae Foundation about the matter.

11. The Sadie Mae Foundation reserves the right to periodically check on the adopted pet via home visits or telephone calls at any reasonable time to ensure that the Adopter is in compliance with this agreement. The Sadie Mae Foundation reserves the right to reclaim the animal when warranted due to neglect, abuse, inadequate care, or other breach of contract.

12. Adopter agrees to immediately telephone the Sadie Mae Foundation in the event the adopted pet becomes lost or stolen.

13. Adopter agrees that in the event the Sadie Mae Foundation should determine in its sole discretion that any of the provisions of this agreement have not been fully complied with, Adopter shall return the adopted pet to the Sadie Mae Foundation upon demand. Adopter agrees to reimburse the Sadie Mae Foundation for its legal fees and any other expenses it incurs in the event the Sadie Mae Foundation is forced to take legal action to enforce the terms of the agreement.

14. Adopter agrees to keep the Sadie Mae Foundation informed of Adopter's current home address and phone number.

Adopter also agrees to periodically update his/her contact information with HomeAgain® so that the adopted pet's microchip continues to serve its identification purposes.

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16. By signing this agreement you agree and/or acknowledge the following other Terms and Conditions specific to the adopted pet:

The Adopter affirms that he/she is adopting the adopted pet as a companion animal and agrees to abide by the terms of this agreement. By signing this agreement, the Adopter is stating that he/she has read and understands each clause and the contract in its entirety. The Adopter is signing this agreement of his/her own free will and not under duress of any kind. The Adopter affirms that he/she has never been charged with animal cruelty and is not an animal dealer or broker.

Adopter's Names: _____

Date: _____

Adopter's Signatures: _____

Phone: _____

Adopter's Address: _____

Email: _____

Send any correspondence to the Sadie Mae Foundation
c/o Brenda Albert, President
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Manchester, CT 06040