



Adoption Agreement Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.

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This Adoption Agreement is entered into between Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc. (the "Rescue/we/us"), a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, and the undersigned (the "Adopter" or "you"). In consideration of the mutual promises in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the Rescue and Adopter agree to the following terms and conditions, intending to be legally bound:

1. **THE DOG.** We are placing the following described dog/puppy with you, the Adopter, for adoption by you as an indoor pet (the "Dog"):

Name:	Tag Number:	Sex:	Age:
Color:	Birth date:	Altered: yes	no

2. **STERILIZATION.** If the Dog has not been sterilized prior to this adoption, you agree to have the dog sterilized. You agree to pay the sterilization deposit of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars), which is forfeited if you fail to comply with the following sterilization requirements:

- To have the Dog sterilized by a licensed veterinarian by _____ (within 60 days of the adoption, in accordance with PA law). This deadline can be extended by 30 days if we receive a written explanation of why this is necessary by a licensed veterinarian.
- Within 2 months of the veterinary examination we receive a report from the licensed veterinarian stating that the Dog has been sterilized, was already sterilized, or can never be sterilized for health reasons.

We agree to release your sterilization deposit after receiving the veterinary report. Should your dog pass away prior to the sterilization deadline above, your deposit will also be refunded.

3. **ADOPTION FEE.** We require a total adoption fee of \$ _____ for the Dog, to help defray our expenses, with \$ _____ previously collected at the introduction. The adoption fee is not refundable under any circumstances. Any donation you can make in addition to the adoption fee would be greatly appreciated.

4. **NO REPRESENTATIONS.** You understand that this Dog was previously unwanted or lost and may have been rescued by us from a dangerous, unhealthy and/or cruel situation. This situation may have lasting effects on the Dog. You agree that we are making no representations or warranties about the Dog.

5. **CARE OF THE DOG.** You agree to provide the Dog with free run of your home, fresh water, wholesome dog food, adequate outdoor exercise and affection. You will walk the Dog on a leash, or place the Dog in a protected run or other enclosed outdoor area, and never allow the dog roam free unsupervised, unless you have an underground containment system (i.e. invisible fence). The Dog will not be left outside nor have access to a doggie door when no one is home. You will treat the Dog as a household pet, companion and family member, and not leave the Dog chained, cooped and/or otherwise confined for extended periods of time. You agree never to use the dog for fighting and never to beat or taunt the Dog. The Dog shall wear identification at all times; including a BLRR issued tag, a tag with your personal information. A tattoo or microchip can serve as additional identification but cannot replace a physical ID. A chain (choke) or pinch (cleat) collar can be used for training purposes or to walk the dog but may not be left on the dog otherwise. The Dog will not ride in the open back of a pickup truck under any circumstances including those such as in a cage/kennel or tied. The dog shall not remain in any parked vehicle in extreme heat or cold.

6. **VETERINARY CARE.** You agree to have the Dog examined by a licensed veterinarian not less than yearly. In case of illness or injury, you agree to seek prompt veterinary care. You agree to keep all required vaccinations current, including but not limited to rabies and distemper, and to ensure that the Dog receives preventative medication against heartworm as recommended by your veterinarian. You consent to us inquiring with your veterinarian about the Dog after the adoption, and to us looking over your property at a mutually convenient time.

7. **OBEDIENCE TRAINING.** You agree to enroll the Dog in an obedience class within two (2) weeks of the date of this agreement. You agree to attend training on the day that class begins and to complete the entire course. A copy of a certificate of completion must be forwarded to the Rescue within ten (10) days after completing the class. While obedience classes are preferred for obedience training, you may, with the approval of your volunteer, attend a minimum of three private lessons in place of an obedience class. You agree to have your first private lesson within two (2) weeks of the date of this agreement and to attend the additional two (2) private lessons so that all three (3) private lessons are completed within six (6) weeks of the date of this agreement. Proof of the completion

of these three (3) private lessons must be forwarded to the Rescue within ten (10) days after completing the private lessons. The volunteer working with the adopting family may choose to waive the obedience requirement by initialing here_____.

NOTE: Puppies who have not received all DHLPP vaccinations are not required to attend obedience class nor is it advised. If this is the case, the Dog must be enrolled within two (2) weeks after the date of the completion of the DHLPP series. The full obedience course must be completed and the completion certificate forwarded to the Rescue within ten (10) days of completion.

8. TRANSFER; EUTHANASIA. You agree not to abandon, give away, sell or dispose of the Dog in any way and to notify us immediately if at any time you determine you no longer want to, or no longer can, keep the Dog, so that we can take the Dog back to arrange another adoption. You must give us a minimum of 14 (fourteen) days notice prior to the return of the Dog and you will be responsible for transporting the Dog to us. You agree that you may not euthanize the Dog except in the case of the Dog's terminal illness or injury, the recommendation of the Dog's veterinarian, or old age accompanied by pain and suffering, and in any case, the euthanasia must be performed by a licensed veterinarian.

9. BREACH OF AGREEMENT; LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. In the event that you do not comply with the terms of this Agreement, or the Dog is abused or neglected, one of our remedies will be to recover the Dog from you upon our demand. Promptly after the demand you will meet us at a mutually agreeable place and surrender the Dog to us immediately. In addition, without waiving any of our rights under this Agreement, if you do not surrender the Dog to us, you will owe us a payment in the amount of \$400.00, agreed between us as just and reasonable liquidated damages to compensate us for our costs and expenses in connection with your breach of this Agreement.

10. LOANED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. We are temporarily providing you with the following equipment and supplies for use during your new Dog's adjustment to your family:

You will return these items to us in good, clean condition (subject to normal wear and tear) when you no longer need them, or whenever we request them. If you prefer to purchase the items from us we will provide a purchase price. If the foregoing items are lost, stolen or damaged beyond normal wear and tear as a result of your negligence or misconduct, you will promptly pay us the replacement price to purchase new items.

11. NO LIABILITY. The Rescue is not liable for any claims, legal actions, losses, injuries, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities whatsoever in connection with your adoption or ownership of the Dog.

12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATIONS; BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement is the entire Agreement between you and us and supersedes any prior understandings between you and us with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, the Pre-Adoptive Agreement previously executed. Any modification to the Agreement must be in writing, signed by both you and us. This Agreement binds your and our respective heirs, executors, representatives, successors and assigns.

Dated: _____

Personal Tag on dog? _____

ADOPTING FAMILY

RESCUE

Signature:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged in the amount of \$ _____

Print Name:

By:

Address:

Print Name:

City, State, Zip:

P. O. Box 638

Phone:

Warrington, PA 18976

Spouse/Partner/Roommate:

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