



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

1. **THE DOGS.** We are delivering the following described dog to you for temporary housing and care (together, “Pre-Adoptive Care”) until the Dog is permanently adopted by you at the conclusion of the “Pre-Adoptive Period,” which is three (3) weeks from the date of this Agreement/Dog Introduction (unless the dog is returned to us earlier as provided in paragraph 8 below):

Name of Dog: _____ Age/DOB: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____ Tag #: _____
Date of Dog Introduction: _____

The Dog will remain the property of the Rescue during the Pre-Adoptive Period and will have identification on its body at all times, minimally in the form of a Brookline Tag. You agree to also add an ID tag with your information before the adoption finalization will be completed. The Dog will be surrendered to an officer of the Rescue immediately on request. The Dog is to be adopted by you only under the supervision of the Rescue. You and the Surrendering Family, if applicable, will only be permitted to contact each other after the adoption if both families agree. All donations connected with the adoption of the Dog will be given directly to the Rescue.

2. **PRE-ADOPTIVE CARE.** You will provide Pre-Adoptive Care in your home at the address at the end of this Agreement, initially in an area segregated from your own dogs if necessary, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement. You understand that your new dog will need time to adjust to his new living environment/family and agree to limit his exposure to new people/places/animals for a minimum of the first 3-5 days. Your Pre-Adoptive Care for the Dog will be comprised of the following:

- Providing wholesome dog food and water daily
- Providing a clean area for elimination
- Providing outdoor exercise on a leash or in a fenced yard; the Dog may be tied out for short periods when someone is home. The Dog may NEVER be left outdoors, unattended or given free access to the outdoors via a doggie door when family is not home.
- No shock collars and/or electric training collars (other than an electric or invisible fence collar) may be used. Choke and/or pinch collars are permitted ONLY if fitted by a trainer
- Providing a warm, safe place inside your home
- Treating the Dog as a pet, companion and family member
- Administering medicines, if any
- Transporting the Dogs to the veterinarian, if necessary
- Socializing and playing, and
- _____

3. **BASELINE VET VISIT.** The Adopting Family is required to take the Dog to a veterinarian for a routine (baseline) checkup during the three (3) week pre-adoptive period which begins on the date of the Dog Introduction. This baseline examination is at the Adopting Family’s expense and you are also responsible for any additional veterinarian charges up to \$100 since it is your intent to adopt the dog. Proof of the vet visit (copy of your receipt) must be provided to the Rescue prior to adoption finalization.

4. **VETERINARY CARE/EXPENSES.** You will contact Senior Volunteer _____ by phone at _____ - _____ - _____ or by email at _____ or the Rescue office at 215-343-6087 to advise us of any emergencies involving the Dog and for required pre-approval of any veterinary care over and above the baseline exam and the additional \$100 mentioned above. Any of those additional medical expenses that are not pre-approved must be paid by the Adopting Family. You will give us copies of those receipts from the veterinarian for veterinary care and medicines. You will dispense all medications as prescribed.

5. **COMMUNICATION WITH RESCUE.** The Adopting Family agrees to provide updates on the physical and emotional well being of the Dog to the Rescue on a daily basis for the first three (3) days after the Dog has come into their care and thereafter once a week unless requested otherwise by the Rescue.

6. NO LIABILITY. You are not liable to us for any injuries to, illness or disappearance of the Dog arising out of the Pre-Adoptive Care, except if such injuries, illness or disappearance are caused or arise out of your gross negligence or intentional misconduct. We are not liable for any bodily injury or property damage, losses or injuries whatsoever to you or other persons, or to your or another person's animals and pets caused by the actions, behavior or health of the Dog, or arising out of the Pre-Adoptive Care, except if such damage, losses or injuries are caused by our gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

7. RETURNING DOG. You agree to contact us immediately by phone or email in the event that you are no longer able or willing to provide Pre-Adoptive Care to the Dog. You will continue to care for the Dog for a reasonable period, a minimum of seven (7) days, until we are able to coordinate transport of the Dog to another home. We will notify you if we learn that you are violating this agreement and wish to retrieve the Dog. You will cooperate with us by promptly arranging a mutually satisfactory time for us to pick up the Dog. If the Dog is to be placed in the care of a kennel or other person during this Pre-Adoptive Period, the Rescue must be notified before such placement is made and consent to said placement.

8. ADOPTION OF DOG. When the Dog is delivered to you (date of Dog Introduction), you are entering into a three (3) week Pre-Adoptive Period. If you decide to adopt the Dog after that period, you will then enter into our Adoption Agreement and pay the Adoption Donation Fee. Be sure to carefully review the provisions of the Adoption Agreement with your Senior Volunteer. When you reach the conclusion of the three (3) week Pre-Adoptive Period (beginning from the Dog Introduction date) and your decision is made known to proceed with adopting the Dog, you will then assume any and all financial responsibility for the Dog regardless of whether the Adoption Agreement is signed yet.

9. LOANED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. We are temporarily providing you with the following equipment and supplies for use in providing the Pre-Adoptive Care:

You will return these items to us in good, clean condition (subject to normal wear and tear) at the end of the Pre-Adoptive Care period, or whenever we request them. If the foregoing items are lost, stolen or damaged beyond normal wear and tear as a result of you negligence or misconduct, you will promptly pay us the replacement price to purchase new items.

10. DEPOSIT TOWARDS ADOPTION FEE. We require a deposit towards the adoption fee of \$35 for the Dog, to help defray our expenses, with the balance being due at the Adoption Finalization. The deposit is not refundable under any circumstances.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATIONS; BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement is the entire Agreement between you and us. 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: _____

ADOPTING FAMILY

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Spouse/Partner/Roommate: _____

RESCUE

Receipt is hereby acknowledged in the amount of \$_____

By (volunteer's signature): _____

Print Name: _____

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