

Pawsitive Pathways

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Pawsitive Pathways Canine Adoption Agreement

This form must be completed in full and signed before the dog's transfer of care and ownership is complete.

Dog's Name / ID: _____

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Breed: _____

Spayed/Neutered? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Color/Markings: _____

Microchip # _____

Age/Birth Date: _____ ☐ Estimated

Adoption Fee \$ _____

As the above mentioned dog's new owner, you agree to:

- Always provide adequate nutritious food and fresh water daily, along with kindness and affection.
- Provide veterinary care, in sickness and in health, to protect your new dog from pain, injury and disease.
- Do everything in your power to protect your new dog from fear, distress, abuse, neglect or similar.
- Remember that dogs and humans communicate differently and to be patient as you learn each other's ways.

As Pawsitive Pathways Inc, we agree to:

- Facilitate the best adoption experience that we can, and answer any questions you may have throughout.
- Provide you with as much accurate information as possible to help you make an informed adoption decision.
- Have made every reasonable attempt to identify and disclose any medical and/or behavioral issues.
- Do our best to give you and your new dog the resources you need to have a happy, healthy life together.

Ownership: I certify that the above mentioned dog is being adopted by me, solely as a pet for myself and/or my immediate family. I understand that the adoption of the above mentioned dog is a lifetime commitment and I will do everything within my power to care for the dog to ensure its optimum health, safety, and happiness. I agree not to give away, sell, or trade my dog to any person(s), dealer, retailer, auction, institute or any other entity for any reason. I will neither take the dog to a shelter nor abandon or otherwise dispose of the dog. I agree that if I am unable to care for the above mentioned dog for its entire lifetime at any point, I will contact Pawsitive Pathways Inc immediately.

Return Policy: Pawsitive Pathways Inc recognizes that some matches may not be successful. In these cases, we request you please contact us as soon as possible and we will discuss taking the dog back into our care. We would greatly prefer that the dog come back to us rather than you feeling forced to live in a situation that is not suitable for you or the above mentioned dog. It is VERY important to us that the dogs that leave our care are NEVER returned to a shelter or rescue, or are rehomed without our aid. Adoption fee refunds are not available due to the costs associated with continued care of dogs in need and the limited financial resources available to animal welfare organizations.

Medical and Behavior History: I understand that the above mentioned dog's known background and medical history have been discussed with me and all applicable records regarding these topics have been made available to me. I understand that no implied or expressed warranties have been made by Pawsitive Pathways Inc in reference to breed, health, condition, training, behavior or temperament of the above mentioned dog. Any concerns or conditions that may arise once the dog is under my ownership will be my sole financial responsibility.

Law Violations: I affirm that I, nor any member currently residing in my household has been convicted of any animal welfare law violations such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment, etc.

Liability: I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the above mentioned dog at my own risk, and I release Pawsitive Pathways Inc and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of the dog. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for the above mentioned dog as of the date of this contract. Pawsitive Pathways Inc and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during ownership of the dog. I acknowledge that, due to the unpredictable nature of animals, certain risks and dangers may occur while caring for an animal, including risks of injury to person and property, and that I have voluntarily agreed to make the adoption contemplated herein with full knowledge of such risks and hereby voluntarily assume all such risks. I agree that I will not make any claims against, sue or attack any property of Pawsitive Pathways Inc and its agents for any injury or damage that may be caused by the above mentioned adopted dog.

By signing below I attest that I have understood and will adhere to all guidelines aforementioned in this contract and that I have received documentation regarding any medical or behavioral abnormalities of this animal noted while in care of Pawsitive Pathways Inc care, Rabies disease prevention, and the recommended continued care and training of this animal.

Adopting Party / Agent

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name (printed): _____

Pawsitive Pathways Authorized Agent

Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____

Full Name (printed): _____ Date: _____

**Thank you so much for giving this Pawsitive Pathways pup a loving home.
Congratulations on adopting your new best friend!**

**Please keep in touch and contact us with any questions or concerns:
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KEEP THE BALL ROLLING with your new dog



IMPORTANT TIPS & TRICKS FOR YOU & YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

We are so glad that you have chosen to adopt this wonderful companion!

When we first met your new best friend, they were nervous and unsure, but we have watched them blossom into a sweet, playful, loving dog.

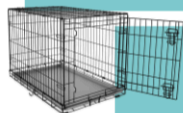
This quick guide was created to help you connect with your new companion and maintain a healthy, loving, and fun relationship throughout life.

With equal amounts of patience, consistency, leadership and love, you and your dog are destined to have a fantastic future together!

Please feel free to contact us or a local trusted dog trainer or veterinarian of your choice if you have any questions!



- Allow your dog to settle in and become familiar with their new family & surroundings for the first **TWO WEEKS** at least, before going out on trips or meeting new people/animals.
- It's important to be a good role model in order to bond and gain trust with your dog. Your dog must be able to look to you for guidance at all times and see that you will be a kind, calm and confident guardian.
- Just like humans, dogs like to have their own personal space. It is important for your dog to have a crate to achieve this. We highly recommend feeding your dog in their crate and to sleep at night.



- Keeping your dog's body AND brain frequently engaged is key. Practicing simple training exercises or letting them solve food puzzles and have busy toys are easy ways to achieve this! Or join a local training class!
- Mental exercise and enrichment is actually **MORE** important than physical running, jumping, etc. When dogs get bored or don't have direction, they become destructive, depressed and have bad manners.
- Dogs are smart and they like to prove it. They need to have a job! Their job can be as simple as 'wait' at all doors before going through or to 'sit and wait' before getting a treat or a meal. Learning new tricks and commands is great too!



- Your new dog has worked hard to learn how to behave on a leash. They have been trained to walk calmly on a slip leash or regular collar and leash. We do **NOT** recommend basic harnesses or retractable leashes as these can actually trigger dogs to pull and can be unsafe! Other types of collars can be used if desired/needed, just ask us!
- When introducing your dog to new people, pets or places, keep it calm and positive. If your dog shows fear or stress, give them space and a distraction by stepping away and asking them to perform simple commands for a treat. Do not force or coddle them or be upset/nervous - they can easily sense and match your emotions!



Resources to Visit / Further Reading

www.fearfreehappyhomes.com

<https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/dog-care/canine-diy-enrichment>

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/training-rewards/>

<https://cattledogpublishing.com/i-am-pet-owner/>

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NEW K9 COMPANION?

Congrats! Now what?

Important recommendations to ensure that you and your dog's life together is happier, healthier, longer and more fun!

1. GET PET INSURANCE



When your pup gets sick or an accident happens, unexpected and emergency veterinary costs can add up quickly. Pet insurance is relatively affordable each month and ensures you can always get your pet the proper care it needs without worrying about finances. A few great ones to look into include: Pets Best, Trupanion, Embrace, ASPCA.

2. ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH PROFESSIONALS



Schedule appointments with and get to know your local veterinarian and dog trainer of choice. If your dog loves to play with others, visit a trusted dog daycare as well! If you need help choosing a quality, trusted veterinarian, trainer or any dog facility, we'd be happy to help!

3. KEEP YOUR COMPANION HEALTHY



Keep your pet's vaccines and exams up to date to ensure they stay their healthiest and live their longest! There are several dangerous and contagious diseases that dogs are at risk of, but they are preventable with vaccination and prevention medication. Just ask your vet!

4. CONTINUOUS ENRICHMENT AND TRAINING



Both physical and mental exercise is extremely important for dogs! When dogs get bored or have excess energy, they can become destructive, depressed and have bad manners. Slow feed bowls, lick mats, puzzles, and fill and freeze treat toys like Kongs are important purchases. Frequent short/mini training sessions are helpful also!

5. STAY PATIENT, KEEP CALM AND LOVE YOUR DOG!

This one's easy! Your new pup thanks you for giving them a loving home.



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RABIES PREVENTION

What is Rabies?

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. The virus is secreted in saliva and is usually transmitted to people and animals by a bite from an infected animal. Less commonly, rabies can be transmitted when saliva from a rabid animal comes in contact with an open cut on the skin or the eyes, nose, or mouth of a person or animal. Once the outward signs of the disease appear, rabies is nearly always fatal.

Why should I be concerned?

Rabies is increasing in wildlife throughout Colorado, placing both humans and animals at risk for this deadly disease. Skunks and bats are the most significant sources of rabies in Colorado. Dogs, cats, skunks, bats, raccoons, foxes, and coyotes can carry rabies. In Colorado other wild animals, dogs, cats, horses and livestock can become infected if they are bitten by a rabid animal. Contact with infected wild or domestic animals places you and your family at risk for rabies infection.

What are the signs of Rabies in animals?

Once the rabies virus enters the body, it travels along the nerves to the brain. Dogs, cats, and ferrets with rabies may show a variety of signs, including fearfulness, aggression, excessive drooling, difficulty swallowing, staggering, and seizures. Rabid wild animals may only display unusual behavior; for example, an animal that is usually only seen at night may be seen wandering in the daytime.

What can I do to help control and prevent exposure to Rabies?

- Have your veterinarian vaccinate your dogs, cats and ferrets. Your veterinarian will advise you on the recommended frequency of vaccination in your area.
- Don't leave exposed garbage or pet food outside, as it may attract wild or stray animals.
- Wild animals should never be kept as pets. Not only may this be illegal, but wild animals pose a potential rabies threat to caretakers and to others.
- Observe all wild animals from a distance. A rabid wild animal may appear tame but don't go near it. Teach children NEVER to handle unfamiliar animals, even if they appear friendly.
- If you see a wild animal acting strangely, report it to the city or county animal control department.
- Protect your home from wildlife by minimizing entry points to your home and nesting areas surrounding
- Always supervise and maintain control of your pets when outdoors

Additional Resources

<http://rabiesalliance.org/rabies>
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/rabies
www.worldrabiesday.org
www.AVMA.org



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