

RAGS TO RICHES ADOPTION CONTRACT



NAME OF DOG PASSPORT NUMBER
MICROCHIP NUMBER IMPLANT DATE
SEX Male/Female NEUTERED * Yes/No APPROX AGE/D.O.B
ROMANIAN RESCUER
UK FOSTERER/CONTACT.....
ADOPTER DETAILS.....
..... POSTCODE PHONE NUMBER
MOBILE(S) EMAIL
DATES OF TRIAL PERIOD From To

THANK YOU for adopting one of our “Rags to Riches” dogs from Romania - and we sincerely hope that you and your dog will enjoy many happy years together.

These terms and conditions form the basis of your contract agreement with us to adopt a rescue dog. All references to you/the owner refer to the adopter; references to us/we/Rags to Riches/the rescue refer to Rags to Riches Romanian Dog Rescue; references to “the dog” refer to your rescue dog as named at the top of the adoption contract. By signing this adoption contract you confirm agreement to adhere to the conditions herein without exception. Breach of this contract may result in the return of the dog to the rescue.

Please note that all adoptions are agreed subject to the following conditions: -

1. The dog is adopted out in good faith, and is, as far as we are aware, in reasonable condition and with no serious behavioural problems. *(Please read notes on pre adoption assessment for specific details of this dog prior to signing, which now form part of this contract)*. We reiterate when dealing with rescue dogs there are no guarantees and it must be emphasised that the adopter should be prepared to make genuine efforts regarding correct settling-in, feeding, veterinary care, socialisation and training as instructed - bearing in mind the dog has made a huge change in lifestyle.

No major decisions should be made during the first 14-day trial period which could affect the dog’s health, welfare, or happiness without due consultation with the Charity. These include any veterinary intervention, behavioural consultations, diet or name changes and especially removal to any address/ownership not as previously listed, except in extreme emergency/unforeseen circumstances.

2. Please be extremely careful in your handling of your trial dog and be cautious around doorways and gateways. Remember the dog does not know you and may bolt. Please do NOT immediately invite visitors to view the dog. Keep your home quiet and if possible restricted to family members only.
3. We request feedback daily for at least the first three days and thereafter as suggested by the Fosterer, who should be consulted **IMMEDIATELY** in the event of any issues arising

during the trial period.

4. Adoptions are always subject to an adoption donation, and we would suggest a minimum of £400 payable by cash, bank transfer or PayPal on or before the day of collection, to be held on account during the trial period. This fee covers the preparation of the dog before travel and the transport from Romania **only**. The additional costs e.g. transport from kennels to foster, any vet bills, foster care and transport to adopters etc. are met by Rags to Riches via fundraising and donation.
5. In the event of an adoption which fails for whatever reason, the dog must be returned to a representative of the Charity without delay, and it has to be emphasised that the adopter will normally bear all expenses for this arrangement. Provided this return is within the 14-day trial period the adoption donation will always be reimbursed on request, minus any agreed amount for admin and other expenses. Beyond the 14-day trial period the adoption donation is non-returnable and a formal Relinquishment of Ownership Form must be completed

Whenever possible all our dogs are neutered before adoption. If not, it is the adopter's responsibility to arrange and pay for neutering. In addition to this contract we will ask you if necessary to sign a neutering agreement, and provide proof of neutering, and adhere to all terms contained therein. In the very unlikely event of accidental pregnancy, Rags to Riches retains full legal ownership of all puppies.

6. Dogs are microchipped and details registered with PETtrac. On completion of adoption the dog's microchip will be added to the PETTrac UK database and will be kept in dual registration between Rags to Riches and the adopter.
7. Prior to adoption we will fit a light collar on your dog to be worn at **all times**. **We will attach a disc with our details on and we suggest you also add your own for easy reading.** Many rescue dogs go missing in the first few days in a new home; please do not let yours become another statistic. Should this happen please contact PETTrac Emergency Hotline on **0800 652 9 977** and inform Rags to Riches. During the two-week trial period please note the dog remains in the ownership of Rags to Riches.
8. Rags to Riches provide rescue back up for life, as well as advice, guidance and support. If for any reason you are unable to care for the dog, you are legally required to return it to us for rehoming. By signing this contract, you confirm that you are aware that you are prevented by law from passing the dog onto another person, rescue or other organisation at any point whatsoever.
9. By signing this contract, you agree that an adopter or veterinarian may not euthanise a Rags to Riches dog without our consent. Only if a dog is in pain with no hope of survival will we accept euthanasia as the last resort, except in an extreme emergency or due to advanced illness or old age. Please inform your veterinarian of this.
10. Adopters must keep in regular contact with Rags to Riches throughout the dog's life.
11. In signing this contract, you agree to the dog not living or sleeping outside, or being kept on a chain or in a kennel. Please note we do not allow the use of prong collars or electric shock collars to be used on any of our dogs.
12. If we have reason to believe that any dog adopted via Rags to Riches is being mistreated in any way, we will remove the dog from the home immediately and legal proceedings

may follow. By signing this contract, you are agreeing to take responsibility for the dog's health and happiness for life and we will take all appropriate action to remedy any failure to meet those obligations.

Whilst this contract serves to form the basis of our agreement with you as an adopter, we would point out that exceptional or unexpected circumstances may require further advice or instruction from a member of the Rags to Riches board of trustees or approved representative. Where such circumstances apply, whether provided verbally or in writing, we will for the purposes of legal liability treat any further specific instructions in relation to your rescue dog, as if they were included and agreed to within this contract and failure to adhere to such instructions will be treated as breach of contract.

We want your relationship with your Romanian rescue dog to be a long, happy, fulfilling and mutually beneficial relationship, but we must reiterate that adoption of a dog carries with it significant responsibility and you must ensure that you have satisfied yourself that you are in a position to accept that responsibility prior to signing this or any other associated agreement.

The adopter agrees that signature of this contract indicates their acceptance of FULL legal responsibility for the dog adopted.

Please sign **ONLY** if you have read, understood and agree to the obligations set out in this contract in their entirety.

SIGNED (Adopter) date

SIGNED (Fosterer) date

For joint adoptions please continue to add details and signature of second adopter

ADOPTER 2 DETAILS..... POSTCODE PHONE NUMBER
MOBILE(S) EMAIL
SIGNED (Adopter 2) date