



P.O. Box 393, Catharpin, VA 20143

### CANINE ADOPTION AGREEMENT

I/we are adopting the following dog from Gray Face Acres Senior dog Rescue ("GFA"): Name: _____ ("the dog") Sex: _____ Altered: Y/N Breed: _____ Color/Markings: _____ Age: _____ Special Notes:
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We are here to promote a healthy relationship between you and your GFA dog and encourage you to call us with any questions or concerns:

Primary Contact: Georgia Dodson, 240-464-1545, [georgiadodson90@yahoo.com](mailto:georgiadodson90@yahoo.com)

Secondary Contact: Jade Nguyen, 703-298-7516, [ahhprods@gmail.com](mailto:ahhprods@gmail.com)

The adoption fee is \$300: cash, check payable to Gray Face Acres, or credit card via the donation button at [www.grayfaceacres.org](http://www.grayfaceacres.org).

The parties hereto agree that the adopters shall abide by the following conditions:

1. The dog is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the dog to treat and to be responsible for the dog as their own dog.
2. I/we are 18 years of age or older.
3. I/we agree that GFA has sole discretion in determining what is healthy, humane, proper, appropriate, acceptable, reasonable, and what constitutes neglect and/or abuse.
4. I/we understand that I/we are adopting this dog in "as is" condition, and I/we realize that this dog may need further training and/or treatment.
5. I/we will take the dog to a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of adoption for a general physical examination and any necessary vaccinations, deworming, medications, and/or medical treatment, at my own expense.
6. I/we will provide all required and/or necessary veterinary care by a licensed veterinarian, including but not limited to: annual wellness exams, rabies shots every one or three years as instructed; annual booster shots for DHLPPC; annual fecal checks for internal parasites (worms), annual heartworm tests, year-round heartworm preventative purchased directly from or approved by a licensed veterinarian, and flea/tick preventative as recommended by a veterinarian. I/we will provide immediate treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness and/or injury, and I/we will follow all veterinarian instructions while under treatment, including but not limited to the proper administration of medication.

7. The dog will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I/we will do our best to ensure the dog's safety and well-being. I/we will provide a humane environment, including healthy, appropriate food to be fed daily in the morning and evening, or on a schedule agreed upon by GFA. I/we will provide clean and fresh water at all times, clean bedding, appropriate toys, and safe, clean, dry, temperate shelter indoors. Diapers, belly bands, and other sanitary garments will be changed as needed to keep the dog clean and dry.
8. I/we will maintain sanitary and healthy grooming at all times, including but not limited to that of the nails, ears, and coat.
9. The dog will live inside my/our home only and will not be isolated from the family. I/we will safely exercise the dog on a leash or in a safe, securely-fenced area. I/we will never let the dog run loose or roam unless in a securely-fenced area and directly supervised at all times. I/we will not chain or otherwise tie-up the dog indoors. I/we will only tie-up the dog outdoors using a humane lead and collar or harness, for no more than 2 hours at a time. In temperatures above 85 degrees Fahrenheit or below 35 degrees Fahrenheit and/or when there is a weather advisory in effect, I/we will not leave the dog outdoors for more than 15 minutes at a time. I/we will never leave the dog outdoors in any situation for any amount of time without direct and appropriate supervision.
10. If the dog is taken to a public area, I/we will take appropriate caution with other animals and humans. Daily exercise will be provided consistent with the dog's age and condition.
11. I/we will never use a choke, prong, or other inhumane harness or collar. No electric or shock devices may be placed on the dog without GFA approval.
12. I/we may use an appropriately-sized, clean, humane crate or pen indoors for 4 hours or less, unless GFA deems such crating is not acceptable at all. I/we may use an acceptable crate or pen overnight, but only for the purpose of sleeping.
13. I/we will never have the dog attack-trained nor will I/we use the dog for any purpose other than companionship. I/we will never have the dog's ears cropped, have the dog's tail docked, or perform any kind of bodily alteration unless deemed medically necessary by a licensed veterinarian. I/we will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional neglect and/or abuse of the dog.
14. I/we will not allow smoking or vaping inside the home.
15. If a pool, hot tub, or similar item is currently or subsequently installed, I/we will notify and allow GFA to inspect for safety before the dog is allowed within 5 feet.
16. The following statement is required by Virginia law: STERILIZATION OF ANY ADOPTED DOG IS REQUIRED BY TITLE 3.1, CHAPTER 27.4, ARTICLE 6.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA. THE ADOPTER AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 3.1-796.126:1-7, WHICH PERTAIN TO THE TIMELY STERILIZATION OF THE ADOPTED PET. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO CIVIL PENALTY. THE NEW OWNER MAY BE COMPELLED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

If not already done, I/we will have the dog spayed/neutered and microchipped within 60 days of adoption and will forward proof to GFA within these 60 days. I/we will register the microchip with at least one nationwide database such as <https://www.foundanimals.org/> and

[www.freepetchipregistry.com](http://www.freepetchipregistry.com) (no charge) and will ensure the registered information is current at all times (i.e. contact info).

17. I/we affirm that no member of my household has ever been convicted of an animal welfare law violation including but not limited to: neglect, cruelty, and/or abandonment.

18. I/we will license the dog within 30 days of adoption and renew annually. I/we will attach the appropriate license tags, rabies tag, and personal identification tag to an acceptable collar to be worn at all times. I/we will ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes.

19. I/we are adopting the dog for myself/ourselves and I/we agree to not give away, sell, trade, or otherwise re-home the dog, even to a friend or family member. I/we will not relinquish the dog to a shelter nor abandon the dog in any way. I/we understand that I/we must notify GFA immediately if I/we can no longer properly care for or keep the dog and agree to give GFA reasonable time to re-home the dog or place the dog in an approved foster home.

20. I/we agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at our own risk and I/we release GFA and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of the dog. I/we agree that I/we are assuming total financial responsibility for the dog as of the date of this signed contract. GFA and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the dog.

21. In the event the dog becomes lost or dies, I/we will immediately notify GFA.

22. I/we will immediately notify GFA of contact information changes (address, phone number, and/or email address).

23. I/we understand and agree that GFA makes no express or implied warranty, representation or promise to the age, health, breed, condition, training, behavior, habits, disposition, temperament, or safety of the dog. I/we hereby accept the dog as is, assume all risks and responsibilities associated with the ownership of the dog, including but not limited to bites, and I/we hereby fully and completely release, indemnify and hold harmless GFA, its directors, officers, volunteers, servants, and employees from any claim, cause of action or liability of any sort or nature, whether known or unknown, directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the adoption, care, ownership, maintenance, temperament, and/or condition of the dog. The dog's background and medical history known at the time of adoption have been discussed with me.

24. I/we understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I/we are entering into a legal and binding contract with GFA. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by GFA to the full extent of the law, including but not limited to the immediate and permanent removal of the dog by GFA with impunity.

25. I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the foregoing adoption contract and that I/we will comply with the same for the life of the dog.

This contract is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Adopter:**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone H \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Adopter:**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**GFA Representative:**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_