



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:

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: Erin Dams, 414-220-0193, GrayFaceAcresErinD@gmail.com

Secondary Contact: Jade Nguyen, 703-298-7516, GrayFaceAcresJadeN@gmail.com

The adoption fee is \$350: cash, check payable to Gray Face Acres, or credit card via the donation button at www.grayfaceacres.org.

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

Initial Below:

____ 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. I/we agree that GFA may require the return of the dog at any time with impunity if GFA determines any of these situations exist, and that the return of the dog will occur within the timeframe set by GFA. Failure to return the dog in this timeframe will result in GFA taking legal action.

____ 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 understand that it may take at least 14 days for the dog and I to settle in together. By adopting this dog, I am committing to this period of adjustment.

____ 6. I/we promise to take the dog to a licensed veterinarian within 10 days of adoption for a general physical examination and any necessary vaccinations, deworming, medications, and/or medical treatment, at my own expense.

____ 7. I/we promise to 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.

____ 8. 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.

____ 9. I/we will maintain sanitary and healthy grooming at all times, including but not limited to that of the nails, ears, and coat.

____ 10. 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. I/we will not leave the dog outdoors for more than 15 minutes at a time in temperatures above 85 degrees or below 40 degrees. I/we will not leave the dog outside when there is a weather advisory in effect. I/we will never leave the dog outdoors in any situation for any amount of time without direct and appropriate supervision.

____ 11. 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.

____ 12. I/we will never use a choke, prong, or other inhumane harness, collar, or muzzle. No electric or shock devices may be placed on the dog without GFA approval.

____ 13. 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.

____ 14. 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.

____ 15. I/we will not allow smoking or vaping inside the home.

____ 16. 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 of the item.

____ 17. 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.

____ 18. 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 (no charge) and will ensure the registered information is current at all times (i.e. contact info).

____ 19. I/we affirm that neither I nor any member of my household has ever been convicted of an animal welfare law violation including but not limited to: neglect, cruelty, and/or abandonment.

____ 20. 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.

____ 21. 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 surrender 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.

____ 22. I/we understand that all GFA dogs are rescue animals, and their health is not guaranteed. GFA makes a significant effort to detect medical issues and inform adopters, but may not be aware of medical conditions and cannot predict any health issues. The dog's background and medical history known at the time of adoption have been discussed with me.

____ 23. 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.

____ 24. I/we understand that all animals respond to situations differently, and that such response may be unpredictable. GFA makes no claims, representations or warranty, expressed or implied, as to the behavior or temperament of the dog. 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

____ 25. In the event the dog becomes lost or dies, I/we will immediately notify GFA.

____ 26. I/we will immediately notify GFA of contact information changes (address, phone number, and/or email address).

____ 27. 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.

____ 28. 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.

____ 29. 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:

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Co-Adopter:

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Phone _____

GFA Representative:

Print Name _____

Signature _____