



Last Name of Adopter: _____

Dog Name: _____

Microchip Number: _____

This ADOPTION CONTRACT is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20_____, between SOUTHEAST GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE, INC. (hereinafter "SGSR") and _____ (hereinafter "Adopter").

The Adopter agrees to adopt the following dog (hereinafter called "Animal") from Southeast German Shepherd Rescue:

Breed: _____ Age: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____

SGSR wants you to enjoy your new pet. SGSR is interested both in your satisfaction and in the welfare of the Animal. In order to ensure these objectives and upon consideration given and the mutual promises contained herein, SGSR and the Adopter jointly agree to the following:

The Southeast German Shepherd Rescue agrees to:

1. transfer the Animal to the Adopter with a Southeast German Shepherd Rescue I.D. tag.
2. provide (a) the initial inoculation against distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus and parainfluenza; (b) a routine de-worming; (c) a heartworm test to dogs six months and older; and (d) a rabies shot to dogs four months or older.

In return, as Adopter, I (We) agree to the following:

1. not to keep the Animal on leased or rented property where a "No Pets" policy is in force and not to house the Animal solely outside.
2. to provide indoor housing, adequate fresh food and water, clean and dry shelter, and daily exercise.
3. to obey all applicable laws governing control and custody of animals.
4. to provide a safe collar with a Rabies tag and an ID tag with Adopter's current address and telephone number.
5. to prevent Animal offspring. If the Animal does produce offspring, it is a breach of this contract and the Adopter must immediately return the adopted Animal and its offspring to the Southeast German Shepherd Rescue.
6. to sterilize the Animal by _____ (date). Proof of spay/neuter and microchip implantation shall be provided to SGSR at sgsrescue@gmail.com within seven (7) days of said spay/neuter. If the adopter's veterinarian is of the opinion that the animal is not ready to be sterilized by the above date, the Adopter's veterinarian must provide a letter to Southeast German Shepherd Rescue on letterhead stating the reasons for postponement and the new surgery date. If proof of altering is not provided, the adopter will be issued a warning and the \$75 sterilization deposit shall be considered a donation. If proof of altering is still not provided, SGSR retains full right to reclaim the dog.
7. during the two week trial period, if the SGSR dog described above requires routine vet care (SGSR-approved Vaccines, Dewormer, Preventives), please contact sgsrescue@gmail.com so we can schedule an appointment with a SGSR veterinarian. Pre-approval MUST be given or SGSR will not cover the costs incurred. Vet care required due to any other reason is not covered by SGSR during the two-week trial period. After the two week trial period is over, the Adopter agrees to provide all medical care and treatment needed by the Animal. This includes annual checkups, any vaccinations, and preventive medications. The preventive medication for the dog described above is next due on _____ (date).
8. to adopt the Animal only as a personal pet and companion and not as a gift, not as a chained guard dog, and not ever to be used for research purposes.
9. to allow Southeast German Shepherd Rescue to visit my premises to ensure that the terms of this agreement have been kept.
10. to return the Animal to Southeast German Shepherd Rescue rather than to abandon, give, transfer or sell him/her. I (We) agree to give Southeast German Shepherd Rescue a 3 week notice to take the Animal back into their rescue program.
11. If I (We) decide to give the Animal away, I (We) agree to give it only to a person(s) who agrees to be bound by this contract and only after the new owner signs a transfer contract with Southeast German Shepherd Rescue.

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- 12. to pay the costs, including attorney's fees, of Southeast German Shepherd Rescue if the Southeast German Shepherd Rescue must take action against the Adopter or his or her representatives or agents to enforce any of the terms of the Animal Adoption Contract.
- 13. to pay the non-refundable adoption fee and the refundable spay/neuter fee set forth below. I understand that I have the Animal for a trial period (typically two weeks) and that I may return the Animal within the trial period, if I so choose, and receive a full refund. The trial period is agreed to end _____. I understand that to receive an extension to the trial period, I must contact a representative of Southeast German Shepherd Rescue and get a verbal authorization to add additional time to the trial period. Any such extension must be in writing.
- 14. to accept the liability for and to prevent any damaging Animal behavior. While in the care of Southeast German Shepherd Rescue, the Animal displayed the following behaviors:

The above description does not guarantee the Animal will always exhibit such behavior or that him/her will not develop new behaviors; it is simply meant to describe the Animal's exhibited personality while in the SGSR's care. These behaviors were documented by volunteers who are neither professional nor certified animal behaviorists nor trainers.

Unusual conditions for the contract:

The terms of this Agreement shall be subject to the laws and jurisdiction of Wake County, North Carolina and venue in such court shall be proper. The parties acknowledge and consent that any disputes regarding this Agreement shall be heard in Wake County Court.

If any of the above conditions are not met by the Adopter; ownership of the Animal shall revert to the Southeast German Shepherd Rescue upon demand. I give my permission for an agent of the Southeast German Shepherd Rescue to remove the Animal from my premises and entry shall not constitute a trespass upon the premises occupied.

The following Adoption Fee check made out to Southeast German Shepherd Rescue is submitted herewith:

_____ **Unaltered Dog = \$300 (\$225 Adoption Fee + \$75 Refundable Sterilization Deposit)**
 _____ **Altered Dog = \$300 Adoption Fee**
 _____ **Puppy= \$300 Adoption Fee + \$100 deposit (will return deposit when puppy is sterilized or you can use one of our partner vets and have your puppy sterilized and \$100 will cover that procedure)**

Adopter verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older, and fully understands the contractual obligations set above.

Date	Adopter (Print)	Joint Adopter (Print)
Adopter's Signature	Address	Home Phone
Joint Adopter's Signature	City	State Zip
Signature of SGSR representative	Email of Adopter	

Please keep in touch with us! We would love to hear from you about your dog's progress and growth; we too have grown attached to your dog in the time we cared for him/her! Ask about the Annual Rescue Reunion as well.

NOTE: It is recommended that the Adopter have their new dog examined by a personal vet during the trial period. SGSR cannot guarantee the health of the dog.