

## **Pet Savers, Inc. ADOPTION INSTRUCTIONS (Dogs)**

Owning a pet is a commitment and serious responsibility. Animals are usually not able to help themselves if they are hungry, thirsty, hot, cold, tired, sick, or frightened, and they can't tell us what they need.

Besides love and companionship, please meet the basic needs of \_\_\_\_\_ by following these guidelines: (\_\_\_\_\_ weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds.)

### **FOOD AND WATER:**

Buy a recognized commercial dog food such as Pedigree or Purina brand. Dry dog food manufacturers will state on the back of the bag the exact amount of food needed by your dog every day. NEVER give chicken bones (or any bones that could splinter) to your cat or dog! Keep table scraps and "treats" to a minimum. NEVER give chocolate! Dogs need to have one or two meals only. ALWAYS have clean water available to your pet in a place your pet can find. DO NOT expect a child to be responsible for the pet!

### **SHELTER AND BEDDING:**

Pets must always have shade and shelter available in summer and warm shelter in winter, preferably inside at night, or at the very least a warm dog house with hay or bedding. Most pets like sleeping on something soft.

### **WORMS, FLEAS, AND PESTS:**

HEARTWORMS may be the worst problem dogs have in the South. They are caused by a mosquito bite and cannot be seen in or around the animal. You MUST agree to give your dog a monthly heartworm preventive (Ex: Heartgard or Interceptor) from your veterinarian to prevent this serious infestation. Treatment is hard on the dog and very expensive. We do not test, but we give monthly preventive! Other types of worms are easily and inexpensively treated. Fleas are now a thing of the past if you use one of the new products from your vet such as Advantage or Frontline.

### **VETERINARY CARE:**

Your dog's next heartworm pill is due \_\_\_\_\_. Please make an appointment with your veterinarian to meet the dog and obtain the pills before then. All pets need their Rabies vaccinations. If you do not have a veterinarian now, please ask for our help finding one.

### **EXERCISE AND ELIMINATION:**

Most dogs adapt to a leash and love to go for walks with their owners. You can BOTH stay in shape this way! Your neighbors will appreciate it if you carry a couple of plastic bags for picking up after your dog. The Times newspaper bags are perfect...you slip your arm into one, pick up the poop, peel the bag back over your arm, tie in a knot and throw in a garbage can.

With proper care, your pet can offer you unconditional love and joy for many years to come.

### **QUESTIONS:**

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For Pet Savers' Records:

**NEW OWNER PLEDGE:**

I agree to give \_\_\_\_\_ a good chance to adjust in my home unless serious problems occur. If we cannot meet each others' needs, I will call Pet Savers and make arrangements for returning him/her. I will NOT take the animal to the local pound, give it away, or sell it. I understand that Pet Savers CANNOT GUARANTEE that the dog is never going to be aggressive or that it will not bite or that it is house-trained or that it is in any way perfect.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my \$80 (minimum) donation to Pet Savers to partially cover expenses. If the puppy is not old enough, Pet Savers will spay or neuter at no additional charge. I will call Robinson's Rescue Spay/Neuter Clinic for an appt. and take the voucher Pet Savers has given me.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /20\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How I heard about Pet Savers: \_\_\_\_\_