**Doodleaid Adoption Policies, Guidelines and Contract:**

**Adopting a dog means making a promise, you vow to be his/her friend and guardian for as long as he/she is around.**

This means taking him/her out for walks even when the weather is bad, teaching him obedience even when it seems like he/she not learning, and giving him/her tummy rubs even when you’re mad at him/her for chewing up your favourite slippers.

Adopting a dog means making arrangements for him/her when you can’t be around to look after him/her, and taking him/her with you when you move house. It means treating him/her with respect, teaching him/her how to live amongst your family and society. That’s a big promise.

In return you’ll get a wagging tail to meet you ate the door when you come home, a tireless tennis-ball fetching partner and the ending joy that is only possible to experience from sharing your life with a dog. It’s a fabulous deal as long as you’re able to hold up your end of the deal.

**So, before you take on this dog, ask yourself, can you make this promise and keep it.**

Doodleaid aim to ensure that all dogs which are referred to us for rehoming should be found loving, forever new homes, where a lifestyle, appropriate to their temperament and need can be reasonably assured. Doodleaid reserves the right to ownership of the animal should the contract be breached.

* Prospective owners must be age 21 years or over
* Doodleaid will not re-home to potential owners who are likely to leave the dog home alone for long periods of time (over 4 hours on a regular basis)
* All dogs offered for adoption before neutering (for example bitches who have only just finished a season cannot be neutered for 3 months as this may compromise their health, or other conditions where it is not advisable) MUST not be neutered until they have been with you for 4 weeks to allow them time to settle and MUST be neutered within three months of being adopted unless written agreement has been given by Doodleaid to delay this.
* The new owner is responsible for veterinary treatment and third-party liability from the moment the dogs is transferred into the new family’s ownership. They must register the dog at the vet and where applicable, must make registration changes to any microchip the dogs has.
* Doodleaid requires that any adopted dog is covered under Pet Insurance for the life of the dog, OR in the absence of such insurance, that the recipient home agrees to provide any necessary vet treatment unreservedly for the life of the dog.
* The new owner is responsible for neutering and the associated costs. Doodleaid will require proof once the procedure is complete. Doodleaid can contribute £75 towards the cost of neutering the dog if needed, upon production of a receipt from the vet for the procedure.
* Doodleaid will require that the dog is microchipped if it has not been chipped already. This should be carried out as soon as possible after adoption. Doodleaid will require confirmation of the microchip details for their records.
* Doodleaid will not re-home to a home where a dog will be kept outside.
* We expect new owners to give the dog a reasonable amount of time to settle and adjust to their new life, however if an incompatibility arises the dog MUST be returned to Doodleaid as soon as possible. Doodleaid cannot accept responsibility for the temperament of any dog once it has been rehomed. Once a dog has settled into a new home his /her behaviour can sometimes change. We can only advise on the temperament of any dog based on information provided by the previous owner. Where the previous owner has highlighted a specific behavioural problem Doodleaid we will arrange a behavioural assessment prior to advertising the dog and details of this assessment will be shared in full with any potential owners. Previously fostered dogs are given health and temperament assessments.
* A member of Doodleaid should be able to visit your home at any time of ownership to ensure that the dog is happy, settled and all their welfare needs are being met.
* All owners are asked to sign our adoption contract.
* Doodleaid encourages new owners to provide updates and have contact with the previous owners. In a lot cases the previous owner has had to give up their dog due to illness or family circumstances, and this can be incredible hard on them. Knowing that the new owners can agree in advance to keep them updated and knowing that their dog is happy settled goes a long way.
* Doodles coats need regular brushing and the new owner must realise the time and commitment this takes. Failure to allocate time to this will result in the dog becoming severely matted and the only solution is to have the dog shaved. A badly matted coat not only causes pain and discomfort to the dog, but can also cause conditions such a wet eczema and other skin problems.
* Doodleaid DOES NOT SELL DOGS. We rely solely on the generosity of donations and hold fundraising events to cover some of the costs incurred with rehoming and fostering dogs. We do ask new owners to make a donation between £280 and £320 when adopting the dog. The amount will be specified in the dog’s advert.
* All puppies up to the age of six months must attend puppy socialisation/training classes or additional training classes/1-2-1 training sessions for older dogs if the dog has any known behavioural problems.
* Doodleaid insist that he/she will be properly fed, have access to water at all times, exercised and stimulated and receive veterinary treatment whenever necessary. We recommend that all dogs should be treated regularly and protected against fleas, ticks and lungworm. Dogs should be vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus as a minimum with a kennel cough vaccine recommended. Regular boosters should be given or titre testing done to check their immunity.
* An identity tag must be worn by the dog at all times when out even if the dog is microchipped. This is a legal requirement and must contain your name (your name if preferred over the dogs to prevent theft), a phone number (mobile is best) and your address – house number and postcode is adequate.
* Dogs should not be let off their lead until you can rely on their recall. Doodleaid recommends a long line or secure area in which to practice recall. Dogs should only be allowed to run free away from the dangers of roads and other potential dangers such as fast flowing water, near cliff edges etc…
* Please keep the dog safe and secure at all times, do not let the dog stray or be out alone after dark otherwise he/she could be stolen and possibly used for vivisection, dog baiting or puppy farm breeding. Never leave the dog in the car alone at any time or tied up outside a shop.
* There is no guarantee that the dog is, or will be, free from disease of behavioural problems. Doodleaid make every effort to confirm that the dog is healthy and socially acceptable before placing. Doodleaid cannot however, exclude the possibility of a lurking disorder in a particular dog or an unknown congenital condition from the founder breeds.

**Dogs details:**

**Name:**

**Breed:**

**Colour:**

**Gender:**

**Neutered or Spayed:**

**DOB:**

**Microchip number:**

**Registered with:**

**Vaccinations: up to date:**

**Booster or titre testing next due:**

**Flea/Tick/Lungworm treatment and date last administered:**

**Worming treatment and date last administered:**

(We recommend that you follow your vet’s advice for future vaccinations, flea/tick/lungworm and worming treatments going forward)

**Health issues identified: None**

**Behaviour issues identified:**

**Current feeding regime and brand:**

**Any known allergies:**

**Current exercise regime:**

**Any known dislikes or things the dog is scared of:**

**Favourite games and toys:**

**Are you happy to send update via email to the previous owner?**

**Previous owners email address:**

**Frequency of updates:**

**Are you happy for the previous owner to contact you via email between updates?**

**Adoption Contract**

On this the

I/We: (names)

Of: (address)

Postcode:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

I/We promise that the dog will be kept in the house, as a family member. Comfortable indoor sleeping will be provided for him/her.

I/We undertake to have him/her neutered as soon as possible. I/We agree that this must be done within the first three months of adopting the dog, unless Doodleaid have provided me with written authority due to a specific reason.

I/We undertake that the dog will be groomed regularly and keep his/her coat brushed between grooms to prevent matting.

I/We will under no circumstances use the dog/bitch for breeding.

I/We understand that the dog cannot be sold, given or passed on to any other person or animal organisation/charity, without prior consent from Doodleaid. Nor can he/she be euthanized without prior consultation with Doodleaid – except in a medical emergency to ease suffering. If any stage throughout his/ her lifetime I/We become unable to keep him/her for whatever reason, he/she will be returned to Doodleaid for further rehoming.

I/We understand that Doodleaid have passed on in full, all the information that has been made available to them about the dog concerned, and accept that signing this form, I/We assume full responsibility for the above-mentioned dog.

I/We agree to Doodleaid policies and guidelines and agree to abide by their guidelines detailed above.

I/We agree to love and care for (dogs name) provide him/her with a safe and comfortable home and do whatever is needed to ensure her welfare, happiness and wellbeing are maintained at all times.

I/We agree to allow a member of the Doodleaid Team to visit our home at any time during the dog’s lifetime, with sufficient notice, to ensure the dog is happy, settled and all their welfare needs are being met. I/We understand that Doodleaid have the right to remove the dog from my/our home if they feel that their welfare needs are not being met.

I/We understand that Doodleaid accepts no liability for the costs of veterinary treatment for any condition known, or unknown at the time of adoption, unless detailed in writing and agreed by the trustees.

I/We understand that Doodleaid cannot be held responsible for any loss or injury incurred as a result of any matter not declared in the adoption, rehoming or fostering agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, any matter relating to the occupants and/or visitors to the premises (in particular respect to the ages of those resident or visiting the property where the adopted/fostered dog is present).

I/We understand that it can take time for a dog to settle and that we will support them during this time. We will give the dog a reasonable amount of time and work through any issues known or unknown at the time of adoption. If the dog does need to be rehomed, we understand that Doodleaid may not be in a position to remove the dog immediately and we agree to keep the dog until an alternative home can be found. If the dog needs to be rehomed after one week of ownership, the donation fee is Not refundable.

I/We understand that in cases where a dog/bitch is still entire that we are responsible for neutering along with the associated costs. I/We agree that this will be in line with the guidelines for timing stated above and that I/We will provide proof to Doodleaid once the procedure is complete.

I/We understand that this document is a legally binding contract

Print name: Print name:

Signature: Signature:

Name and Signature of authorised Doodleaid person:

Karen Harvey K. Harvey

Caroline King C. King