

HAND ME DOWN DOBES ADOPTION CONTRACT – TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOTE: THIS IS A LEGAL CONTRACT

With Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc.
PO Box 12325, Columbus, OH 43212
614-470-2851

Dobe # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL HISTORY:

DHLPPC (1st booster) \_\_\_\_\_ DHLPPC (2nd) \_\_\_\_\_ (3rd) \_\_\_\_\_ (4th) \_\_\_\_\_
Heartworm Antigen Test \_\_\_\_\_ Result \_\_\_\_\_ Preventative Given \_\_\_\_\_
Worming: (1st worming) \_\_\_\_\_ (2nd worming) \_\_\_\_\_ Additional \_\_\_\_\_
Bordetella \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies \_\_\_\_\_ Tag # \_\_\_\_\_
Date of Spay or Neuter \_\_\_\_\_
If not already done, your dog MUST be spayed or neutered by \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption fee paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL BEFORE SIGNING THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT.

1. I agree to provide humane treatment to include companionship, kind treatment, restraint to my property, training, grooming, a constant supply of fresh water, a quality diet, yearly preventative and necessary veterinary care, and appropriate shelter for this dog. I agree to surrender ownership of the animal to the group if for any reason representatives of Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc. considers the living conditions provided unsatisfactory. I will inform the group of any address change.

2. I will not permit the dog to run at large or become a public nuisance. The pet will be vaccinated on a yearly basis and licensed and ID tagged in accordance with the State and Local laws. The rescue tag issued by the group will remain on the dog's collar for the life of the animal.

3. I agree to have the dog checked by my own vet within 14 days of adoption at my own expense. I will assume the cost of any treatment required. Note: All dogs must remain on heartworm preventative all year round.

4. I agree to return the dog to the program if at any time I am no longer able to keep or adequately provide for the dog. I agree to never abandon the dog or surrender, sell, or give the dog to a shelter, pet dealer, or a laboratory.

5. I agree to notify the Rescue Program if the dog is lost or stolen and to make all reasonable efforts to locate the dog.

6. I agree to never allow this dog to be trained for or used for protection or as an attack dog.

7. I agree to never transport this dog unconfined in an open vehicle.

8. I agree to notify the Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc. of the dog's annual progress.

9. I agree to allow the Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc. to periodically check on this dog.

10. I understand that introducing a new dog into a household with existing pets can result in behavioral changes in both the incoming and resident pets. I have considered this possibility and am prepared to deal with it to make the necessary adjustments of introducing this dog to his/her new home as easy as possible on the dog and the family. I agree to contact the Rescue Program if and when problems arise so that the problem may be eliminated or alleviated. If the problem is determined to be out of the group's realm of experience, I will seek a referral for a reputable professional from them.

11. I understand that obedience training is a requirement of the terms of the adoption of this dog. I promise to enroll said dog in an obedience class within two months of this contract date. I understand that positive methods of training help to reinforce the bond between new dog and owner. Sending the dog away for training is not acceptable. A copy of certificate of completion must be given to the rescuer within 10 business days after completing the course. If I am unable to find a reputable professional trainer, I will contact the Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc. for a referral. National K9 is not an approved training facility.

12. I understand and agree that any sum I have given to Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc. is applied toward their work in caring for this and other dogs in the program and is non-refundable. I understand that the group has made every substantial effort to see that all adopted dogs are in good health. However, it is always possible that a dog can harbor an illness in an incubation stage and therefore may become ill after adoption. Although, the possibility is low, I understand that if my adopted dog should become ill within a few days of adoption, I agree to contact the group to discuss discounted veterinary care. If I choose not to contact the group before seeking veterinary services, I understand that I am responsible for the fees charged for services rendered.

13. If I fail to comply with this contract, Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc. can and will repossess the pet. I also understand that I will be responsible for all court costs and all attorney fees representing either the adopter or rescue group. By initialing the above, I have indicated that I have read, understood, and agreed with this entire contract.

14. In consideration of the adoption of this dog, I agree to assume full responsibility for the conduct of this dog upon the date of this contract. I understand that Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc. makes no representations or guarantees about the temperament, health, or mental disposition of any dog available for adoption. I understand that the dog has been evaluated for both temperament and health issues to the best of the group's ability. I accept this dog as is, and assume all risks of ownership of the dog, including the risk of injury or damage caused by the dog, including dog bites. I further agree to hold harmless the rescue program, its board of directors, its officers, its volunteers, and any individual associated with the program and to indemnify such organizations or individuals for any damages or costs resulting from liability, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated as a result of the dog's conduct after the date of this adoption contract.

Circle if applicable.

It has been made known to me that this dog may not be safe around small children cats other dogs. This has either been determined through the group's evaluation methods or was indicated on the owner release form that is required at the time that an owner surrender dog enters the program. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Adopter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Rescuer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_