
ALBERTA (AB) HERDING DOG RESCUE ADOPTION AGREEMENT

I/We hereby acknowledge that I am/we are 18 years of age or older OR have completed this application with the permission and assistance of a parent or legal guardian. I/We understand and agree that submitting this application form does not automatically approve my/our application to adopt from Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue, and that there are certain processes to complete, such as the Home Visit and the Meet n Greet with the dog(s) of interest, before I am/we are approved.

I/We acknowledge and understand that if my/our application is approved, I/we shall be entitled to a **one month trial period** (minimum) with the dog(s), to determine the suitability of the dog(s) to my/our family and lifestyle. At any time during this trial period should I/we determine the dog(s) is not a suitable match, I/we shall immediately notify AB-HDR and arrange to return the dog(s) to AB-HDR, and the adoption fee shall be returned to me/us. Other than the adoption fee, I/we shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any expenses incurred by me/us on behalf of the dog during the trial period, including, but not limited to food, medical expenses, training class fees, licensing, etc.

I/We agree to abide by any and all local bylaws with respect to dog ownership, including, but not limited, to all licensing and kenneling requirements as well as provide adequate food, water, shelter and exercise necessary to maintain the proper health of the dog. At no time shall I/we allow the dog to roam at will, keep the dog tied/chained outside on a permanent basis or leave the dog outside, unsupervised, during my/our absence. I/We further agree that the dog shall not be allowed to ride loose in the back of any open truck bed.

In the event that I/We decide to enrol the dog in training classes, I/we agree that I/we will only enrol the dog in classes where the instructors promote and use positive reward based training methods. I/We will NOT enrol the dog in classes where the instructors use punishment, harsh corrections and intimidation in the training of the dogs, and use (or promote the use of) aversive tools such as prong, pinch or electric shock collars.

I/We agree to ensure that the dog receives the appropriate vaccinations or titres, including but not limited to Rabies, Distemper, Hepatitis/Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus as recommended by my/our veterinarian. In the event of injury or sickness, I/we shall have the dog(s) checked by a Veterinarian. In the event the injury or sickness is life threatening or the dog(s) requires extensive/cost prohibitive treatment, I/we shall contact AB-HDR, if only to inform AB-HDR of a decision to euthanize.

In the event that I/we, for whatever reason, am/are unable to keep the dog at any time, I/we agree to return the dog to AB Herding Dog Rescue at my/our expense. Alternatively, in the event that a Third Party has expressed an interest in owning the dog, written approval from AB Herding Dog Rescue is required before Ownership of the dog shall be transferred to the Third Party. Such approval from AB Herding Dog Rescue shall not be unreasonably withheld.

I/We acknowledge that I/we will be (or have been) advised of any physical limitations, mental conditions or behaviour problems, should they exist, either in written or verbal communication throughout the application process and that AB Herding Dog Rescue (and/or Cindy Swiney) makes no warranty as to the future conduct of the dog(s). In addition, it does not make any warranty that the dog(s) is/are free from any genetic health problems.

I/We agree to assume sole responsibility and liability for the dog. In doing so, I/we agree to indemnify and save harmless AB-HDR – its members, officers, and directors - from any and all losses and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law or claims of any other nature whatsoever related to the actions of the dog.

In the event that I am/we are in breach of any of the conditions of this contract, AB Herding Dog Rescue shall have the right to remove the dog from my/our care and control or, if necessary, authorize the appropriate authority to seize the dog and return the dog to the care and control of AB Herding Dog Rescue.