

ADOPTION CONTRACT
Save One Soul Animal Rescue League (SOS)

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Dog Name: Heidi Sparks Brief Description: Cowhound / beagle Date of Adoption: 6-14-15

I, Susan Berger, (the adopter), do hereby agree to adopt from Save One Soul Animal Rescue League (SOS), the dog described above (the dog), for an Adoption Fee of \$ 370.00 to be paid in full to SOS.

Furthermore, the parties hereto agree that the adopter shall abide by the following conditions:

1. The dog is being transferred to the adopter with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the dog to treat and to be responsible for it as their own dog.
2. The dog will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. The adopter will do their best to ensure the dog's safety and well-being.
3. The adopter will feed the dog at least twice a day and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.
4. The dog will live inside the adopter's home and will not be isolated from the family. The adopter will never let the dog run loose or roam, keep the dog chained or tied up, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen, or leave the dog outdoors, even in a fenced yard, when no one is at home.
5. The adopter will not have the dog attack-trained nor will the adopter use it for any purpose other than companionship. The adopter will not have any cosmetic surgery performed on the dog (eg, ear cropping, tail docking). The adopter will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the dog.
6. The adopter will take the dog to a licensed veterinarian for regular preventative care at least once per year. The adopter will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care as recommended by the attending veterinarian, including but not limited to: rabies shots, booster shots, fecal checks for internal parasites (worms), and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.
7. The dog will be given heartworm preventative consistently, strictly following the advice of a licensed veterinarian.
8. The adopter will ensure proper licensing of the dog and the adopter will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state requirements.
9. The adopter will not use a choke/prong/shock type collar at any time, except for training under the guidance of a qualified dog trainer. This includes the use of an electronic bark collar or other kinds of correction collar.
10. The adopter is adopting the dog for themselves and agrees to not give away, sell, or trade the dog, even as a gift to a friend or family member. The adopter will neither take the dog to a shelter nor abandon the dog. The adopter understands that they must notify SOS, without delay, if the adopter can no longer care for or keep the dog, and agrees to give SOS reasonable time to rehome the dog. The adopter must notify SOS of any behavioral problems that have occurred at any time before the adopter returns the dog, and the adopter agrees to pay for a professional trainer's evaluation in the case of biting or aggression.
11. The adopter agrees to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at the adopter's own risk and releases SOS and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of the dog. The adopter assumes total financial responsibility for the dog as of the date of this executed contract. SOS and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during the adopter's ownership of the dog.
12. In the event the dog becomes lost, stolen or dies, the adopter will immediately notify SOS. The adopter will also immediately notify SOS of any change of contact information for the adopter (address, phone number, email address).
13. This dog's known background and medical history have been discussed with the adopter. The adopter understands that SOS has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the dog.
14. The adopter agrees to (bolded one): take the dog to basic obedience training classes/**personally teach the dog basic obedience skills.**
15. If marked, the adopter agrees to have the dog spayed/neutered as noted in the Spay/Neuter Addendum and will forward proof of such to SOS within 7 days of completion. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the immediate return of the dog to SOS.
16. If marked, the adopter agrees to work with a professional trainer/behaviorist and/or qualified veterinarian per the terms of the attached Medical/Behavioral Addendum.
17. The adopter understands that deposits and adoption fees are NOT refundable. If the dog is determined to not be a good match within the first 14 days, SOS will work with the adopter to find another SOS dog. SOS will always take our dogs back, but after the adopter has had possession of the dog for 14 days, NO part of the adoption fee is refundable.
18. The adopter agrees to permit SOS to make inquiry about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after adoption. This can include visits to the adopter's home and contact with the adopter's veterinarian.
19. The adopter affirms that no member of the household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment etc.
20. The dog is not legally adopted until the adopter has paid the adoption fee in full and submitted this properly executed contract.
21. THE ADOPTER UNDERSTANDS THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE DOG TO SOS.
22. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by SOS. In the event there is a violation of the agreement, the adopter agrees to pay a minimum of \$500.00 in damages. Furthermore, the adopter agrees to pay for ALL legal and/or court expenses should this contract be violated and it become necessary for SOS to pursue legal avenues to repossess adopted dog or to take ANY legal action for violation of this contract. For legal purposes, the value on this adopted dog is no less than \$1,000.

I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with SOS. By affixing my signature to this adoption agreement, I agree to ALL the above conditions of adoption.

ADOPTER PRINTED NAME: Susan Berger SIGNATURE: Susan Berger DATE: 6-14-15
ADOPTER ADDRESS: 2604 Maple Brook Rd, Bellville, MA TELEPHONE: 978-853-3131
WITNESS PRINTED NAME: Brittany Donahoe SIGNATURE: Brittany Donahoe DATE: 6-14-15
WITNESS ADDRESS: 115 North St Warwick RI TELEPHONE: 401-524-3555