



Sullivan Sanctuary of Maine Dog & Puppy Adoption Contract

This agreement is made between Sullivan Sanctuary of Maine ("Sanctuary") and the adopter named below ("Adopter").

Its purpose is to ensure the lifelong safety, well-being, and humane treatment of the adopted dog or puppy.

Adopter Information

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Animal Information

Dog/Puppy Name:

Breed (if known):

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Approx. Age:

Color/Markings:

1. Adoption Fee

The adoption fee is non-refundable and helps cover the cost of rescue, veterinary care, transport, and daily needs.

Adoption Fee Paid: \$

Date Paid:

2. Health & Veterinary Care

The Sanctuary provides all known medical information at the time of adoption. The Adopter agrees that:

- The Sanctuary makes no guarantee regarding long-term health, behavior, or breed.
- The Adopter will schedule a wellness exam with their veterinarian within 14 days of adoption.
- The Adopter will provide routine and emergency veterinary care, including vaccinations, preventatives, and treatment for illness or injury.
- If the animal is not yet spayed/neutered, the Adopter must sign and comply with the Spay/Neuter Contract.

3. Care & Living Conditions

The Adopter agrees to provide:

- A safe, loving, and humane home
- Indoor living as a family companion (no outdoor-only homes)
- Adequate food, water, shelter, and enrichment
- Daily exercise and socialization
- Protection from abuse, neglect, or unsafe environments

The dog will not be:

- Used for breeding
- Sold, traded, or given away
- Used for guarding, fighting, or any inhumane purpose
- Left outside unattended for extended periods
- Transported loose in the back of a truck

4. Training & Behavior

The Adopter understands that:

- Many rescue dogs need time to decompress and adjust
- Training, structure, and patience are essential
- Professional training may be required for some dogs

The Adopter agrees to use positive, humane training methods only.

5. Return Policy

If the Adopter can no longer keep the dog for any reason, the dog must be returned to Sullivan Sanctuary of Maine.

The Adopter may not rehome, sell, or transfer ownership to any individual or organization.

No refunds are provided.

6. Lost or Stolen Animal

If the dog becomes lost or stolen, the Adopter must notify the Sanctuary within 24 hours and make all reasonable efforts to recover the animal.

7. Right to Reclaim

Sullivan Sanctuary of Maine reserves the right to reclaim the dog if:

- The Adopter violates any part of this contract
- The dog is found in unsafe, neglectful, or abusive conditions
- Required veterinary care (including spay/neuter) is not completed

The Adopter agrees to surrender the dog peacefully if reclamation is necessary.

8. Legal Jurisdiction

This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Maine.

Any disputes will be handled within Maine jurisdiction.

9. Agreement & Signature

By signing below, the Adopter acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agree to all terms of this Dog & Puppy Adoption Contract.

Adopter Printed Name: _____

Adopter Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sanctuary Representative:

Date: _____