

I, _____, understand and agree to abide by the following conditions and restrictions in order to adopt the above German Shepherd Dog named, _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the dog") from Mississippi Valley German Shepherd Dog Rescue, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "MVGSDR"). By signing this agreement, I understand the following:

Care & Treatment:

- I assume full responsibility for the dog's entire lifetime and fully understand that MVGSDR is placing this animal for adoption under this condition.
- I will provide the dog with a loving, secure home and accept this dog into my family.
- I will protect the dog from neglect, abuse and cruelty.
- I will provide proper and sufficient food, fresh water, adequate exercise, proper shelter and kind and careful treatment to the dog at all times.
- I will ensure that the dog wears a collar with ID tags at all times and that the information on those tags is current.
- I will license the dog in compliance with the laws and ordinances in force in the municipality in which I reside.
- I will not leave the dog unsupervised outside for long periods of time.
- I will not chain, leash or otherwise tether the animal to any object indoors or outdoors unsupervised for extended periods of time. (A tie-out to allow the dog to eliminate is acceptable.)
- I understand that I am to keep the dog as a companion animal and will not sell or donate the dog to be used in research, vivisection, fighting, guard work, or any commercial activity.

Return:

- If for any reason I can no longer keep the dog, I will request assistance from MVGSDR to find the dog a new home.
- I understand that if the dog must be returned, MVGSDR does not have a facility and needs at least fourteen (14) days to find an alternative placement for the dog. I understand that it is my responsibility to house, care and attend full responsibility for said dog until alternative placement is found.
- I understand that the dog will be returned to MVGSDR in the same, or better, condition as when it was at the date of adoption.
- In the event that I return the dog to MVGSDR for any reason, I will at no time assert any claim or demand against MVGSDR for any charges, which may have been incurred in connection with the dog.
- I will not give away or sell the dog, or under any circumstance allow the dog to be admitted to any animal control facility, animal shelter, humane society or any such agency, regardless of circumstances.
- I will not transfer the dog to any other person or entity.

Health & Veterinary Care:

- **I will not allow the dog to breed. If the dog has not been altered at the time of adoption, I will contact MVGSDR at (641) 590-4480 by _____ (date) to schedule the dog to be altered at MVGSDR's expense unless otherwise discussed.**
- I will provide veterinary treatment as needed, including all vaccinations and tests to maintain the dog's good health.
- I will maintain the dog on heartworm preventative for the rest of its life.
- Except for any adverse conditions noted above, the dog is presumed to be in good health at the time of adoption. MVGSDR assumes no responsibility for any adverse health conditions, which are not in evidence at the time of adoption.
- I understand that MVGSDR does not have the ability to guarantee the health, temperament, mental disposition and training of the dog once in my ownership.
- I attest to the fact that all of my animals are current on their annual vaccinations.

Behavior & Training:

- If the dog bites anyone, including a member of my family, I will not have the dog euthanized, but will rather contact MVGSDR to discuss how to proceed. MVGSDR retains the right to take back a dog that bites anyone for any reason.
- I understand that all dogs require training to permit adjustment to family and other pets. I accept full responsibility to provide proper and humane training. I understand that MVGSDR strongly urges the new adopter to take the dog to training.
- MVGSDR assumes no liability for any damage or injury to person or property that may result from this adoption, including injury from the dog biting a person.

Adoption Responsibilities:

- I understand that I **MUST** call MVGSDR at **(641) 590-4480** or email MVGSDR at **germanshepherdrescue@gmail.com**, weekly for the first month after my adopting the dog to give MVGSDR an update on how the dog is adjusting to its new family.
- I understand that MVGSDR reserves the right to review this adoption and follow-up on any complaints or reports of abuse or neglect.
- I agree that if MVGSDR, in its sole discretion, should determine at any time that any of the provisions of this agreement have not been fully complied with, MVGSDR shall have the right to enter the premises, remove the dog and return to MVGSDR or local police.
- I agree that if MVGSDR should determine at any time that any of the provisions of this agreement have not been fully complied with, I will return the animal to MVGSDR upon demand.

I acknowledge that MVGSDR charges adoption fees for their dogs to cover veterinary expenses and other costs.

**I agree to pay to MVGSDR the fee of \$ _____ that applies to the dog that I am adopting.
MVGSDR has the discretion to charge more or less for a dog, depending on circumstances, and the dog being adopted.**

I fully and completely release MVGSDR and its members and officers from any claim, cause, action or liability for any illness my animals may develop; even if the illness may have been procured from the dog adopted from MVGSDR.

I agree to hold MVGSDR harmless in all regards to my adoption of the dog by this Adoption Contract.

I have read and understand this Adoption Contract in its entirety and agree to abide by all the conditions and restrictions imposed upon me by MVGSDR, which are designed to safeguard the health and well being of the dog.

Adopter's Signature

Date

MVGSDR Representative's Signature

Date

****ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY****

RECEIPT OF ADOPTION FEE

I, _____, the undersigned representative of Mississippi Valley German Shepherd Dog Rescue, Inc. received an adoption fee in the amount of \$ _____ from _____ in the form of: Cash Check #: _____ Money Order on _____ for the dog named _____.

MVGSDR Representative's Signature

Date

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