

LEGALLY BINDING ADOPTION AGREEMENT
DORCHESTER COUNTY DOG CONTROL/SHERIFF'S OFFICE
829 FIELDCREST RD. CAMBRIDGE, MD 21613
PHONE # 410-228-3083 FAX # 410-228-9869

DATE _____

The recipient agrees to abide by Dorchester County's Dog Control Laws and State Neglect and Cruelty Laws.

- (1) All dogs from this facility will be spayed/neutered and up to date on shots.
- (2) Dogs may not leave the owner's property unless under the effective control of a responsible person.
- (3) Dogs 4 months and older MUST display a current county dog license.

State law requires **All Dogs** 4 months and older to be vaccinated against rabies.

To ensure proper care and treatment for the animals in our charge, we reserve the right to reclaim this animal if the adopter is found to be in violation of this contract, state or county laws or the animal is being kept or treated in a manner unacceptable to us. The undersigned (adopter) agrees to pay all legal and court fees incurred as a result of reclamation efforts by Dorchester County Dog Control.

Dogs will bite and become ill. Dorchester County Dog Control will assume **NO** liability as to the health and temperament of this animal.

The adopter agrees not to abandon, give away or sell this dog should you ever be unable to keep it; but will return it to Dorchester County Dog Control. If it is ever lost or runs away, you will call the Dorchester County Dog Control to file a lost report at 410-228-3083.

I HAVE READ THIS ADOPTION AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY IT.

NAME _____ **SIGNATURE** _____
ADDRESS _____ **WITNESS** _____
_____ **DATE** _____
PHONE _____ **CASE NUMBER** _____
DOG _____ **AGE** _____ **SEX** _____ **BREED** _____ **COLOR** _____
SHOTS _____ **RABIES TAG #** _____

***** **RELEASE, WAIVER AND DISCLOSURE** *****

I _____ the adopter do hereby declare to abide by this contract.
(print name)

- (1) That dogs are different from human beings in their response to human actions:
- (2) That the actions of dogs are often Unpredictable: and
- (3) That dogs should be closely supervised when they are with CHILDREN (especially under the age of 10)
- (4) That the Dorchester County Dog Control makes no claims or representations as to the temperament, health or mental disposition of the dogs put up for adoption.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIABILITY ISSUES ONLY

I hereby accept possession and title of the dog identified above, and hereby Release and Waive any right against Dorchester County Dog Control which I may have now or in the future for damages to person or property caused by said dog, or assistance with vet bills incurred as a result of illness.

DATE _____ **SIGNATURE** _____ **WITNESS** _____

