

WESTIE RESCUE OF MISSOURI, INC.

2224 Evergreen Avenue
Des Moines IA 50320

ADOPTION CONTRACT

Name of Westie Being Adopted: _____ Age: _____ Sex _____ Altered: _____

Name(s) of Person(s) Adopting Westie : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip : _____

Phone Numbers: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Terms of Agreement

Westie Rescue of Missouri, Inc. has been established to provide rescue and care for Westies who have been given up due to family circumstances, neglect, abuse, or have been abandoned by their previous owner. Adopting families or individuals agree to our purpose of providing safe, secure, affectionate, and healthy homes for these dogs and, therefore, agree to the following:

1. No member of the adopting family has been charged with cruelty to animals.
2. The Westie will be kept solely as a house pet.
3. The Westie will never be used for breeding, fighting, or experimentation.
4. The Westie will never be given, leased, or sold to any person, laboratory, or business. If the adopting family/individual wishes to relinquish custody of said dog, they agree to return the dog to Westie Rescue of Missouri immediately. The adopting family agrees to pay any and all costs associated with transporting the dog back to Missouri.
5. The adopter(s) will provide sufficient food, water, shelter, and veterinary care.
6. The adopting family/individual will provide a properly fenced yard and/or will leash walk said dog several times daily. Because Westies are bred to hunt and exterminate vermin, they may chase wild animals, bark, dig, and perform other hunting/go to ground actions and, therefore, require protection from harm.
7. If over 6 months old, the Westie will be spayed or neutered at the time of adoption. If the rescue Westie has been altered recently, the adopting family/individual will have the Westie examined within 48 hours by a licensed veterinarian to certify that the dog is healing properly and to obtain medical advice on recovery procedures for the Westie. If the dog is under 6 months, the adopter agrees to provide Westie Rescue with a copy of the spay/neuter certificate issued by the veterinarian no later than the following date: _____.
8. The adopting family/individual will maintain a current dog license as required by their local ordinance and will assure that the said dog is inoculated against disease, especially rabies. The adopter will also see

that the Westie always carries, at a minimum, identifying tags on its collar or, as is considered best by animal control officials, the tags plus microchip identification.

9. The adopting family/individual agrees that if Westie Rescue determines that the terms and conditions of this agreement have not been met, the adopting/family will surrender custody of said dog upon demand.

10. The adopting family agrees to make a donation of \$350 to \$450 to assist Westie Rescue with expenses in rescuing, fostering, rehabilitating, and placing this dog and other dogs for which Westie Rescue provides services. All donations are tax deductible.

11. Westie Rescue makes no warranties regarding the temperament, behavior, or physical condition of any adoptive Westie nor guarantees it free of genetic defects peculiar to the breed. The adopting family/individual agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Westie Rescue from all claims, demands, action, causes of action, or liability of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in connection with this adoption.

12. Even if a Westie has had obedience training, a "refresher" course is highly recommended since it helps establish close rapport and bonding between the owner(s) and the dog.

13. Westies are typically affectionate and friendly. However, no one can predict how any dog will react in a given situation, especially without complete knowledge of its life experiences. Therefore, adoptive owners are encouraged to exercise caution in introducing an adoptive dog into new situations until the Westie has become adjusted to its new environment. It is strongly recommended that interaction between dogs and children be monitored by an adult at all times.

I have read the adoption agreement and agree to the conditions set forth.

Signature of Adopter Signature of Co-Adopter

Date

Date

On behalf of Westie Rescue, I wish you much joy with your Westie. I also encourage you to assist rescue activities to help other homeless Westies find homes and to participate in our other fun activities with your new companion.

Adoption Donation Received: \$ _____ Date: _____

by: _____

Westie Rescue Representative

Would you like to volunteer for Westie Rescue of Missouri

If your answer is YES!! - Please check areas of interest

I am interested in Fostering ONLY. _____

I am interested in Transporting Rescues ONLY. _____

I am interested in providing assistance in Fund raising, watching my local shelter and other Skills/Talents. _____

I am interested in helping in all areas of Rescue. _____

Name:

City: State: Zip:

Contact phone: _____

Email:

Please note: If you do not provide a valid E-mail address, we can not respond to your inquiry. All communication by WRM is mainly through email.

We ask all our volunteers to please check emails daily for updates as they come in.

Once this form is submitted, you will be contacted within 72 hours via email. Please contact us if you do not hear from WRM within that time frame in the event of technical difficulties.

**** Westie Rescue of Missouri will be responsible for the medical care and initial grooming of all foster dogs within the organization's program. It is the responsibility of the foster home to provide safe bedding and proper nutrition of all our dogs. Upon the receiving of your foster dog, WRM will contact the approved Animal Clinic to arrange for billing. Mileage is not reimbursed by WRM, however WRM is a registered non-profit organization and such contributions may be used as a tax deduction when properly documented. (Please check with your tax preparer for more information.)**