



Beagles of New England States, Inc. ADOPTION AGREEMENT

THIS ADOPTION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into as of _____ (the "Effective Date"), by and between Beagles of New England States, Inc. ("B.O.N.E.S.") and _____ ("Adopter") to document the understanding between the parties regarding the adoption of the B.O.N.E.S. dog _____, B.O.N.E.S. tag number _____ ("Adopted Dog").

- Adopter agrees that the Adopted Dog will be treated as a family member with loving care and attention. Adopter will ensure the Adopted Dog's safety and well being by providing food and fresh water on a daily basis. The Adopted Dog will live inside Adopter's home and will be exercised safely. Adopter agrees never to chain or tie the Adopted Dog to live an outside existence.
- B.O.N.E.S. will provide a copy of Adopted Dog's medical paperwork by mail to Adopter as soon as possible following the Effective Date. Adopter understands, however, that provision of such a copy may be delayed while the records are gathered from a variety of sources.
- Adopter is encouraged to set up a "Well Canine" visit with their veterinarian soon after adoption and share the medical paperwork with him/her. Adopter will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, such as rabies shots as required by law, yearly booster shots for DHPP, yearly fecal checks for internal parasites (worms) and heartworm testing. The Adopted Dog will be given heartworm preventative according to a licensed veterinarian's guidelines.
- Adopter will ensure proper licensing of the Adopted Dog and attach the Adopted Dog's license tag, rabies tag, and personal ID tag to a non-choke collar to be worn at all times. Adopter will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state statutes.
- Adopter is adopting the Adopted Dog and agrees not to give away, sell, or trade the Adopted Dog, even as a gift to a friend or family member. Adopter agrees not to take the Adopted Dog to a shelter or abandon the Adopted Dog. Adopter understands that they must notify B.O.N.E.S. without delay if Adopter can no longer care for or keep the Adopted Dog. Any request to return a dog to B.O.N.E.S. after 30 days following the adoption will be considered an owner surrender and the owner will need to follow the procedures for an owner surrender to B.O.N.E.S. Some dogs will not be readmitted to B.O.N.E.S. for very specific reasons that will be outlined to the adopter by the Intake Director. Once a dog has been surrendered to B.O.N.E.S., we expect the adopter give B.O.N.E.S. reasonable time to rehome the Adopted Dog or place the Adopted Dog in alternative housing. The Adopter understands that the adoption fee is not refundable.
- Adopter agrees to permit B.O.N.E.S. to make inquiry about and enforce any and all 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. Adopter understands that failure to comply with any of the above provisions will result in forfeiture of the Adopted Dog to B.O.N.E.S.
- Adopter accepts responsibility and ownership of the Adopted Dog and hereby discharges B.O.N.E.S. from any and all liability for any injury or damages to any person or property caused by Adopted Dog and from any causes, actions, claims, suits, or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damage. B.O.N.E.S. will not be responsible for any damages or expenses, veterinary or otherwise.
- In signing this agreement with B.O.N.E.S., Adopter declares they are aware that (1) the actions of any dog are unpredictable; (2) children and dogs must be closely supervised when interacting; and (3) a dog's behavior may change as it leaves one home and settles in to a new one. Adopter is also aware that the educated opinions of B.O.N.E.S. volunteers and/or any veterinary professional consulted by B.O.N.E.S. do not constitute a claim or guarantee as to the temperament, age, health or mental disposition of any Adopted Dog available for adoption, including the Adopted Dog.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

“ADOPTER”

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Adoption Fee: _____

Donation to B.O.N.E.S. _____

“B.O.N.E.S.”

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: 189 Four Winds Rd.

Ferrisburgh, VT 05456

Phone Number: (508) 473-2228

E-mail Address: adoptions@bonesbeagles.org

Please return signed form to:

B.O.N.E.S.

c/o Jeanne Lemner

189 Four Winds Rd.

Ferrisburgh, VT 05456

Adopted Dog's New Name: _____

Approximate Age: _____

Male/Female Altered? Yes/No

Color _____