



# POLICIES

Animal Rescue Connection, Inc., hereby referred to as ARC, appreciates your decision to give a new and loving home to an orphaned, homeless pet; one who may likely become the best companion and friend you will ever know! The information that follows reviews ARC's adoption policies. The policies are in compliance with the law and are written to be in the BEST INTEREST OF THE ANIMAL you are considering for guardianship. Our objective is to find responsible, loving, lifelong homes for animals. Our hope is that the animals we help become a gift to you as well.

The following adoption requirements apply to anyone wishing to adopt an animal to help insure that the animal will be placed in a humane home:

- You must be eighteen years of age or older.
- You must have identification showing your present address.
- You must have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in your household.
- Animals adopted are to be companions and are not adopted for the purposes of experimentation, dissection, vivisection, or fighting.
- You must be agreeable to pre and/or post home visitation by ARC, as we find appropriate for each individual case.
- You must agree to pre and post consultations concerning the adoption.
- You must agree to share the name of your veterinarian for reference.
- Animals must be inoculated against rabies, as required by the city and county ordinance in which you reside.
- You must be willing and able to spend the time and money necessary to provide vaccinations, medical treatment and proper care for your animal companion.
- All animals adopted from ARC must be spayed or neutered. ARC will normally have the operation completed including the cost of spay and neuter in its fees. If the animal was unable to be altered during the rescue period due to illness or difficulty scheduling with a vet, an appointment will be made and you will be responsible to keep it, communicating the completed alteration to ARC immediately.
- You must agree to comply with licensing and laws for your area. Animals should be safely contained with food and shelter.
- ARC reserves the right to refuse or deny an adoption to anyone. ARC has made efforts to see that all animals are in good health; however, it is possible that an undetectable illness may be incubating at the time of adoption that we cannot be held accountable for.
- ARC will not place an animal it KNOWS to have an unsound temperament. However, no one can predict how any animal will react in a given situation, especially without complete knowledge of its life experiences. Therefore, adoptive guardians are strongly urged to EXERCISE CAUTION AND PRUDENCE IN INTRODUCING THE ANIMAL INTO A NEW SITUATION until the animal has become fully adjusted to its new environment, and the adoptive guardian has become familiar with the animals personality.
- No ARC animal will be placed in a new home that does not have adequate containment for the animal. Animals are best when kept in close companionship with their families. Sleeping areas should be in the home or a protected area; animals should not be kept outside in extreme temperatures without protection.
- Adoptive homes may be visited at ANY time following adoption, without notice, to insure animals are properly cared for. If an animal appears to be abused, neglected or other contractual agreements are broken; ARC has the right to reclaim the animal with no refund of fees. This agreement is binding upon any person in whose possession the animal may be found. Such adoptive guardians/owners who have been found abusive or neglectful of their contractual agreements may be held liable for costs incurred by ARC due to the violation, such as cost of medical, shelter, food and relocation.
- Adoptive guardians must agree to RELEASE OF LIABILITY: You the adoptive guardian/owner assume full responsibility of the animal. ARC shall not be responsible for any bodily injuries or property damage, including injury to other animals, caused by a rescue dog or the adoptive guardian/owner. The adoptive guardian/owner hereby specifically assumes sole responsibility for, and agrees to hold ARC harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees as they become due) by reason of liability imposed by law on ARC or any of its members because of bodily injuries or death to any person or persons including the adoptive guardian/owners, or any damage to property arising out of or in consequence of the placement of the rescue animal, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, whether or not the same may have

been caused, or may be alleged to have been caused, by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents or members or any other person. In other words, you are solely responsible if the animal bites another person or otherwise causes any kind of damage to you, your family, or any person, third party, animal, or property and you agree not to sue us or institute any other actions such as arbitration against ARC for such damage. If a third party sues us because of damage caused by the animal we placed with you, you INDEMNIFY us by paying all costs we incur, including legal fees and judgments, as they become due.

- **ARBITRATION:** Should any dispute arise between you, the adoptive guardian/owner, and ARC not otherwise disclaimed in this contract, you agree to arbitration. By agreeing to arbitration, you give up your right to a jury trial and agree to have our dispute resolved by a mediator agreeable to both parties (ie: you and ARC) instead of by a court of law. Arbitration is cheaper and faster than a lawsuit, and the interests of both parties are served by agreeing to this highly efficient method of dispute resolution. ARC will not unreasonably refuse approval of an arbitrator. If you unreasonably refuse approval of an arbitrator, you give up your right to institute any kind of action against ARC or its agents.
- The rescue animal is being placed as a pet, and shall not be sold or given to any person without written consent of ARC. ARC shall be notified within five days after any change of address or telephone number where the animal will reside in order for the lost and found service to be effective.
- The new guardian/adopter agrees to give permission for ARC to obtain information on him/her from other agencies.

ARC DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, PERSONAL HANDICAP, SEXUAL PREFERENCE, OR VETERAN STATUS WITH REGARD TO VOLUNTEER SELECTION AND/OR ANIMAL ADOPTIONS.

I HAVE READ THE PRECEDING AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH

THIS DAY \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License or state ID number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ARC Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_