



# GOLDEN BEGINNINGS GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE, Inc.

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## ADOPTION CONTRACT

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as ADOPTER), do this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, enter into this Adoption Contract and acknowledge receipt from GOLDEN BEGINNINGS GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE, INC. (hereinafter referred to as GBGRR) of the dog named and described as follows: **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Intake ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Microchip ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Tag #:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Sex** (circle one): Male / Female; **Age** (approx.): \_\_\_\_\_; **Color:** \_\_\_\_\_; and tender the following adoption donation: \$ 250.00 .

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In addition, ADOPTER agrees to the following terms and provisions:

1. ADOPTER understands that the adoption donation is only refundable if, within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Contract, ADOPTER personally returns the living dog to GBGRR and releases GBGRR of any and all liability.
2. ADOPTER agrees to take the dog to a licensed veterinarian within 14 days from the date of this contract for a check-up. GBGRR makes no representations or warranties regarding the health of this dog.
3. ADOPTER agrees to provide this dog with a safe home, proper care and attention, and humane treatment in accordance with all current and future state, county, and local laws and ordinances where ADOPTER resides. The dog is not to ride loose in the back of trucks, is not to be chained or tied-out, or allowed to run or roam loose. ADOPTER warrants the dog will not be contained solely by a hidden or electric fence. The dog is not to be solely an outside pet nor housed outside or in a kennel run. ADOPTER agrees to keep the dog as primarily an inside dog and that the dog must be indoors when the adoptive family is away from home.
4. ADOPTER understands that there are costs involved in maintaining a dog, and agrees to assume full responsibility for the food bills, health care and licensing of the dog.
5. ADOPTER agrees to take the dog to a licensed veterinarian at least once a year for an examination and routine vaccinations and tests, and to provide the dog with necessary veterinary care upon sickness, disease, and injury. ADOPTER agrees to provide – at a minimum – the following vaccinations and tests at

the intervals required by law and/or advised by their veterinarian: physical examination; Rabies, Distemper/Parvo combination; fecal (internal parasite) test; and a heartworm test at least six months after adoption followed by a regular course of preventative. Even though a dog may test negative for heartworms initially upon intake, there is no guarantee or warranty made that the dog has not already acquired a heartworm infestation immediately prior to intake. Despite our best efforts to supply an accurate test result, there remains a slight chance that a dog may have become infected immediately prior to intake. Due to the physiology of heartworm disease, the testing done may or may not be indicative of future heartworm status.

6. ADOPTER grants permission to GBGRR to obtain any and all medical records for this dog from ADOPTER'S veterinarian at any time for any reason, and agrees to indemnify and hold GBGRR and any veterinarian harmless from any and all liability regarding the release of such medical records to GBGRR.
7. ADOPTER agrees that the dog will reside in his/her home, will be kept as a household pet, and will not be used for breeding, fighting, or exclusively as a hunting or guard dog.
8. ADOPTER agrees to provide a collar and a personal identification tag for the dog to wear at all times when allowed outdoors, and if provided with a GBGRR identification tag, that will also remain affixed to the collar. GBGRR recommends a buckle collar. Training collars, such as "choke" or "prong" collars, should only be used when working with or under direct supervision of a professional trainer. GBGRR has micro-chipped and registered this dog with the AVID PETtrac system and is listed as secondary contact on the chip registration information. It is mandatory that GBGRR remain the secondary contact. Your personal identification and GBGRR tags as well as a microchip are essential to your dog's safe return should they become lost or separated from you. ADOPTER also agrees to notify GBGRR within 24 hours should the dog become lost or separated from ADOPTER. The AVID PETtrac registration system is available 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year at 1-800-336-2843.
9. GBGRR makes no warranties or representations regarding the dog's health or temperament. It is agreed and understood by ADOPTER that while every effort is made to provide an accurate history and assessment of a dog, GBGRR does not warrant any dog regarding medical status, behavior, or disposition. It is further agreed that environmental changes may effect and change the temperament of the above named dog and that GBGRR has no liability or responsibility of any nature regarding defects with the dog, or injuries or damage to any person or property which may be caused by the dog.
10. ADOPTER consents to the examination of this dog by GBGRR at any time for any reason with or without ADOPTER'S consent. Adopter consents and acknowledges that GBGRR has the right to reclaim the dog at any time for failure to comply with the terms of this contract or for any misrepresentations of fact ADOPTER made on the adoption application or in this contract. ADOPTER agrees to allow any GBGRR representative onto ADOPTER'S property to reclaim dog if necessary. ADOPTER agrees to relinquish custody of the dog to GBGRR immediately upon request without legal writ or order until the situation warranting the reclamation is rectified. In the event the dog should be returned to or reclaimed by GBGRR, ADOPTER agrees to be financially responsible for any untreated medical issues. In such event, if vaccinations are due within 30 days of returning the dog to GBGRR, ADOPTER agrees to have dog vaccinated OR donate the cost of vaccinations due. If the dog proves to be heartworm positive, ADOPTER agrees to pay GBGRR for all costs associated with treating the dog for heartworms.
11. GBGRR has a lifetime commitment to each and every one of our dogs. ADOPTER agrees that if for any reason, he/she cannot keep this dog; the dog must be returned to GBGRR. ADOPTER understands that no refund will be given after the initial fourteen (14) day period provided for in Paragraph 1 above. The dog shall not be given away, sold, or exchanged without prior written consent of GBGRR. ADOPTER understands that any friend or family member who wishes to take ownership of this dog will be required to apply to GBGRR for the right to adopt it. It is strictly forbidden for any GBGRR dog to be surrendered to a

shelter, animal control facility or any rescue facility other than GBGRR. ADOPTER will not allow the dog to be used in experiments or research of any kind.

12. If for any reason this dog has not been spayed or neutered prior to the execution of this contract, he/she agrees to have the appropriate surgical procedure performed on or before \_\_\_\_\_ and to provide documentary proof that this has been performed. ADOPTER acknowledges that until this has been accomplished, his/her adoption of the dog is not complete and that GBGRR has the right to and will reclaim the dog if the operation is not performed.

13. Special Provisions (if none, indicate by N/A): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

14. ADOPTER understands that this dog has the following behavioral concerns and acknowledges that ADOPTER has been informed of these concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

15. ADOPTER understands that this dog has the following medical concerns and acknowledges that ADOPTER has been informed of these concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

16. ADOPTER agrees to immediately notify GBGRR of any name, address, home, work or cell telephone number or email address changes should ADOPTER move, relocate or change services. Please notify AVID at 1-800-336-2843 of any address changes as well.

17. ADOPTER agrees to pay GBGRR for any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, in enforcing the terms and provisions of this contract. Payment of these damages shall not excuse ADOPTER from returning the dog to GBGRR.

18. It is agreed and understood by ADOPTER and GBGRR that this written agreement sets forth all promises, agreements, conditions, and understanding between them, oral or written, and that both parties have fully read and understood all of this agreement.

By signing this Adoption Contract, ADOPTER hereby affirms and declares: I/We have read and understand all of the terms of this Adoption Contract. I/We agree to abide by all of its terms and conditions. I/We am/are signing this Adoption Contract on my own free will and I am not under any duress of any kind. I have never been investigated, charged, or ticketed with cruelty to any animal. I/We agree to pay the adoption fee of \$250.00 to GBGRR. I/We understand that this Adoption Contract is not valid until the entire \$250.00 adoption fee is paid in full and funds have cleared.

Upon execution of this Adoption Contract, ADOPTER releases, indemnifies and holds harmless GBGRR, its officers, directors, members, agents, and representatives and their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and representatives from any and all liability and claims of any and every nature and cause, known or unknown, now or hereafter directly or indirectly relating to this dog.

IN TESTIMONY WHERE the ADOPTER and GBGRR have set their signatures on this the date first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Adopter Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Street/Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Phone Number Home/Cell/Work

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
GBGRR Representative Date

GBGRR is a non-profit organization dependent solely on volunteers to help meet the many needs of abused and neglected Golden Retrievers who enter our program. Most of our volunteer opportunities require only a couple of hours per month of your time. Please indicate if you are interested in becoming a volunteer and receiving additional information. \_\_\_\_\_

**For GBGRR Use Only:**

PAYMENT received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  PayPal

Part of or your entire adoption donation may be tax deductible. Please refer to your tax advisor for more information. Your cancelled check will serve as your donation receipt. The officers and volunteers of GBGRR remain interested in the welfare and well being of your dog and his or her new family. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. News of the dog and photographs are always greatly appreciated. Please consider us part of your extended family.