

# **Dobrich Dog Rescue Adoption Agreement**

## **Preliminary Information:**

We at DDR care a great deal about the welfare of all the animals that fall within our care, and as a result it is crucial that they all go to loving and responsible homes. Many of our animals have endured severe abuse or neglect prior to being rescued by our organisation, so it is vital to ensure that our dogs' welfare is safeguarded for the rest of their hopefully happy lives.

As a result it is a requirement, before any of our animals are available to you for adoption, for you to read this agreement and ensure that you fully understand and agree with all the clauses contained hereon in. Upon the payment of your deposit you will be implicitly agreeing to this adoption agreement, and all the obligations it provides.

## **Terms of the agreement are as follows:**

### **1 . Obligations of the Adopter**

1.1. The adopter and their immediate family are hereby obligated to provide the adopted animal with a caring and loving home. This includes obligations such as, but not limited to:

- (a) Water and food must be made available to the animal to the extent necessary to ensure the animal's good health and wellness.
- (b) Appropriate grooming must be undertaken as to ensure the animal's good health.
- (c) The animal must be provided with appropriate veterinary attention from a licenced practitioner as required to ensure the animal's good health.

1.2. The adopter is required to ensure the animal is kept up to date with required vaccinations and other treatment as identified by a licensed veterinary practitioner.

1.3. The adopter is required to have the animal castrated/neutered (as applicable) at a time when it is determined by a veterinary surgeon that it is safe to do so, within the first year of adoption, unless the dog has already been castrated/neutered prior to adoption.

1.4. The adopter hereby agrees, under no circumstances whatsoever, to breed from the animal, or attempt to breed from the animal.

1.5. The adopter is required to notify Dobrich Dog Rescue, as soon as reasonably practical, if they are unable to uphold their agreement to adopt the relevant animal.

1.6. The adopter hereby absolves Dobrich Dog Rescue from any liability for any illness or injury which has been suffered, or could reasonably have been incurred, after the dog has been passed to the transport company for transit.

1.7. The adopter hereby accepts all responsibility for the animal, and any ensuing expense, foreseen or not, once the animal has been delivered to them.

1.8. The adopter is obligated to notify Dobrich Dog Rescue, as soon as reasonably practicable, if they no longer intend to keep the animal for whatever reason.

1.9. Upon notifying Dobrich Dog Rescue of an intention to surrender the animal,

the adopter will allow a reasonable period for alternative measures to be implemented, and will use their best endeavours in assisting Dobrich Dog Rescue in facilitating the animal at the new placement (i.e. assisting in transporting the animal).

## 2. Obligations of Dobrich Dog Rescue

2.1. Dobrich Dog Rescue is obligated to provide the animal with adequate care whilst the animal remains under their supervision, up until the point of transport. This includes obligations such as, but not limited to:

- (a) Water and food must be made available to the animal to the extent necessary to ensure the animal's good health and wellness.
- (b) Grooming must be undertaken to ensure the animal's health.
- (c) Appropriate veterinary attention from a licenced practitioner as required to ensure the animal's good health.

2.2. Dobrich Dog Rescue is obligated to have the dogs undertake a blood test, a tic disease test if the animal is over 1 year, and de-sexing if the animal is over 1 year. Additionally, Dobrich Dog Rescue is required to undertake any further tests as may be considered necessary by a reasonable person based on the health of the animal.

2.3. Dobrich Dog Rescue is obligated to administer appropriate medical care, as advised by a veterinary practitioner, for the period of which the animal is under their supervision, prior to the animal's transport.

2.4. Dobrich Dog Rescue is responsible for the payment of any medical bills rising, exclusively whilst the dog remains under their supervision, with the

exception of any testing or treatment requested by the adopter which falls outside of the customary practice of Dobrich Dog Rescue.

2.5. Dobrich Dog Rescue cannot be held liable or responsible for any costs arising when the animal is no longer under their supervision, or for ongoing expenses for pre-existing conditions once the dog has left their supervision.

2.6. Dobrich Dog Rescue is responsible for the production, and cost, of a full and valid EU Passport for the animal to the extent necessary for them to travel to the adopter's chosen location.

2.7. Dobrich Dog Rescue is therefore, in accordance with C12.6, responsible for administering, and covering the costs, of all necessary vaccines and medical treatment to ensure the animal's fitness to travel.

2.8. Dobrich Dog Rescue is hereby obligated to provide relevant information to the named adopter regarding the animal within a reasonable time period should such information have bearing upon: the expected transport date of the animal, the animal's welfare, or the appropriateness of the animal for the adopter's home.

2.9. Dobrich Dog Rescue cannot be held liable or responsible for any actions of the dog whatsoever once it leaves their supervision.

2.10. If notified of the adopter's intention to surrender the animal, in accordance with C11.8, Dobrich Dog Rescue is hereby obligated to use its best endeavours to find an alternative placement for the dog, such as a

different adoption home, foster home, or rescue centre, for up to 6 months after the original adoption date.

### 3. Payment of the Adoption and Transport Fees

3.1. The adopter will pay to Dobrich Dog Rescue a non-refundable deposit (hereby “adoption fee”) of £150 gbp per dog to reserve the chosen animal(s).

**3.2. Payment of this deposit will also signify implicit agreement to this adoption agreement.**

3.3. Late or non-payment of this deposit will give Dobrich Dog Rescue the right to continue to advertise the animal until the payment of the deposit.

3.4. This adoption fee will not be refundable in any circumstances in which the animal cannot be adopted due to matters outside of the control of Dobrich Dog Rescue, regardless of whether this is at the fault of the adopter or not.

This includes such elements as, but is not limited to:

(a) Adopter has a change of personal circumstances,

(b) The adoption is not permissible due to a tenancy agreement,

(c) Unforeseen act of god or similar such acts,

(d) Death or illness of the adopter or family member,

(e) Change of mind, or,

(f) Financial difficulties.

3.6. Regardless, Dobrich Dog Rescue reserves the right to refund the adoption fee if it considers it appropriate to do so.

3.7. If the adoption cannot go ahead due to matters for which Dobrich Dog Rescue can be considered reasonably responsible, such as unforeseen death of the animal, then this adoption fee will be refundable within a 31day period.

3.8. Additionally the adopter will pay the specified transport fee within 48hrs of being notified to do so directly to the relevant transport company.

3.9. Late or non-payment of the transport fee, contrary to C13.8, gives Dobrich Dog Rescue the right to advertise the animal for re-adoption. In such circumstances your adoption fee is non-refundable.