

EVERGREEN GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE
ADOPTION CONTRACT
Mandatory Criteria for Adoption



This Contract lists the criteria that are necessary to ensure a successful adoption and to provide a safe, secure and happy home for our Rescue Golden. These criteria must be followed. Although repossessing a dog is a very rare occurrence, EGRR is prepared to do so should we feel it necessary.

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___ 1. I agree to keep the dog in my possession as my household pet and companion. Should I be unable to keep the dog for any reason, I agree to not sell, abandon, transfer or dispose of the dog in any way, including to family members but instead to notify and return the dog to EGRR.

___ 2. I understand that if I determine the dog I have adopted is not a good match for me or my situation, I am obligated to return the dog to EGRR and will transport the dog to wherever EGRR requests. If I do this within 30 days my adoption donation will be refunded, but I am not entitled to and will not be reimbursed for any other expenses. I also understand that the reason for returning the dog will influence EGRR's decision to place another dog with me.

___ 3. I agree to provide quality and sufficient food, clean water, appropriate grooming and humane treatment for the dog at all times and the dog will live with me inside my house as a family pet.

___ 4. I agree to ensure the dog's safety by never allowing the dog to run loose without adequate adult supervision. When the dog is outside and unattended, he/she will be in a securely fenced yard or run. The dog will never be tied or chained outside without a responsible adult in attendance.

___ 5. I agree to provide regular veterinary care including appropriate vaccinations as recommended by your veterinarian and to obtain veterinary care as soon as possible should the dog be injured or become sick.

___ 6. I agree to have the dog surgically sterilized within 30 days of adoption or by an agreed upon date at my expense if the dog is not already altered and to provide proof of sterilization in writing to EGRR within 10 days of the surgery. I will not allow the dog to breed or be bred under any circumstances.

___ 7. I agree to use a buckle collar on the dog when not training him/her and to attach the EGRR ID tag and a personal ID tag to the collar. EGRR recommends that I have the dog microchipped as means of permanent identification.

___ 8. I agree to license the dog according to the regulations in the community in which I live within 1 month. Additionally, I agree to obey all animal control regulations and to never transport the dog in the open bed of a pickup truck or similar vehicle without proper restraints as stated in Washington state law.

___ 9. I agree to assume full responsibility for any and all actions or damage done by the dog from the moment he/she comes into my possession.

___ 10. I agree to allow an EGRR representative to examine the dog and his/her living conditions at any time. If the dog's living conditions are deemed unacceptable or if I have violated this Adoption Contract in any way, I agree to immediately surrender the dog to an EGRR representative.

___ 11. I understand that EGRR makes every attempt to ensure that the dog being adopted is healthy and to relate any known medical issues. I understand that it is recommended that I have the dog checked by a veterinarian of my choice at my expense within 30 days to confirm the health of the dog. I also acknowledge that since most of the dogs have unknown genetic backgrounds, I will not hold EGRR or its representatives responsible for medical afflictions such as with eyes, hips, heart, elbows or allergies.

___ 12. I understand that there are inherent risks associated with pet ownership and accept these risks for myself and my family.

___ 13. I understand that EGRR is a referral service and that it is my responsibility to see and evaluate the dog before deciding to adopt him/her and I agree to not hold EGRR or its representatives responsible for any behavior that occurs once I take possession of the dog. I understand that EGRR will have no history on a dog that was obtained from a shelter and the information EGRR has from a previous owner may not be accurate. Furthermore, I understand that EGRR's foster homes are experienced dog owners and that an adopted dog may behave differently in his/her new home than he/she behaved in the foster home. Should the dog demonstrate any type of aggressive behavior I will notify EGRR immediately.

___ 14. I understand EGRR has the sole discretionary power to take possession of the dog at any time if it deems the dog is not being cared for in accord with this Contract.

___ 15. I affirm that I had the opportunity to review and ask questions as to all points and provisions of this Contract.

___ 16. I understand that any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this CONTRACT or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in King County, Washington, pursuant to the laws relating to arbitration there in force, before a qualified attorney. The arbitrator may grant any relief and render any award which he or she deems just and equitable and within the scope of the agreement of the parties, including, but not limited to, specific performance. Awards pursuant to this Article may include costs, including a reasonable allowance for attorney's fees, and judgments may be entered upon any award made hereunder in any court having jurisdiction in the premises.

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with the mandatory criteria of the Adoption Contract as stated above.

Signed _____ Date _____

Spouse or partner signature _____ Date _____

We recommend that you keep a copy of this signed Contract for your records.

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