



# Puppy Adoption Contract

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*The Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation (KBTF) requires all potential adopters of Rescue Kerries to complete and sign this agreement. The conditions below are intended to ensure proper care of the dog, prevent misunderstandings between all parties, and protect the Foundation, the adopter, and, of course, the dog itself.*

1. The Adopter shall take the animal to a veterinarian within three (3) days of the date of the contract for a checkup and any necessary shots and medication recommended by the veterinarian. The KBTF makes no representations or warranties as to the health of the animal.
2. The Adopter shall have the puppy spayed/neutered no later than ninety (90) days from the date of this Contract, and provide a copy of the spay/neuter certificate to the Rescue Coordinator.
3. In the case that the animal is not already microchipped, the Adopter shall have the animal microchipped, and in either case, shall have the microchip registered in their name no later than ninety (90) days from the date of this Contract. The KBTF must be listed as a contact with the microchip registry.
4. The Adopter shall provide the animal with humane care and maintain it in accordance with all current and future state, county, and municipal laws and ordinances where the Adopter resides.
5. The Adopter shall provide the animal with necessary veterinary care upon sickness, disease, or injury, and shall take it to a veterinarian at least once a year for an annual health examination and routine vaccinations.
6. The Adopter agrees to have the puppy's ears set by a knowledgeable breeder, veterinarian, professional handler, groomer, or other professional, and to follow the proscribed schedule regarding the number of settings recommended by the ear-setter.
7. The Adopter shall provide the animal with a fully fenced yard or other humane means of exercise. The animal shall not be kept constantly chained or constantly outdoors.
8. The Adopter shall enroll the puppy in a puppy socialization class at the earliest age recommended by the instructor and complete the full course of the instruction, followed by enrollment in and completion of one basic obedience course. Instruction should be praise-based with positive reinforcement. No harsh correction-based training should be used.
9. If the animal cannot be kept by the Adopter, the Adopter shall notify the KBTF immediately. The animal shall not be sold, abandoned, relinquished to a pound or shelter or to a Rescue group other than the KBTF, transferred, or given to any individual, or given to any retail or wholesale establishment for the purpose of sale or resale to the public, nor to any research institution where medical experimentation or other practices take place.
10. The animal shall reside at the Adopter's address.
11. The Adopter shall keep the animal as a household pet and shall never use it for breeding or as an attack dog or exclusively as a guard dog.
12. The Adopter shall provide a collar and identification tag for the animal to wear at all times when allowed to go outdoors. The animal shall always be walked on a lead unless in a securely fenced-in area.
13. The Adopter shall pay an adoption fee as a donation to the KBTF of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
14. The Adopter understands that the KBTF and its representatives have limited information regarding the temperament or habits of the animal described below. The Adopter agrees that it is the Adopter's responsibility to accept the animal as described.
15. The Adopter does hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless the Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation and any person, firm, or corporation charged or chargeable with liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions, and causes of actions, whether known or unknown, belonging to the said Adopter due to any action or occurrence from the date of this contract arising out of or in connection with the adoption of the animal described below.

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- 16. The Adopter agrees to pay the KBTF any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees, in enforcing the terms and provisions of the contract.
- 17. The Adopter agrees to pay for all shipping charges and related expenses with regard to the delivery of the dog to the Adopter.
- 18. The Adopter shall have one (1) month from the date of this Contract to return the dog for a full refund of his or her donation, minus any expenses involved in the adoption.
- 19. Should the Adopter violate the terms of this Contract, the Adopter may be asked to relinquish the dog and forfeit all ownership claims to the animal to the KBTF. A Rescue Coordinator or designee may then reclaim the dog at any time, with or without prior notice.

The UNDERSIGNED Adopter hereby acknowledges having read the terms of the Contract and does hereby agree to abide by each of the rules of adoption set forth above.

Signature(s) of Adopter(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Address of Adopter(s)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ON THE DOG**

*(To be completed by a KBTF Rescue Coordinator or the Rescue Director)*

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (Check)  Male  Female

Spayed/Neutered (Check)  Yes  No

Additional known information about the dog: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rescue Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Address of Rescue Coordinator

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_