

# TERMS OF ADOPTION OF DOGS

The parties declare that they have reviewed together,

- The list of questions to ask oneself before the acquisition of a dog
- The transfer declaration of the animal
- The dog behavior assessment form

And have thus, as the case may be, become aware of certain characteristics of the animal.

## The adopter agrees to comply with the conditions described below:

1. **The association remains owner of the animal**, but the adopter becomes civilly responsible. He has legal and material custody => veterinary expenses or any care expenses are his responsibility. Likewise, all expenses caused by an accident or if the animal escapes his control and gets on the public road will be carried by the adopter or his private liability insurance. Adoptions are only possible on Belgian territory.
2. To **promptly report my change of address** to HELP ANIMALS and to the identification organization (DOG ID, etc.).
3. To **present the animal during the inspection**, conducted at my home, to the delegate appointed by HELP ANIMALS to ensure the correct conditions of placement.
4. **In case of loss of the animal, notify HELP ANIMALS**, the identification organization (DOG ID, etc.) without delay, as well as the police, and take, in collaboration with the shelter, all necessary measures to find it.
5. **Not to use the animal for breeding and reproduction purposes**. Any accidental litter must be reported to us within eight days of birth. The young will be placed by HELP ANIMALS under an adoption contract.
6. **Not to separate from the animal UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**, even with another shelter. In the event that I have to part with the animal, I agree to return it free of charge to HELP ANIMALS or its appointed delegate. I am prohibited from selling or giving away the animal.
7. **To respect the well-being of the animal** regarding food, care, and adequate housing. I note that if the delegate appointed by HELP ANIMALS deems these conditions are not met, HELP ANIMALS reserves the right to take back the animal through legal means.
8. **To inform HELP ANIMALS of the death of the animal** within eight days upon presentation of a veterinary certificate, and also inform the identification organization (CAT ID, etc.), mentioning the electronic chip number.
9. **To euthanize the animal only as a last resort, with the agreement of HELP ANIMALS** and upon production of a veterinary certificate.
10. **Never to make any claim against HELP ANIMALS**, either for damages caused by the animal (its liability being governed by Article 1385 of the Civil Code) or for any illness or death of the animal. HELP ANIMALS strongly recommends taking out liability insurance. The information provided by HELP ANIMALS is given in good faith and will not allow any recourse if they prove to be inaccurate (age, breed, health condition, etc.).
11. **Never to tether the animal**, nor to use choke, prong, or electric collars (anti-bark collars)
12. Not to subject the animal to any attack training. Obedience training is allowed.
13. **To comply with the current legislation that strictly prohibits declawing cats and to avoid subjecting the animal to any mutilation.**
14. Every animal leaving the HELP ANIMALS shelter is identified by an electronic chip.
15. **If it is a found animal, to return the animal to HELP ANIMALS in case the previous owner claims it within 45 days from the entry of the animal into the shelter.**

## IN CASE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MY COMMITMENTS LISTED ABOVE,

In case of non-compliance with points 1 to 15, I acknowledge HELP ANIMALS' right to take back the animal without compensation, without prejudice to HELP ANIMALS' right to claim from me the sum of **700 Euros** as a lump sum for damages or any other damages if applicable.

IN CASE OF DISPUTE, THE COURTS OF BRUSSELS AND THE JUSTICE OF PEACE OF THE FIRST CANTON OF ANDERLECHT ARE SOLELY COMPETENT.

*By signing, you expressly consent to the processing of your personal data in accordance with the provisions established by our association, in strict compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), available on our website.*

Done in duplicate, one copy given to the adopter and another to the shelter.

*The representative of the shelter,*

*For Agreement: READ AND AGREED  
(Handwritten note)*

*I, THE UNDERSIGNED: Name and Surname  
(In capital letters, please)*

*ADOPTER'S SIGNATURE*

**Thank you for your adoption!  
Always take care of your animal!  
An animal is a living being with sensitivity, not a toy!**