REDCOLLAR
rescue

ADOPTION APPLICATION/CONTRACT INFORMATION

Our goal is to place pets in permanent, loving homes. Please complete this application and contract so Red Collar Rescue may assist you in finding a special, compatible companion to join your family. With this information, we, Red Collar Rescue, minimize the risk of a failed adoption**.** Our application questions are designed to ensure that you have considered important facets of pet ownership. We do not adopt dogs or cats on a "first come, first served" basis, but rather make every attempt to use the information that you provide to match families with the most compatible pets. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ANY APPLICATION. **YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 22 YEARS OF AGE TO ADOPT.**

The customary adoption fee for pets is $200 for dogs and $100 for cats. These fees help to defray the costs of spaying/neutering, testing, vaccinating, and micro-chipping our pets, but rarely, if ever, cover all expenses. Therefore, additional tax deductible contributions are welcomed. **Please make check payable to Red Collar Rescue**. Our pets are heartworm tested and placed on heartworm preventative.

Please email your completed application to **adopt@redcollar.org** or fax to **(832) 218-2702**.

ADOPTION APPLICATION - Please print clearly.

Applicant Name _____

Name of animal in which you are interested _____ Date _____

Breed/Description _____ Male/Female _____

How did you hear about the pet you're interested in? _____

Information on Applicant(s):

Driver's License No. _____**Date of Birth** _____

Email _____

Address (**include City and Zip Code**) _____

Home phone (_____) _____ Work phone (_____) _____ Cell phone (_____) _____

Employer_____ What are your hours? _____

Spouse/Partner Name _____Date of Birth _____

Spouse/Partner Email _____

Spouse/Partner Work phone (_____) _____ Cell phone (_____) _____

Spouse/Partner Employer _____ What are their hours? _____

Release for Veterinary Reference: to be completed by potential adopter if you have a current vet.
Please provide all information to help us identify the correct Veterinary Practice

I, _____, hereby give permission for any veterinarian providing service to me to release medical information on any/all of my animals to Red Collar Rescue-Houston, TX.

Signature of applicant: _____

Vet Clinic:_____ Vet Name:_____

Address: _____ Phone: (_____)_____-_____

Information on Family & Home:

Do you live alone or with family? _____ Does **every** adult in the household agree on owning this pet?_____

Does anyone in the household have allergies? _____ If so, are they allergic to animal dander? _____

Do you have children/grandchildren? _____ What ages? _____

Do they live in the household? _____ If they do not live with you, how often do they visit? _____

Do you own or rent? _____ House or apartment? _____ If renting, how long at this location? _____

If renting, does your lease allow pets?_____ Breed or weight restrictions? _____

Pet deposit? _____ (We will need confirmation of payment of any required pet deposit.)

Rental manager's name and phone number _____

Apartment Complex Name (if applicable) _____

Do you have a fenced yard? _____ What type of fence and how high? _____

Do you have any Sago Palms? _____ If yes, are you willing to remove these plants which are highly toxic to dogs? _____

Information on Lifestyle:

Do you have any trips planned or do you expect houseguests in the next 30 days? _____

Do you or your spouse/partner travel frequently? _____ If so, how often? _____

What major life changes do you anticipate over the next five years? (e.g. new baby, moving for a job, ailing parent, etc)

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Rescued animals need time to adjust to new environments. How long do you feel is a fair amount of time for the dog to take to fit into your home/family/lifestyle? _____

Please describe your definition of an aggressive pet _____

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What do you consider valid reasons for giving up a pet? Please mark all that apply:

___ New Job

___ New baby ___ Divorce ___ Moving ___ Allergies ___ Shedding

___ Barking ___ Grew too big ___ Want to travel ___ Pet Anxiety ___ Pet illness / vet bills

___ New household member dislikes pet ___ Children lost interest ___ Soiling in house/urine marking

___ New pet not getting along with current pet ___ Destructive (digging/chewing) ___ Too time consuming

___ Protective at home / dislikes strangers ___ Illness of family member ___ Protective on leash

___ Behavior Problems (please describe _____)

___ Other _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ___ (note: affirmative answer will not necessarily disqualify you from adoption)

If yes, state nature of offense(s), date(s), city, state, and disposition _____

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Information on Pet Care:

How long would the pet be left alone? _____ Where will the pet stay during the day? _____

Where will the pet sleep? _____

What will you do with the pet when you travel? _____

What will you do with this pet if you move? _____

Are you willing and able to purchase and use a crate if needed or advised? _____

Are you willing and able to commit to behavior and/or obedience training? _____

What are you willing to spend annually on a pet? $_____

Are you able and willing to pay for emergency care, which could result in a bill of $1000 or more? _____

Are you willing to devote the time, patience, and love necessary to help a shy pet adjust to home life if it takes several weeks or months? _____

How would you reprimand your pet for mischievous behavior?_____

Do you have a pet door? _____ How will you handle the pet's potty needs?_____

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Information on Pet Care (continued):

Have you housetrained a pet before? _____ Describe how you have/will housetrain a pet _____

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How will you exercise the pet? _____

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As a dog ages, it often has age related health issues like arthritis and incontinence. How will you handle this?

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Have you owned this breed/mix before? _____ Have you owned a rescued animal before? _____

Have you ever adopted from a rescue group/ shelter? _____ If so, what group/shelter? _____

Have you applied to adopt an animal and been declined? _____ If so why? _____

Have you ever given up animal(s)? _____ If so, why? _____

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If so, what did you do with the animal(s)? _____

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If there are any drastic changes in your life (marriage, divorce, children, move, etc.) what will you do with this pet?

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Information on Desired Pet Characteristics:

Do you have a preference on pet's age, gender, size, breed, hair length, etc.? _____

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What qualities are you looking for in a pet? (Please be specific, also indicate activity level you are looking for in a pet)

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What traits or characteristics are you sure you do **NOT** want? (Please be specific) _____

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Do you give permission for a Red Collar Rescue representative to visit your home prior to adoption to do a home check and after adoption to do follow up checks on the pet? _____

Anything else you would like us to know? _____

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If you are a current or past pet owner, please fill out your pet ownership history on page 4.

Please review our adoption contract on pages 5 and 6. You do not need to sign the contract until we finalize the adoption of your new pet; however we want to be sure that you have reviewed the contract and agree with its terms and conditions.

PET OWNERSHIP HISTORY

Do you or did you have other pets? If yes, please state the breed, sex, etc. of each pet, including whether it was spayed or neutered and on heartworm preventive, and how and when the pet was acquired and why you no longer have the animal. If necessary, attach another sheet or write on the back.

Name _____ Dog or cat? _____ How acquired? _____
Breed _____ Male or Female? _____ Spayed/neutered? _____
Age of pet _____Length of ownership _____
Heartworm preventative? _____ What kind of Heartworm preventative? _____ When last given? _____
Is your pet current on all shots?_____If no, please explain. _____
Where did this animal sleep? _____
Where did the pet stay while you were away or at work? _____
Did this pet have any problems or conditions? _____
What happened to this pet? _____

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ADOPTION, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

A BINDING AGREEMENT made as of the date set forth above.

WHEREAS, Adopter wishes to take custody of Pet:

Name: _____ **Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female, Approximate Age: _____**

Color: _____ **Breed/Description: _____**

Altered: Spayed ☐ Neutered ☐ **Heartworm Status: ☐ Positive ☐ Negative**

Enrollment in the Pet Recovery services provided by HomeAgain, Avid, or other comparable service is included in your adoption fee. Red Collar Rescue, also referred to as "RCR" herein, will remain as the Primary contact and Adopter will be enrolled as the Alternate contact.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of RCR's relinquishment of custody of Pet and other good and valuable consideration provided to Adopter by RCR, which Adopter acknowledges is good and sufficient consideration for Adopter's agreements herein, Adopter hereby gives and grants unto RCR, as a basis on which Pet is released, this Adoption, Release and Indemnity Agreement, and promises, covenants and agrees as follows:

HOLD HARMLESS/ INDEMNIFICATION

RED COLLAR RESCUE (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AFFILIATED ENTITIES, AND/OR AGENTS) SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO ADOPTER ON ANY THEORY OF LEGAL LIABILITY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF RED COLLAR RESCUE (AND/OR ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR AGENTS), FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CAUSED BY PET. ADOPTER DOES HEREBY RELEASE RED COLLAR RESCUE (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR AGENTS) FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, SUITS, OBLIGATIONS, DEMANDS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING IN ANY WAY TO PET OR RED COLLAR RESCUE'S RELEASE OF PET TO ADOPTER. IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF ADOPTER AND RED COLLAR RESCUE THAT THE RELEASE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO PROTECT RED COLLAR RESCUE (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND/OR AGENTS) FROM ANY PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS BY ADOPTER OR OTHERS AND FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY HARM, BEHAVIOR, OR OTHER ACTION BY PET, AND FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF RED COLLAR RESCUE (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR AGENTS) IN OBTAINING CUSTODY OF PET, IN PROVIDING CARE FOR PET, IN TRAINING OR NOT TRAINING PET, OR IN FAILING TO PROVIDE TIMELY OR ADEQUATE WARNING TO ANY PERSON CONCERNING PET.

_____ADOPTER'S INITIALS:

ADOPTER further promises, covenants and agrees:

____ 1. **to pay an adoption fee in regards to this adoption prior to the transfer of said pet to the Adopter. The adoption fee is <u>NON-REFUNDABLE</u> even if the pet is returned to RED COLLAR RESCUE.**

____ 2. **to never sell, trade, or give away this pet to anyone. I will never relinquish this pet to any shelter or pound, whether "no-kill" or otherwise. I will notify RED COLLAR RESCUE if I am unable or unwilling to keep this pet for any reason, and I will return this pet to RED COLLAR RESCUE after arrangements have been made for such return. I will be responsible for all costs related to the return of the pet to Red Collar Rescue. If this pet is lost or stolen, I will notify RED COLLAR RESCUE immediately.**

____ 3. that all future medical and health maintenance treatments are my responsibility, unless RED COLLAR RESCUE has specifically agreed in writing to pay for them under the "special provisions" at the end of this contract. I will seek immediate (at time of injury or signs of illness) veterinary care if this pet becomes ill or is injured. I understand this is for the lifetime of the pet.
I will administer monthly heartworm preventative to the pet year round. If the pet is heartworm positive, I understand that Heartgard® or ivermectin is the only preventative that may be administered, as any other type could cause the pet to become seriously ill or even die. If the pet is heartworm positive, I will follow a heartworm treatment plan recommended by a veterinarian approved by RED COLLAR RESCUE.

____ 4. to keep all immunizations current and updated according to a veterinarian's schedule.

____ 5. to keep the Pet primarily indoors, interacting with my family, and will not to be banished to the back yard. I will never tie my pet to a chain or rope or leave him/her unattended for long periods. The Pet will be exercised in a fenced yard or on a leash, and not be allowed to roam the streets.

____ 6. If pet is a cat, to keep the Cat indoors at all times and will never be subjected to surgical removal of its claws

____ 7. that the pet SHALL NOT be physically altered in any manner (docking tails, cropping ears, declawing, etc.).

____ 8. to comply with all state and local ordinances in the confinement, care, and licensing of this pet. I will reclaim this pet promptly, and pay any required fees if it is picked up by an animal control agency. IF THIS PET IS EVER STOLEN OR LOST, ADOPTER AGREES THAT HE/SHE WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO FIND THE PET AND WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY RESCUE SERVICE. SUCH REASONABLE STEPS, INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, POSTING SIGNS IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE THE PET WENT MISSING AND CHECKING AREA POUNDS AND SHELTERS. IN THE EVENT THAT RED COLLAR RESCUE OR ANY OF ITS AGENTS HAVE TO RETREIVE THE DOG FROM ANY POUND, SHELTER OR PERSON THAT IS IN POSSESSION OF THE DOG AFTER ADOPTER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED, ADOPTER AGREES TO IMMEDIATELY REIMBURSE RED COLLAR RESCUE OR ITS AGENT FOR ANY AMOUNTS EXPENDED IN PROCURING THE DOG'S SAFE RETURN AND RED COLLAR RESCUE RESERVES THE RIGHT IN ITS SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DOG SHALL BE RETURNED TO ADOPTER OR RETAINED BY US.

____ 9. Rabies and ID tags will be kept on the animal at all times. Cats will only wear a breakaway collar specifically designed for cats.

____10. THAT RED COLLAR RESCUE DOES NOT MAKE ANY GUARANTEES REGARDING THE AGE, NATURE, TEMPERAMENT, OR HEALTH OF THIS PET. Adopter assumes all risks and responsibility including the financial responsibility of ownership of this pet once he/she is in my possession and that RED COLLAR RESCUE is not in any way responsible for such costs incurred.

____11. **that if I fail to fully and timely comply with the terms of this contract, I will, voluntarily, immediately release ownership, possession, custody and control of this pet to RED COLLAR RESCUE, and if I fail to do so, RED COLLAR RESCUE will be entitled to enforce specific performance of this contract in addition to any other legal remedy available to RED COLLAR RESCUE.**

____12. that all information in the Adoption Application is true, complete and correct and agree that any false or misleading statement thereon will constitute a breach of this contract. If any information contained on Adopter's Adoption Application is untrue, Adopter expressly agrees that RCR may retake custody of Pet without refunding adoption fee and without recourse by Adopter and adopter agrees to relinquish such pet to Red Collar Rescue.

____13. that this Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas; and

____14. that any disputes between the parties to this Agreement concerning the subject matter of this Agreement shall be submitted for resolution to the courts of Harris County, Texas.

____15. I am at least 22 years of age.

____16. Special provisions of this contract, if any, are as follows: _____
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My signature below affirms that I have read and agree to all the above conditions:

SIGNED, this _____ day of _____
(month / year)

_____ _____
Signature of Adopter(s) **Signature of Red Collar Rescue Representative**

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Signature of Adopter(s)

ACCEPTED BY Red Collar Rescue – Houston, TX	Adoption Fee Received _____ Additional Contribution Received _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Out of state adoptions: PayPal confirmation # _____

Medical Records Delivered:	**Heartworm Preventative Due On:**
Flea/Tick Preventative Due On:	**Microchip Information: (see note below)**

Note: All microchips are registered and will remain registered under the REDCOLLAR RESCUE account. Upon finalization of adoption, REDCOLLAR RESCUE will update microchip contact information as appropriate.