



## Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota

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### Adoption Contract

This contract is between Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota and the adopter of the dog.

Adopter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the dog(s):

Dog Information

(Use this column for second dog)

Dog's Name		
Breed		
Gender		
Age/Birthdate		
Color and Markings		
Microchip Tag #		
Microchip Brand		

STRMN will register the microchip for the adopter. The adopter does not need to renew the registration each year. It is good for life.

Adoption Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Sales Tax \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fee & Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota (STRMN) agrees to the following:

1. Adopting to the Adopter the dog(s) described above, so long as the adopter continues to fulfill the terms of the contract.
2. That the animal(s) described have been examined, spayed/neutered, and vetted by a licensed veterinarian. Any known medical conditions and health issues have been explained to the Adopter, and all records passed on to them. **If, within 7 days of the adoption, the animal(s) is found to be in such poor health that major medical treatment is required (according to a licensed veterinarian), then Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota will refund the adoption donation fee, or transfer those monies toward the adoption of another STRMN dog.**
3. That the information provided is the complete information STRMN has obtained on the dog(s), and that the dog is adopted "as is".

#### The Adopter agrees to the following:

1. To **keep the dog(s) as pet(s)** and not to: give away the animal; take the dog(s) to a shelter or other facility; sell or give the animal to a rescue facility; use the animal for personal and commercial gain; physically modify the animal (including but not limited to tail docking, ear cropping, de-barking and other elective surgical procedures).
2. To provide adequate high-quality **food, sufficient water, shelter, exercise** appropriate to the dog's age and needs. This includes adherence to a special or medical diet.
3. To **care for the dog(s)** in a responsible and humane way for the rest of the dogs life. The dog(s) will be kept inside, and treated as a member of the adoptive family. The dog(s) will not be confined in an outside cage, the basement of the house, or an outdoor shed. The dog(s) will not be crated for extended periods of the day. The dog(s) will not be trained to attack or fight, and will not be used to train other animals to attack or fight.
4. To keep the dog(s) **harnessed/leashed** and under control. To abide by the leash laws in the adopter's community. The dog(s) will not be allowed to roam freely outside. If the dog is found roaming freely, the Adopter agrees that the local animal care or control agency will release the dog(s) to a Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota representative. An electric fence will **not** be used to confine the dog in the yard, and if the dog is kept on a tie-out cable in the yard, the dog will not be left unattended or out of site.
5. To provide a **humane harness or collar** with identification tags including rabies, municipal license, and microchip tag. No pinch, prong training, or choke collars are to be used on the dog(s). We require the use of a **harness when walking** a dog due to the fragility of a small dog's trachea.

6. To have the dog's **medical needs** addressed, including examination by a licensed veterinarian at least once per year, including maintenance of routine vaccinations, heartworm preventative year round, and flea and tick protection at least April through October unless the dog has an adverse reaction to the medication.
7. To allow STRMN access to the dog's veterinary records at any time in the future to ascertain whether adequate veterinary care is being given to the dog. If it is the opinion of the veterinarian and of STRMN that veterinary care necessary for the dog's continued good health has not been provided by the owner, the dog must be returned to STRMN.
8. If situations arise that **the Adopter is no longer able to care for the dog(s)** in a responsible and humane manner, the Adopter agrees to return the dog(s) to Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota. STRMN agrees to accept the dog and not to penalize the Adopter for returning the dog if the Adopter is no longer able to care for the dog(s) in a responsible and humane manner.
9. To allow the foster parent or representative of STRMN to do a follow up visit at the discretion of both the foster parent and the adoptive family after the adoption takes place; to notify STRMN if there is a change of address, and to keep in contact with the foster parent or STRMN in a reasonable manner.
10. To **assume all liability** for the dog(s), or any injury or damage that may be done by the dog(s). The adopter waives all claims, losses, or damages which may arise after the adoption of the dog(s) resulting in personal injury or property damage. The adopter agrees to not bring any legal action seeking remedy for personal injuries or property damage from acts by the dog(s) or information in the dog's background of which Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota had no knowledge. This agreement extends to third parties.
11. If the adopted dog passes away, the Adopter will notify STRMN as soon as is reasonably possible.
12. **Violation** of the agreements contained and the terms of this adoption contract carries a \$150.00 fine. The adopter agrees to pay all costs necessary to comply with and enforce this agreement, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation.

**I agree to abide by the adoption contract and also agree that all information I have provided Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota is correct.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Address \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Work Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

STRMN Volunteer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Every year STRMN hosts a Shih Tzu Rescue Reunion! We ask that you make it a priority to attend. This is a time for us to follow up with our adopted dogs, for relationships to grow, and for the dogs to simply have fun. This event is held every year in the fall. An invitation will be sent to you notifying you of the date. Please mark your calendar right away when you receive the invitation - we count on you to come!**

**You will also be given some excellent information about the Shih Tzu breed, and other information to help your new Shih Tzu adapt to your home. Please read and keep in contact with STRMN. We will always be here for you!**

Shih Tzu Rescue of Minnesota is an all volunteer organization with a mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home abused, abandoned, and neglected Shih Tzu and Shih Tzu mixes. STRMN is a 501c3 charitable, non profit organization and your donations are tax deductible. 100% of the donations go toward the care and comfort of our rescued dogs.