



**Adoption Agreement**  
**SOS@SaveOurShepherds.org**

**ADOPTER'S INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTED DOG**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Breed: Purebred?</b>	<b>Color:</b>
<b>Sex:</b>	<b>D.O.B:</b>	<b>Microchip:</b>

**ADOPTER'S AGREEMENT**

- I agree that the dog is being adopted for myself and will not be sold, adopted, or given to another party. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I agree to care for the dog in a humane manner and be a responsible animal guardian. This includes supplying quality food, clean water, adequate shelter from wind, rain and sun, attention, and medical care. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I agree to keep the dog current with vaccinations, monthly heartworm preventative, and flea/tick preventative as needed. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)
- I agree that this dog will be an inside dog. If the dog is to be briefly kept outside, it will be in a secure fenced area with plenty of shade, available shelter & an appropriate size exercise area. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)
- I agree to never “chain” my dog. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)
- I agree to never abandon this dog or to surrender it to a city or county shelter. If, for any reason, I can no longer care for this pet, I AGREE TO RETURN MY PET TO Save Our Shepherds German Shepherd Rescue. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

- I understand that I may return this dog within 10 days for a full refund of my donation. If I return the dog after 10 days, my donation is non-refundable. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)
- I understand that while SOS German Shepherd Rescue attempts to gain as much knowledge about each animal as possible and to pass this knowledge to each potential adopter, SOS may not know the true history of any of its rescues or how this rescued dog will act in a new environment. \_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I understand and accept that changes in this pet’s environment may cause stress, which may result in “accidents” or some behavioral difficulties, especially for the first week or two following the adoptions. I am willing to work with my new pet with patience and understanding, and at no time will subject this pet to violence or cruelty. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)
- I understand that SOS German Shepherd Rescue does not make any guarantees as to the health, background, temperament, or ultimate size of any rescue and thus cannot be held liable for any incidents related to this dog. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)
- I give the rescue organization permission to call my home at any reasonable time to assure that the animal is being properly treated and cared for. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I agree to keep SOS German Shepherd Rescue informed of my current home address and phone number. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I agree that all statements I have made on this form and on the adoption application are true. If it is found that any statements I have made on this form are not true the adopted animal can be confiscated. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)
- I agree that this is a legally binding contract. . \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

**Important Notice:** Save Our Shepherds can make no guarantees in reference to the health, background and/or temperament of the dog. The dog is adopted “AS IS” and the adopter assumes responsibility for the treatment of and all existing conditions or any other conditions of physical or temperament changes that may occur. While SOS makes every effort to place only healthy animals, the rescue cannot guarantee the health of any animal. Save Our Shepherds shall not be held responsible for any medical expenses which may be incurred, hereby expressly excluding any implied or express warranties, merchantability, or fitness for any particular purpose, including without limitation and warranties regarding health, background, temperament or whether the animal is housebroken.

**Adopter's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation Amount**   \$300

## FEEDING YOUR RESCUE DOG

The majority of those associated with SOS German Shepherd Rescue choose to feed our own dogs the “prey model raw” or BARF (Biologically Appropriate Raw Food) diet. We realize this is not for everyone but encourage our new adoptive families to investigate that option. Otherwise, we encourage you to feed the best quality kibble you can afford. See our website [SaveOurShepherds.org/kibble.html](http://SaveOurShepherds.org/kibble.html) to learn more about the ingredients in common brands of dog food, how poorly those foods are rated, and about the dietary needs of all dogs.

If you chose not to feed raw, SOS recommends the following brands of kibble:

Blue Buffalo	Merrick	Solid Gold
By Nature	Natural Balance	Taste of the Wild
Canidae	Natura Products	Timberwolf Organics
Eagle Pack Holistic Select	Nature's Recipe	Wellness
Evanger's	Nature's Variety	Ziwi Peak
Fromm	Orijen	

Your new rescue dog has been eating: **3 cups Nature's Recipe Venison & Rice or Lamb & Rice (served slightly wet) in the mornings and the same amount in the evenings (or 1 ½ - 2 chicken leg quarters for the evening meal is preferred.)** This should be reduced slightly if the dog begins looking fat, as too much weight on a dog is very unhealthy. Your new dog is accustomed to being separated from the other dogs (crated or kenneled or fed in a separate room) while he/she eats.

## TIPS FOR SWITCHING DOG FOODS

Things You'll Need:

- A measuring cup
- The old food
- The new food

- Cooked white rice and/or a tablespoon of canned pumpkin [not pie filling] may be added to the food to add in digestion.
- If the dog's stomach does get upset, a meal of rice and plain cooked chicken is recommended. Of course, remove any cooked bones!
- If he continues to have diarrhea or throw up, discontinue the new food and contact your vet.

If possible, it's best to transition from wet food to wet, dry to dry, or mixture to mixture. The key is to keep the form of the food the same.

For Kibble: Switch the food gradually, over a period of a week or so. Start with a mixture of 25% new and 75% old and feed that for two or three days, then step it up to 50-50, and finally end up with a combo of 75% new, 25% old. If you are considering switching to raw, contact us for instructions or see our website [www.SaveOurShepherds.org/raw.html](http://www.SaveOurShepherds.org/raw.html) on Transitioning.

If you don't detect any changes in their digestion over the week's time, you can start feeding the new food exclusively. Congratulations on bringing home your new family member!