

Norwegian Elkhound Rescue Committee

Adoption Agreement

The Norwegian Elkhound Rescue Committee is a non-profit organization formed to do everything in its power to protect and advance the interest of the Norwegian Elkhound.

A Norwegian Elkhound should not be acquired casually or disposed of lightly, however, sometimes through no fault of the dog, they end up homeless. It is on these occasions that the Rescue Committee tries to help those Elkhounds in need through finding a permanent home where they will be loved, respected and properly taken care of for the remainder of their life.

Description of the Norwegian Elkhound:

Name: _____ Approximate Age _____

Sex _____ Spay/Neuter _____ DHLPP shots given _____

Rabies Shot Given _____ Other Medical Care _____

Tattoo or Microchip – Location and type: _____

Please carefully review the following terms & conditions for placement:

- 1) The adopting family represents that no member of the family has ever been charged with cruelty to animals and agrees to accept the conditions and terms of this adoption agreement in order to be eligible to adopt the Norwegian Elkhound described in this agreement
- 2) This Norwegian Elkhound will be a pet and will receive all care and attention to ensure its health and well being. This will include a safe environment, which complies with local ordinances, adequate shelter from cold and hot weather, food, water, exercise, medical attention (not only when needed but yearly exams) and love. A Norwegian Elkhound should never be permitted to run loose while unattended and should always carry current ID tags and/or microchips.
- 3) This Norwegian Elkhound must not be abused in any manner. It must not be attached to a tie-out or overhead cable for any length of time. This dog must never be trained or used as an attack dog or in any form of dog fighting. This Norwegian Elkhound must never be subjected to any biological, chemical, psychological or other experiments.
- 4) This Norwegian Elkhound shall never be used for breeding. If this dog is not spayed/neutered at the time of placement, it must be completed within 30 days of the execution of this agreement or the agreement is null and void. Proof of the spay/neuter must be provided upon completion via a certificate or statement from a licensed veterinarian.
- 5) If this Norwegian Elkhound has had prior training, a refresher obedience course is highly encouraged to establish a more rapid respect and rapport between the Norwegian Elkhound and the adopting family.
- 6) The adoption fee schedule is as follows: up to and including three years of age - \$150; over three years but under eight years - \$100; eight or over – no fee required; however a minimal donation of \$50 is encouraged. This donation helps to defray the medical, boarding, transportation and other costs associated with assisting Norwegian Elkhounds in need.

7) It is understood that the Rescue Committee and others working for or associated with the Rescue Committee shall be held harmless for any damages or injuries caused by an Elkhound placed through the Rescue Committee. This includes but is not limited to dog bites to persons or animals, or property damage. The Rescue Committee will make every attempt to ascertain the temperament of the Norwegian Elkhound prior to placement, and will not knowingly place a Norwegian Elkhound with a known aggressive or otherwise poor temperament.

8) This placement is subject to a two (2) week trial period during which the adopting family can return the Norwegian Elkhound and receive a full refund of the fee. After this trial period, if the adopting family cannot keep said dog, it must be returned to the Rescue Committee to be placed in a new home. Under no circumstances may this Norwegian Elkhound be sold, given away, euthanized, or disposed of in any manner during the trial period. After the trial period has ended, the adoption fee is non-refundable.

9) If, at any time, the Rescue Committee receives information that the Norwegian Elkhound is not being cared for in accordance with this agreement, a representative of the committee may call for an immediate inspection of the premises where the Norwegian Elkhound resides. If it is determined that this agreement has been violated or that the dog is not being properly treated or abused in any manner, the Rescue Committee has the express and explicit authority to reclaim custody of the Norwegian Elkhound with the refund of the fee. Should it be necessary for the Rescue Committee to take legal action to recover the Norwegian Elkhound, or otherwise enforce provisions of this agreement, the adopting family agrees to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

10) The adopting family shall notify the Rescue Committee if of the death of the adopted Norwegian Elkhound within two weeks of the occurrence.

11) The undersigned has read, understands and agrees to all of the terms & conditions set forth in this agreement.

Adopting Family

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone number _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Rescue Committee Representative

Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Date of Agreement _____