



Board of County Commissioners

Department of Community Services

Animal Services Division

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Date: _____

RESCUE ADOPTION CONTRACT, WAIVER AND RELEASE

I, _____ am affiliated with the legally recognized animal rescue group, (Rescue Group), known as _____ and whose address is _____.

The Rescue Group desires to adopt the following below described animal:

Animal ID: _____
Name: _____
Breed: _____
DOB: _____
Microchip No: _____

We understand that this animal has exhibited aggressive behaviors which prevent the animal from being adopted by the general public. The behaviors that have caused the animal to be deemed aggressive have been described to us. We have had the opportunity to ask questions about the behaviors and we still desire to adopt the animal on behalf of the Rescue Group. We accept full responsibility for the care and training of the animal and release Citrus County, Florida from any and all liability for the animal's behaviors or damages resulting from the animal's behaviors.

If necessary, we understand that we may return the animal back to Citrus County Animal Services, and Animal Services will determine the final disposition of the animal.

(Signature of Adopting/Transferring Party)
Title _____

(Signature of Animal Services Employee)

(Date)

(Date)

AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS EUTHANASIA POLICY REGARDING DOGS

This policy is adopted to ensure the safety of the general public. A dog's aggressive behavior can be exhibited in a variety of ways under a wide variety of circumstances. Although it may be possible for these dogs to be rehabilitated, Animal Services does not have the staff or resources to spend the necessary time and effort to work through the rehabilitative process. The purpose of this policy is to give animal rescue groups the opportunity to rehabilitate these dogs

PROCEDURE:

If a dog has been deemed aggressive through evaluation by the Animal Services Director and his/her staff, that animal will be placed on an "aggression hold" for 5 days.

Dogs with a human bite history will not be eligible for adoption. The 5 day hold period will be for five (5) business days. If the last day falls on a day when the shelter is not open, the date hold will extend to the next business day.

During the 5 day period, an outside organization may apply to permanently adopt that dog after completing the required paperwork. This organization accepts all responsibility for the dog and releases the County from any liability.

If an adopter does not come forward by the last day of the hold period, the dog will be euthanized according to County policy.

Animal Services staff will continuously update the aggressive dog hold list to allow outside organizations the opportunity to consider adoption.

- A note will be added to the dog's record within Pet Point stating the end date of the aggression hold (example: Fluffy-RESCUE NEEDED BY 01/01/16). This will automatically populate the website for public notice.
- A sign will be posted on the animal's kennel with the end date of the aggression hold.
- An email will be sent to volunteers from the Volunteer Coordinator with notification of the aggression hold and the end date. Volunteers should register with the Volunteer Coordinator.

If at any time in the future the adopter chooses to surrender the animal, the animal will be returned to the Citrus County Animal Shelter by the owner or through Citrus County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officers and euthanized.

The Animal Services Director has final authority on all aggression hold and euthanasia decisions.