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# Heart Bandits

# Adoption Agreement

## American Eskimo Dog Rescue

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE ESKIE:

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag / Microchip #: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADOPTING FAMILY:

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### AGREEMENT:

The adopting family represents that all members of the family are free of past and present charges of cruelty to animals and agrees to accept the following conditions in order to be eligible to adopt the Eskie described above. The adopting family agrees that the American Eskimo Dog (hereafter Eskie) will be a house pet and will receive all care and attention necessary to ensure the health and well being of the dog. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Providing an indoor house environment. The Eskie will be kept in an area where sufficient access to the family is assured, where adequate heating/cooling and food/water is available.
2. Providing adequate shelter, shade and water when the Eskie is outdoors. The family understands that this Eskie is predominantly an indoor pet and agrees that the Eskie will not be housed outdoors for extensive periods of time or overnight.
3. Providing adequate control and supervision over the Eskies movements when outdoors to prevent nuisance running in the community. This Eskie will not be permitted to remain outdoors in a non-fenced environment unless in the presence of the owner and under control according to community leash laws. The Eskie will not be permitted to roam outside the confines of the family's yard without the presence of the owner.
4. Providing nutritionally healthy food, adequate exercise, and clean, fresh water sufficient to maintain proper health.
5. Providing adequate grooming to keep the Eskie mat-free, flea- and tick-free, and to maintain coat condition, ears, feet, nails, teeth, and eyes.
6. Providing adequate medical care consisting of community required vaccines, fecal check for worms, occult heartworm tests and placed on heartworm preventative each year. The adopting family also agrees that the Eskie will be provided with adequate medical care immediately in the event the Eskie is injured or becomes ill.
7. Providing licensing as required by the community and will obey all animal control laws. This Eskie shall wear such licensing at all times including in the owner's home.
8. Providing a safe and emotionally nurturing environment for the Eskie. The adopting family agrees that the Eskie will not be abused in any manner. The Eskie will not be chained, used for attack or guarding purposes; used in any aspect of dog/animal fighting; be beaten or otherwise treated cruelly, and will not be subjected to any biological, chemical, psychological or other experiment.
9. The adopting family agrees to provide an environment that maintains proper and adequate socialization of the Eskie to people and animals. This includes, but is not limited to, providing the Eskie with adequate contact with other animals and people which encourages the Eskie to maintain socially acceptable mannerisms and will discourage habits and situations which develop intolerant and nuisance-like behaviors.
10. The adopting family agrees to obtain adequate obedience and behavioral training when warranted to ensure the development of positive habits and behaviors in the Eskie.
11. The adopting family agrees to refrain from activities that will result in creating aggressive tendencies in the Eskie including allowing children, other individuals or animals to tease, torture, and otherwise hurt the Eskie.

- 12. The adopting family recognizes that Heart Bandits American Eskimo Dog Rescue has made every possible effort to provide an Eskie which is compatible with the adopting family's home environment. Heart Bandits does not warrant the temperament or behavior of the Eskie and is not to be held liable for any acts of the Eskie while living with the adopting family.
- 13. The adopting family agrees to provide, upon request, proof of yearly vaccinations, heartworm check, and access to the Eskie, if necessary, for follow-up visits.
- 14. The adopting family agrees to the payment of an adoption fee which is used by Heart Bandits to recover expenses incurred in the rescue of American Eskimo Dogs .The adoption fee (\$125-\$300) varies with the location of the chapter housing the Eskie. The fee is based on the average costs of caring for the rescues and veterinary services in the area.

15. Special Provisions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 16. The "period of trial", for placement of this Eskie with the adopting family shall be a period of thirty days. After thirty days from the date on this adoption form, the trial adoption will be considered permanent. If the adoption aborts for any reason except violation of the terms of this agreement, Heart Bandits will refund the adoption fee to the adopters.
- 17. The adopting family will keep the Eskie for so long as it shall live and will not transfer the ownership or custody to any other person, business or organization, except for the return of the Eskie to Heart Bandits. The adopting family will notify Heart Bandits immediately if the Eskie is stolen, lost, or is deceased.
- 18. If at any time during the Eskies life, the Eskie is treated in a manner inconsistent with this contract, the contract will become void and Heart Bandits American Eskimo Dog Rescue will reclaim ownership and custody of the Eskie. The undersigned adopting family will be liable and responsible for the reimbursement of any costs associated with recovering the Eskie and preparing the Eskie for re-adoption.
- 19. The adopting family acknowledges that they have read all provisions of this agreement and that the purpose of the agreement is to safeguard the health and well-being of the Eskie, to protect the Eskie against neglect, abuse, and cruelty, and that the adopting family enters into this agreement freely and with good will.

Adoption Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED BY:

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 Signature(s) of Adopting Family

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WITNESSED BY:

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 Witness for Heart Bandits American Eskimo Dog Rescue, Inc.