



# **Adoption Policy**

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## **Overview.**

Chimney Farm International Dog Rescue, hereinafter referred to as Chimney Farm, takes its responsibilities seriously when placing dogs in our care with adoptive families.

All adoptions are subject to an enquiry form via our website and successfully passing a home check by a member of Chimney Farm.

Adopters pay a non-refundable fee for the adoption of a Chimney Farm dog. Fees are used to maintain the charity and to continue in its mission to rehome dogs in need across the UK and abroad.

This policy outlines the contract that all adopters commit to by re-homing a Chimney Farm dog.

The contract is completed and signed by adopters on the day they adopt their dog, agreement to our adoption terms are stored in accordance with our GDPR policy and is considered a binding agreement.

## **Adopters commit to the following terms;**

- To understand that no professional behavioural assessments have been undertaken and Chimney Farm cannot guarantee the temperament of the dog. In relation to UK dog laws, caution must be exercised at all times and if they are in any doubt a professional Dog Behaviourist must be sought.
- Aware that Microchips are registered by Chimney Farm via Animal Tracker. Adopters receive notification of transfer details – they are required to accept the transfer and register their pet.

- To take out pet insurance for their dog or have adequate resources to be responsible for any medical treatment that it might require.
- To allow Chimney Farm to visit at any point to check-up and assess the dog if needed and should Chimney Farm at any time feel that the dog is in any danger, or have any concerns for the dogs welfare Chimney Farm has the right to remove the dog, with their full cooperation and bring them it into its care.
- IF FOR ANY REASON THE DOG CAN NO LONGER BE KEPT  
Chimney Farm must be informed so we can offer rescue back up and, if required, the dog will need to be returned to its care.
- To pay in full the non-refundable adoption fee as agreed in the adoption contract
- Excluding old age and emergencies, if euthanizing is being considered Chimney Farm should be contacted as soon as possible. No dog should be euthanized without prior discussion and approval from Chimney Farm.
- To always offer their dog a safe, loving, home and take all necessary precautions to ensure it is well looked after. To feed sensibly with good nutrition to maintain a healthy weight and to exercise the dog adequately.
- To be responsible for the dog's training and attend training classes if/when required.
- To not leave the dog for prolonged periods of time and never use a crate.
- If a puppy and not neutered they must have their dog neutered as soon as it is old enough and contact Chimney Farm to confirm this has been done.
- To prove they are over 30 years old.

In accordance with the current Data Protection Law, permit a representative of Chimney Farm to contact them in the future.

They must also confirm their understanding that:

- a. Chimney Farm accepts no responsibility for the description, condition, health and temperament of the dog adopted and gives no warranty of any kind expressed or implied. The dog is believed to be in good health and has been checked by a veterinary professional.
- c. Chimney Farm accepts no responsibility for any medical expenses or expenses from injury to a dog or third party. Adequate pet insurance is to be purchased.
- d. Chimney Farm provides adopters with all the information they hold in relation to a dog's history and temperament/behaviour.

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