

Operation Paws for Homes, Inc.
Spay/Neuter Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that all adopters will complete the altering surgery for their adoptive dog. We appreciate your support and cooperation!

Puppy Name: _____

Adoptive Family Name: _____

In addition to the Adoption Agreement between the Adopter, and _____ Operation Paws for Homes, the Adopter agree to the following terms:

1. Adopter agrees to neuter/spay the adopted puppy by 7 months of age.
2. Adopter agrees to supply Operation Paws for Homes with a veterinarian's letter or other proof that the neuter/spay procedure has been completed.
3. If Adopter fails to neuter/spay this puppy and provide proof to Operation Paws for Homes by one year of age, the rights and ownership of the dog will terminate and revert back to Operation Paws for Homes who may immediately reclaim the dog.

Why spay/neuter:

- The requirement to spay or neuter your new family member helps to prevent pregnancy and the birth of unwanted puppies. As a rescue organization, we strive to help reduce the overpopulation of animals in shelters by requiring that the dogs we adopt out to families comply with the terms of this spay/neuter agreement.
- Spaying your female dog helps to avoid the problems associated with estrus by spaying her before these problems may occur. There are several health benefits to completing her spay.
- Additionally, the neutering of male dogs reduces the tendency of the dog to urinate in the house, marking his territory.

3.2-6574. Sterilization of adopted dogs and cats; enforcement; civil penalty.

- A. Every new owner of a dog or cat adopted from a releasing agency shall cause to be sterilized the dog or cat pursuant to the agreement required by subdivision 2 of the subsection B of this article.
- B. A dog or cat shall not be released for adoption from a releasing agency unless:
 1. The animal has already been sterilized; or
 2. The individual adopting the animal signs an agreement to have the animal sterilized by a licensed veterinarian: (i) within 30 days of the adoption, if the animal is sexually mature; or (ii) within 30 days after the animal reaches six months of age, if the animal is not sexually mature at the time of adoption.
- C. A releasing agency may extend for 30 days the date by which a dog or cat must be sterilized on presentation of a written report from a veterinarian stating that the life or health of the adopted animal may be jeopardized by sterilization. In cases involving extenuating circumstances, the veterinarian and the releasing agency may negotiate the terms of an extension of the date by which the animal must be sterilized.
- D. Nothing in this section shall preclude the sterilization of a sexually immature dog or cat upon the written agreement of the veterinarian, the releasing agency, and the new owner.
- E. Upon the petition of an animal control officer, humane investigator, the State Veterinarian or a State Veterinarian's representative to the district court of the county or city where a violation of this article occurs, the court may order the new owner to take any steps necessary to comply with the requirements of this article. This remedy shall be exclusive of and in addition to any civil penalty that may be imposed under this article.
- F. Any person who violates subsection A or B of the section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.

I understand and agree to comply with the terms of this agreement.

Signature _____

Date of Signature _____

AFTER THE SPAY OR NEUTER

Adopters have 12 months from adoption to claim a refund. Please send a copy of the receipt or certification of the completion of this surgery to: OPHspayneuter@gmail.com for reimbursement of your deposit of ____ Up to \$75_____