

**JOHN NELSEN MOOSEDOG RESCUE FUND**  
**P.O. Box 65, Mendenhall, PA 19357**  
 rescue@jnmrf.org  
**ADOPTION CONTRACT**

THIS ADOPTION CONTRACT (this "**Contract**") is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Adopter**") and the John Nelsen Moosedog Rescue Fund ("**JNMRF**").

In consideration of the covenants and obligations contained in this agreement, and payment of the Adoption Fee as provided below, Adopter adopts the following Norwegian Elkhound or Norwegian Elkhound Mix dog (the "**Dog**") sponsored by JNMRF.

Dog's registered name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's call name: \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age (approx): \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Neuter/Spay date \_\_\_\_\_

1. In consideration of the Dog and as partial reimbursement of the costs of rescue and in gratitude for the charitable work provided on behalf the homeless pet population, Adopter will pay JNMRF an adoption fee of \$150.00 (the "**Adoption Fee**"). Adopter will immediately forward the Adoption Fee made payable to the John Nelsen Moosedog Rescue Fund, P.O. Box 65, Mendenhall, PA 19357 along with this Contract as signed by Adopter, unless other arrangements have been agreed upon previously by JNMRF.
2. JNMRF releases no dog in its possession for adoption until she/he is spayed or neutered. Should there be any instance where the dog is later found to not have been altered, the Adopter will have the Dog spayed or neutered, as appropriate, within thirty days of the discovery of that fact, or by the age of six months if the Dog is younger than six months old at the date of this Contract. Adopter will forward evidence of the spaying/neutering to JNMRF (at P.O. Box 65, Mendenhall, PA 19357) in the form of a letter from the veterinarian performing the surgery or a copy of the veterinarian's bill for the surgery within said thirty days.
3. Adopter will give the Dog proper food, water, shelter, grooming and veterinary treatment to maintain the Dog in a good and healthy condition including, but not limited to, the following: annual or biannual (depending on current veterinary practice) inoculations including DHLPP (leptospirosis can be waived if there is a history of vaccination reaction to the this component) and rabies at the interval required by the state in which Adopter resides. Adopter will provide routine heartworm medication on a year round basis, along with flea and tick control seasonally with products approved for use in canines. Adopter will treat the Dog in accordance with, and abide by, all Federal, State, County, municipal and other laws, rules, regulations, statutes, ordinances and orders regarding the humane treatment of dogs.
4. Adopter will keep the Dog solely as a family pet and will immediately return the Dog to a representative of JNMRF if Adopter is unable to continue to provide a home or appropriate medical care for the dog, whereby Adopter agrees that due to its inability to provide a home or appropriate medical care for the Dog, Adopter has defaulted under this Contract and

relinquishes to JNMRF any and all right, title and interest of Adopter in the Dog. Adopter will notify JNMRF if the Dog is stolen, lost, disappears or dies within 24 hours of said event.

5. Adopter will provide adequate exercise for the Dog on a regular basis. Adopter is strongly encouraged to attend basic obedience classes with the Dog to help in socialization, basic commands and to assist in creating an elkhound which is a good canine citizen.
6. Adopter will keep the Dog confined to Adopter's home premises by fenced yard or kennel. Adopter agrees to maintain fence in adequate condition that Dog will not be able to escape. In areas where fencing is not possible, an overhead trolley may be used. Adopter will not restrain the Dog by chain or other method of tying, or solely by electric fence. Adopter will not permit the Dog off leash when outside unless confined as required above. Adopter will not keep the Dog solely as an outside dog.
7. When taken off the Adopter's premises, Adopter will keep the Dog on a lead with collar and identification tags. Adopter will not permit the Dog to ride loose in the back of a pick-up trucks or any other similar vehicle. Adopter will never permit the Dog to be left unattended in a vehicle when the outside temperature is over 75° F.
8. Adopter is aware that microchips are registered to JNMRF which lists the adopter as an alternate contact. Adopter agrees to keep their contact information current by notifying JNMRF of any changes in address, telephone or email information.
9. If within one month of the initial adoption, the Adopter feels that the Dog is not suitable for the Adopter's home or situation, Adopter will immediately contact JNMRF and make arrangements to return the Dog to a representative of JNMRF, in which case half of the Adoption Fee will be returned to Adopter and Adopter will relinquish to JNMRF any and all right, title and interest of Adopter in the Dog.
10. If any provision of this Contract is held to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Contract shall not be affected or impaired, and such remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
11. This Contract and all related matters shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. Adopter and JNMRF hereby consent to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of Cook County, Illinois or any Federal Court in Cook County, Illinois, agree that any action brought in connection with this Contract shall be adjudicated in such forum, and waive any objections to such forum.
12. Adopter agrees that a breach of this Contract, especially regarding the humane care and treatment of the Dog, would damage JNMRF in such a manner that cannot be adequately compensated by monetary damages. If the Adopter attempts to or does give away, dispose of, or rehome Dog without the explicit consent of JNMRF or in any way intentionally or by neglect causes harm or endangerment to the Dog, the parties agree that such breach or attempted breach by the Adopter may be restrained by an injunctive order for Adopter to return Dog to JNMRF, granted by a court of appropriate jurisdiction. In the event of such breach, Adopter agrees to pay all court costs and all reasonable legal fees that might be sustained by JNMRF in the attempt to recover Dog and further agrees to relinquish to JNMRF and waive any and all right, title and interest in the Dog.

13. In consideration of being allowed to adopt the Dog by JNMRF, Adopter agrees to be solely responsible for the Dog and to indemnify, defend and hold harmless JNMRF, its directors, officers, representative, agents and employees from any and all claims of liability arising out of or in connection with the conduct of the Dog. Adopter further agrees and intends that this release of liability and indemnification shall apply to all known, unknown and unanticipated damages resulting from Adopter's adoption and ownership of the Dog or the Dog's conduct.

Adopter has read this Contract before signing and agrees to all of the terms and conditions of this Contract.

**ADOPTER:**

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

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

City/State/ZIP : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

(if signed in front of a JNMRF representative)

For office use only:

**THE JOHN NELSEN MOOSEDOG RESCUE FUND:**

Name: Pam McNamara \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Secretary/Treasurer/Director \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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