



Maryland Westie Rescue Adoption Agreement

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Name of Westie being adopted _____ Age _____ Sex _____

New name of Westie (if you are changing his/her name) _____

Name(s) of person(s) adopting Westie _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone (optional) _____

Cell Phone (optional) _____ Email address _____

Terms of Agreement

Maryland Westie Rescue (MWR) has been established to provide rescue and care for Westies who have been given up due to family circumstances, neglect, or abuse, or have been abandoned by their previous owner. Adopting families or individuals hereby agree to our purpose of providing safe, secure, affectionate, and healthy environments for these Westies, and specifically agree to the following:

1. No member of the adopting family has been charged with cruelty to animals.
2. The Westie will be kept solely as a house pet.
3. The Westie will never be used for breeding, fighting, or experimentation.
4. The Westie will never be given, leased, or sold to any person, laboratory, or business. If the adopting family or individual wishes to relinquish custody of said dog, they agree to notify MWR and/or its rescue representatives. (If you cannot find the telephone number, contact the American Kennel Club (AKC) for the telephone number of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, which will then provide a telephone number for the MWR.) Any expenses incurred by the adopting family/individual for the care of this Westie are not reimbursable.
5. The adopter(s) will provide sufficient food, water, shelter, and veterinary care.
6. The Westie will be spayed/neutered at the time of the adoption, except for unique circumstances such as a Westie under 7 months of age. If the rescue Westie has been altered recently, the adopting family/individual will have the Westie examined within 7 days by a licensed veterinarian to certify that the dog is healing properly and to obtain medical advice on recovery procedures for the Westie. If the rescue Westie is under 7 months of age and unaltered, the adopting family/individual agrees to have the Westie spayed or neutered by 7 months of age and will provide MWR with a copy of the spay/neuter certificate within 7 days of surgery. Adopting family/individual is responsible for all costs associated with the surgery. Failure to have the Westie spayed/neutered and provide requested documentation could result in removal of the Westie from the adopting home, and should such situation lead to legal process, the adopting family/individual agrees to sole responsibility for all costs, including attorney fees and court costs.

7. The adopting family/individual will provide a properly fenced yard and/or will leash walk said dog several times daily. (Invisible/electric fencing and tethering/tie-outs are not considered adequate protection or restraint for a Westie adopted from our organization.) Because Westies are bred to hunt and exterminate vermin, they may chase wild animals, bark, dig, and perform other hunting/go-to-ground actions, and, therefore, require protection from harm. Westies should never be allowed off leash in unsecured areas.
8. The adopting family/individual will maintain a current dog license as required by local law, and will assure that the Westie is inoculated against disease, especially rabies. The adopter will also see that the Westie always carries, at minimum, identifying tags on its collar or, as is considered best by most Animal Control officials, the tags plus microchip or tattoo identification.
9. Westies are typically affectionate and friendly. However, no one can predict how any dog will react in any given situation, especially without complete knowledge of its life experiences. Therefore, adoptive owners are encouraged to exercise caution in introducing an adoptive Westie into new situations until it has become adjusted to its new environment. It is strongly recommended that all interaction between dogs and children be monitored by an adult at all times.
10. While every reasonable effort is made to address the dog's immediate medical issues and to know its personality prior to placement, the MWR and its rescue representatives can make no warranties regarding the temperament, behavior, or physical condition of any adoptive Westie, nor do they guarantee it to be free of genetic defects peculiar to the breed. The adopting family/individual agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the MWR, its rescue representatives, and its officers from all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, or liability of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in connection with this adoption.
11. Even if a Westie has had obedience training, a "refresher" course is highly recommended since it helps establish close rapport and bonding between the owner(s) and the Westie.
12. The adopting family/individual agrees that if a MWR representative determines that the terms and conditions of this agreement have not been met, the adopting family/individual will surrender custody of said Westie upon demand, and any expenses incurred by the adopting family/individual for the care of this Westie are not reimbursable. Further, should such situation lead to legal process, the adopting family/individual agrees to sole responsibility for all costs, including attorney fees and court costs.

Special Adoption Conditions: _____

I have read and understand the Adoption Agreement and agree to the conditions set forth.

Signature of Adopter _____ Date _____

Signature of Co-Adopter _____ Date _____

Adoption Donation \$ _____

Maryland Westie Rescue Representative (Signature) Date _____

Maryland Westie Rescue Representative (print) Telephone number _____

Maryland Westie Rescue wishes you much joy with your Rescue Westie, and we encourage you to assist in rescue activities to help other homeless Westies find homes.