



# Maryland Westie Rescue, Inc.

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*(Maryland Westie Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization)*

## ADOPTION AGREEMENT

### **Please print all information clearly:**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Terms of Agreement**

Maryland Westie Rescue, Inc. (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 the adopted 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.

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7. Because Westies are bred to hunt and exterminate vermin, they may chase wild animals, bark, dig, and perform other hunting/go-to-ground actions that may result in harm to them or others. The adopting family/individual agree to provide a properly fenced yard and/or will leash walk the adopted dog several times daily. The adopting family agrees that the Westie will never be allowed off leash in an unfenced area. Adopting family further agrees that it will not subject the Westie to invisible/electric fencing or tethering/tie-outs as these are not considered adequate protection or restraint for a Westie adopted from our organization
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 agree to exercise caution in introducing an adoptive Westie into new situations until it has become adjusted to its new environment. Adoptive owners also agree 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.
13. Special Adoption Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. I fully understand and agree to assume all risks involved in the adoption of a dog(s) from MWR. I agree to hold MWR harmless and not responsible for any injury(s) that I might sustain resulting from the adoption. This waiver includes the above understanding for myself, all of my family members and the descendants of such forever from seeking any legal action whatsoever against MWR or its representatives.
15. I understand that the adoption donation is **non-refundable** in the event I must return the Westie for any reason.

**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 (non-refundable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Maryland Westie Rescue Representative (Signature)

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.**