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## Adoption Contract – Dogs/Puppies

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Name:	Name:
Address:	Breed:
City, State, Zip Code	Color:
Telephone:	Sex:
Email:	Age:
Adoption Fee:	Microchip #
Date of Adoption:	Spay/Neuter Date:

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Dog's Name Per Lucky Chance Records: \_\_\_\_\_

Age at time of adoption: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate or Exact Age? (Circle one)

**\*\*\* PUPPIES ONLY \*\*\***

**Puppies need puppy shots every 3 weeks until 16 weeks of age**

Date of Last Puppy Shot: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Puppy Shot & Fecal Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Puppy Shot Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Flea and heartworm Preventative Due On The \_\_\_\_\_ of every month

Food Brand Pet Is Currently Eating: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Food Pet Is Currently Eating: \_\_\_\_\_ Cup(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x Per Day

If you are switching food it is important to mix your new food with the food your pet is currently eating. Please use this 5 day food transition chart to help your new pet's tummy digest easier.

Day 1	Mix 20% of the new food with 80% of the old food
Day 2	Mix 40% of the new food with 60% of the old food
Day 3	Mix 60% of the new food with 40% of the old food
Day 4	Mix 80% of the new food with 20% of the old food
Day 5	Feed 100% of the new food

Favorite Toy(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Treats \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Place(s) To Sleep \_\_\_\_\_

Command(s) Learned in Foster Home \_\_\_\_\_

Other Notes or fun facts: Please use back of page

**VET RECORDS & MICROCHIP INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED WITHIN 2 WEEKS. IF NEEDED SOONER PLEASE EMAIL [CHARMED@LUCKYCHANCERESCUE.COM](mailto:CHARMED@LUCKYCHANCERESCUE.COM)**

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## Your New Rescue Dog

Congratulations on adopting a dog from Lucky Chance Rescue! Here are a few things to keep in mind while your new companion adjusts to their new home;

Adopting a rescue dog is exciting for everyone with new interactions and adventures to come. **BUT WAIT!** Before you go showing off your new pet to your family, friends and resident pets please give the new dog time to relax for a while. The last thing you should do at this point is to rush them into a new situation that could cause a negative interaction. They are not ready for it and this can get them into trouble. **Number ONE RULE: keep your new dog in a crate during decompression time and always when you are not home.**

### Decompressing a Rescue Dog

#### UNDERSTANDING HOW YOUR NEW DOG FEELS

Put yourself in the position of your new dog. Imagine a stranger picks you up, takes you to a strange home in a foreign country. You do not understand the language, the customs, or where to go to ask for help. It would be a very scary and stressful time for you. This is exactly how a rescue dog may feel when you bring him/her to your home for the first time. The foster is the only safe person the dog knows and trusts so he/she will need time to decompress, get to know you, learn a new routine, and feel safe. Rescue dogs need time to get themselves into a calm state and it's up to you to provide a calm, stress free environment.

- It can take 2-3 weeks for your new dog to adjust to a new home
- The dog may not eat well for a few days, don't be alarmed!
- The dog is more likely to try to run away, jump a fence, etc. for the first 2 weeks-be sure to always have your dog on a leash and/or supervised until they learn their boundaries and you are sure they won't try to get away.
- It is not uncommon for a dog to have accidents in the house for the first week or two while they learn their new routine.
- Be sure to establish a routine right away so your dog learns where to eat, potty, sleep, etc.
- Be a strong leader – start out by having your dog earn everything (treats, walks, attention, food, etc.) this will help your dog build confidence and trust.
- Have a safe place for your dog to go when you are not at home. Crate training is essential until you know you can trust your dog to be alone in the home.
- Don't overwhelm the dog by having too many people over or taking him/her too many places. Allow the dog a few days to get to know you and the new environment and introduce new things gradually.
- Training classes are always a good way to keep your dog socialized and to reinforce rules and positive behaviors.
- Don't yell, hit, or throw things at the dog. If behavior problems are present, speak with a trainer, behaviorist, or Lucky Chance Rescue. Most times there is a reason for the negative behaviors and they can be corrected with positive changes.

Remember that your new dog may be confused, scared, and unsure of his or her new environment. It will take some time for your dog to learn the rules, expectations, boundaries and to form a trusting relationship with you. Be patient and your new companion will be sure to reward you with their unconditional love! Time and patience is the key to helping your dog become the dog you want him/her to be. Some people are too impatient and give up before they see what a great dog they have.



# Easy Does It

*Take it slow when bringing a new dog into your home. Successful introductions can take weeks. Be patient and take things one step at a time. Don't rush things, and start by introducing one dog at a time. Your reward will be a happy, harmonious pack.*

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## BE PREPARED

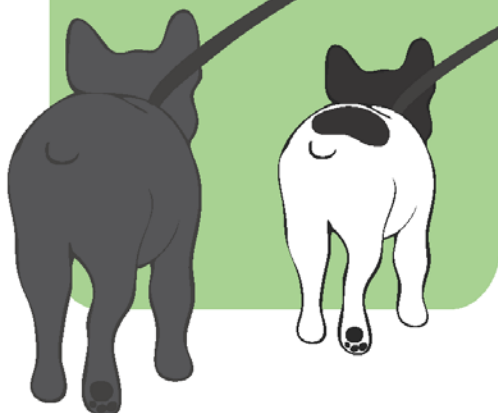
Have a quiet place ready for the newcomer to unwind, away from the resident dogs. Give the dog plenty of time to get familiar with the smells, sounds and daily routine of the new home before you start making introductions.



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## START ON NEUTRAL

Always introduce dogs outside of the home. Leash up and start with a walk. Keep dogs moving with no direct contact.



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## THE GREETING

If both dogs are relaxed, allow them to greet each other. If there is ANY tension, keep moving. It may take several walks before dogs are ready to interact.



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### LEASH UP

Once your new dog is ready for interaction inside the home, keep a short leash on at all times for the first few weeks. Use the leash as tool to correct unwanted behavior so the dog can learn the rules.



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### CRATE FOR SAFETY

Never leave your new dog alone with resident dogs, even for a few minutes. Separate or crate the newcomer when unsupervised. Keeping your dog safe helps build trust.



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### INVITATION ONLY

Establish rules and expectations for your new dog by sticking to a policy of affection and treats by invitation only, never by demand.



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### MAINTAIN BALANCE

Remember that it can take several months for a dog to feel truly at home. Be patient and stick to a routine that includes exercise, affection and discipline.



# HEARTWORMS...

easy to prevent, difficult and costly to cure.

The Truth About  
Heartworm Disease  
and Your Pet

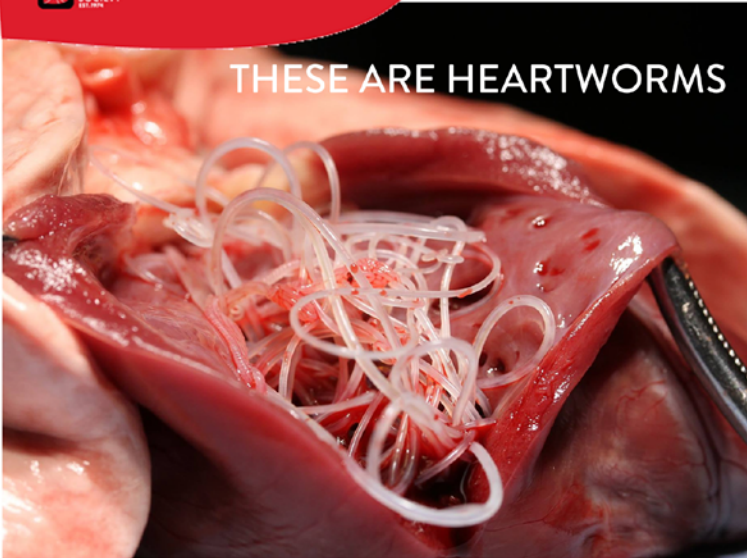
Prevention vs Treatment



## HEARTWORM PREVENTION

\$80-\$200 PER YEAR

THESE ARE HEARTWORMS



### DID YOU KNOW?

- > The bite of just one mosquito infected with the heartworm larvae will give your dog heartworm disease.
- > It takes about seven months for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms.
- > HEARTWORMS lodge in the heart, lungs, and surrounding blood vessels and begin reproducing.
- > Adult worms can grow up to 12 inches in length, can live 5-7 years
- > A dog can have as many as 250 worms in its system.

## HEARTWORM TREATMENTS

\$1400-\$1800

### Step One: Pre-Adult Heartworm Treatment

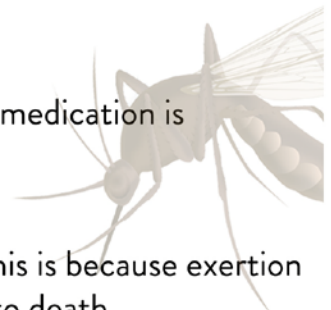
antibiotics, heartworm preventives and steroids when the heartworms die, they release the bacteria into the dog's body.

### Step Two: Treating the Disease

The Only FDA Approved Heartworm Medication is Arsenic-Based. The medication is administered through a series of injections

### Step Three: During & After Treatment

Your dog will need to remain inactive for weeks, possibly even months. This is because exertion can cause dead worms to become lodged in your pet's lungs, which can lead to death.





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## OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS FOR DOGS

The following is a list of common household medications that are generally safe to use on pets. These medications can be extremely useful if you cannot reach a veterinarian immediately, but is always best to contact your veterinarian before giving any medication to your pet.

**DO NOT give your dog ADVIL/MOTRIN, ALEVE, EXCEDRIN, OR TYLENOL.** The **ONLY** pain reliever/anti-inflammatory medication you should give your dog is BUFFERED Aspirin (Bufferin)

MEDICATION	SYMPTOMS	DOSAGE FOR DOGS
Benadryl (Diphenhydramine)	Allergies, Itching, Hives	½ mg – 1mg per pound every 8 hours. Maximum 24-hour dosage 2mg per pound
Buffered Aspirin (Bufferin)	Pain relief; anti-inflammatory	5 milligrams per pound every 12 hrs
Claritin (Loratidine) ( <b>NOT</b> Claritin D)	Allergies, Itching, Hives	Under 15lbs: 2.5mg every 12 hrs. 15lbs-40lbs: 5mg every 12 hrs. Over 40lbs: 10mg every 12 hrs.
Dramamine	Car/Motion Sickness	12.5-50mg every 8 hrs
Hydrogen Peroxide	Induce vomiting	10 ml by mouth; repeat every 15 minutes until vomiting occurs (not to exceed 3 doses)
Immodium AD (Liquid or Tablet) ** (Loperamide)	Diarrhea	0.05-0.1 mg/pound by mouth every 8 hours.
Kaopectate ** Loperamide)	Diarrhea	0.5-1.0 ml/pound by mouth every 4-6 hours
Mineral Oil	Constipation	Up to 4 tablespoons daily
Canned Pumpkin NOT pumpkin pie filling	Constipation/diarrhea	2-3 teaspoons every 8-12 hrs
Pepto-Bismol (liquid or tablet) (Bismuth Subsalicylate)	Diarrhea, indigestion, nausea, vomiting	1 teaspoon per 5lbs every 6 hrs 1 caplet per 20lbs every 6 hrs
Robitussin DM	Coughing/hacking	1 teaspoon per 20 lbs every 8-12 hrs

**\*\*Many herding breed dogs (shepherds, collies, sheepdogs, etc.) have a genetic predisposition to adverse drug reactions involving over a dozen different drugs. The most serious adverse drug reactions involve several anti-parasitic agents (ivermectin, milbemycin, and related drugs), the anti-diarrheal agent Loperamide (immodium/kapectate), and several anti-cancer drugs (vincristine, doxorubicin, and others). Please consult a veterinarian before giving any medications to herding breed dogs!!!!**





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## A Rescued Dog's Baggage

Now that I'm home, bathed, settled, and fed,  
All nicely tucked in my warm new bed.  
I would like to open my baggage Lest I forget,  
There is so much to carry - So much to regret.

Hmm... Yes there it is, right on the top -  
Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss,  
And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame.

As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave -  
I still have to unpack my baggage called Pain.  
I loved them, the others, the ones who left me,  
But I wasn't good enough - for they didn't want me.  
Will you add to my baggage? Will you help me unpack?  
Or will you just look at my things and take me right back?

Do you have the time to help me unpack?  
To put away my baggage, To never re-pack?  
I pray that you do - I'm so tired you see,  
But I do come with baggage - Will you still want me?

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