

ADDENDUM -- COVID19 VETTING

Save One Soul Animal Rescue League (SOS)

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Dog Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed Guess, Sex, Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

COVID19 has made us adjust the way we do many things and presented new challenges. Due to backlogs and new protocols, many vets are booking new pet appointments 4-10 weeks out. The dog you are adopting has vetting needs that must be addressed in a timely manner or s/he will be at risk for developing further medical issues. These needs could include:

- Monthly heartworm preventative
- Monthly flea/tick preventative
- Maintenance prescription medications
- Booster shots
- Rabies vaccination
- Sick/Injury care

By adopting this animal at this time, you acknowledge and take responsibility for these needs and challenges, and agree to make every reasonable effort to start a relationship with a veterinarian ASAP to provide your dog with the care they need. You also acknowledge the following:

**All dogs:**

**Heartworm/Flea Tick Preventative:** Your dog is coming from an area where heartworm disease is endemic and our area is known for tick borne disease like Lyme. Heartworm and flea/tick preventative are the best ways to protect your dog from these deadly diseases, and no one wants fleas in their home! If your first vet appointment is not soon enough to get the dog his/her next dose of Heartworm and flea/tick preventative within seven days of when s/he is next due, SOSARL can dose the dog right before placing the dog with you for an extra fee of \$30 (to cover our cost of the medications). If you wish for this to happen, please let us know before you pick-up your dog and include this additional fee in your adoption donation payment. These medications will be administered to the dog while s/he is still in SOS care and no sooner than seven days after the last dose was given.

Two options:

- (1) Please call your vet saying "I am a new pet parent. My dog last had heartworm preventative on X and is next due on Y. If I am not able to see a doctor for a new pet appointment at your clinic by Y, if I am able to provide my dog's full vet records that show s/he has had a negative heartworm antigen test in the last 12 months/is younger than 12 months old, would your clinic be able to provide me with one dose of heartworm preventative to help ensure s/he remains healthy until my new pet appointment?"
- (2) To obtain a single dose of HWP, Washington County Veterinary Hospital, 4263 Tower Hill Rd, Wakefield, RI 02879 will work with our adopters. Please call or text Carolyn, a technician at WCVH at 401-622-5008. Please provide her with your name and email, and the name of the SOS dog you adopted. Carolyn will then review your dog's records in the SOS database and email you a registration form from WCVH that you will need to complete. After that, you will then be able to pick-up one dose from WCVH (South Kingstown, RI).

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**If the dog is younger than 20 weeks:**

**Booster Shots:** Puppies need a series of vaccinations at appropriate intervals and times in their lives to be protected against several deadly diseases like parvovirus and distemper. If your first vet appointment will be more than four weeks after your puppy's last DHPPv:

- when the puppy is finally seen, the vet might recommend that the booster series be restarted (usually a total of 2-3 shots, each 2-4 weeks apart) to help ensure full immunity, and,
- until the booster series is **properly** completed, the puppy remains vulnerable to those diseases; extra care should be taken until that time (eg, no paws on public ground, etc).

**Rabies:** Each state is different, but they all have an age by which a puppy must be vaccinated for rabies. In general, all dogs over 6 months of age must be currently vaccinated, and puppies as young as 12 weeks old can be given their first vaccination. This time range (12 weeks to 6 months) provides ample time for puppy adopters to get an appointment at a shot clinic or vet to ensure that their dog vaccinated against rabies. Important to note, if a reportable bite (dog or wild animal) incident occurs before 30 days after the rabies vaccination, the dog is not considered "fully vaccinated" and the town/state may require additional vaccination, a quarantine period and/or possibly other measures be taken by the adopters/with their dog. You agree to get the puppy rabies vaccinated as soon as is reasonably possible after turning 12 weeks of age.

**If the dog is older than 20 weeks:**

**Booster Shots:** Except by rare occasion, all SOS dogs older than 20 weeks will have received the correct vetting to be properly immunized for at least 2-3 months past the date of adoption, often for much longer like 8+ months. If a booster shot is due for a dog with an adequate history of vaccinations, a few weeks' delay in getting the booster shot should not be an issue for protection. You agree to get these shots completed as soon as is reasonably possible.

**Rabies:** See above. Except by rare occasion, all dogs placed by SOS are current on rabies vaccinations that are valid for at least 2-3 months past the date of adoption. If, when reviewing your dog's paperwork, you see that this is not the case, you will notify SOS within 48 hours of adoption.

By signing below, I agree that I have read this Addendum and agree that it is part of the SOS Adoption Contract. Having read this Addendum, I acknowledge all the above and agree to adopt the Dog voluntarily, with full knowledge of the above. I hereby assume and accept full and complete responsibility for the Dog, and will follow up with any and all necessary care. If under any circumstances, I am unable or unwilling to keep the Dog for any reason, I agree that I shall be obligated to first contact SOS to give it the option to reclaim the Dog at no charge. I understand and agree that SOS reserves the right to reclaim the Dog if any of the conditions herein or within the SOS Adoption Contract are not met. I further understand and agree that the Adoption Donation I have provided is non-refundable and will not be returned for any reason.

ADOPTER PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTER ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_