

**MARANATHA FARM**  
**342 Crabapple Lane**  
**Ridgeland, SC 29936**  
**(843) 816-6676 Fax (843) 726-6606**

(Please READ this first!)

No pet may be adopted as a gift for another person. You may purchase a gift certificate but the recipient must apply and qualify as an adopter.

Adoption fee \$100 for dogs and puppies includes spay or neuter, shots given, microchip, Easy-Walk harness and 6-month supply of heartworm prevention.

Female puppies and kittens are spayed at 8-12 weeks of age and may be reserved but not taken until they have been spayed. Male puppies and kittens are given a neuter certificate to be used when 6-12 months old. We follow up to make certain this is done. We require puppies and kittens receive an exam and the rest of their shots from your veterinarian.

Adoption fee \$50 for cats and kittens includes testing for FELK and HIV, spay or neuter and shots given.

There is a mandatory 24-hour “cooling off” period for all adoptions. You must call us 24 hours after you apply, to activate your application. It will be discarded after 48 hours if not activated.

All animals are unconditionally guaranteed for life and the adoption fee is fully refundable at any time upon return of the animal. We ask you to promise not to ever give the animal to anyone else. We really, really mean this.

A home visit and good veterinarian’s reference is required. All cats and dogs already owned by the applicant or living in the same household must be spayed or neutered.

Because these animals require a 10-15 year commitment, we are looking for stable adopters who can show ability to care for an animal for the rest of its life. All information you give will be verified. Discovery of any false information terminates the application process.

If you are a renter please verify that you have permission to own a pet before applying. Many landlords require pet deposits of \$500 or more per animal.

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**Adoption Application and Contract**

1. Adopter's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Employers names and work phones: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Cell phone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of persons in your household: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Their ages and relationships: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you own your home or rent? \_\_\_\_\_
9. If renting, we must verify you have permission to have a pet. Please give us your landlord's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Type home? (house/apartment/mobile etc): \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_
12. If yes, please describe the type and size fence: \_\_\_\_\_
13. How much time will the pet spend in the yard? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What shelter from weather is available? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What is the name of the animal you want? \_\_\_\_\_
16. If you want a puppy, please describe the housetraining method you intend to use:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Will you use a crate when the pet is indoors? \_\_\_\_\_
18. How many hours a day will the pet be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What is the likelihood you will move in the next 12-15 years, and what will you do with this pet if you move? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Your dog will need food, toys and chews, annual vaccinations, monthly heartworm prevention and flea control. How much do you anticipate spending yearly to meet these needs and can you easily afford it? \_\_\_\_\_

21. If your pet becomes ill or injured, have you thought about whether you are financially able to provide medical care? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Would you be willing to allow a representative from our group to visit your home before the adoption is completed, and if so when would you be available? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Have you adopted an animal from us or another local rescue or shelter before? \_\_\_\_\_

24. What pets do you own or have owned in the last 10 years and where are they now?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

25. Who is (was) your veterinarian for the above animals? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, city and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is true and that I recognize that any misrepresentation of the facts may result in my losing privilege of adopting a pet. I authorize investigation of all statements on this application.

I understand that Maranatha Farm reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone. This application is the property of Maranatha Farm. We never sell information but it may be shared with other animal adoption agencies.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTRACT**

To be signed before witnesses at time of adoption.

Please put your initials next to each item to acknowledge you have read and agree to that item:

**I understand I may voluntarily return this animal to Maranatha Farm at any time for a full refund of the adoption fee.**

**I promise I will not sell or give this animal away to anybody else.**

If a male puppy or kitten is adopted, I understand that this animal must be neutered when it is six to twelve months old. I promise to deliver this animal for neutering to one of the designated veterinarians on the neuter certificate before he is one year old.

I promise to provide good quality food and necessary veterinary care for this animal including heartworm prevention, flea control, vaccination boosters, worming and all other care as prescribed by my veterinarian. I further promise that as this animal ages and requires more care to enjoy its senior years I will provide it with every comfort possible such as arthritis relief and special diet.

I promise not to dock the ears or tail or any other body part of this animal except in case of injury, not to have this animal declawed except for dewclaws, not to do extreme nail trimming, not to cut the vocal cords, not to dull the teeth or do anything to cause unnecessary pain and suffering to this animal.

If the animal adopted is a kitten or cat it will be raised as an indoor-only animal and kept indoors only for its entire life. Indoors may include a screened porch but only if the yard is enclosed with secure fence so the cat will not be endangered by roving dogs, alligators etc. The porch must be securely screened and either the door or the gate to the yard must be kept locked.

**I promise never to chain, tether or tie this animal except in an emergency or as required for grooming or training. This animal may never be left unattended when chained or tethered.**

If the animal adopted is a pit bull terrier I promise never to leave it outdoors unattended except in a securely locked kennel which cannot be seen from the street.

If the dog is aggressive to other dogs I promise never to allow it to fight with other animals or run free to play with other animals in a dog park or similar public place. If the dog ever shows signs of human aggression I agree to return it to Maranatha Farm.

If the dog must be left in an outside kennel while I am gone I will provide protection from the sun, rain, heat and cold which may include a doghouse, canopy or roofed area, wading pool, fan or heater, and an adequate supply of fresh water.

**I promise not to confine this animal in a crate or similar restricted area for longer than 2 hours when 2 months old, 3 hours when 3 months old, or 4 hours at a time from then on.**

I promise never to strike, slap, hit or kick this animal to correct behavior, but to apply humane methods of training and positive reinforcement.

I promise not to use shock collars, prong collars or bark prevention collars on this animal, including not to use underground or “invisible” fence with shock collar transmitters.

I promise not to use this animal in connection with any commercial enterprise such as a guard dog or petting zoo, however this does not prevent me from taking this animal to work with me or training it for use as a Therapy or Guide dog.

I promise to notify Maranatha Farm of any change in my address or telephone number, and to notify them of any major illness, loss or death of the animal.

I understand that this animal is entitled to lifetime free vacation boarding at Maranatha Farm on a space-available basis. Advance notice is requested.

**I understand this is an adoption not a purchase of the animal and I grant permission to Maranatha Farm to take this animal back if they believe I am failing to care for this animal properly, without notice or refund.**

I understand that this Application is property of Maranatha Farm. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this Contract.

I understand that Maranatha Farm is not making any representations or warranties about the animal’s temperament or behavior. I acknowledge and agree that Maranatha Farm is not responsible for any injury, damage, or harm caused by this animal, and I hereby release Maranatha Farm from any and all liability for any injury, damage, harm, expense or liability I incur relating to this animal. I also agree to indemnify Maranatha Farm from any and all such claims and to pay, without limitation, any costs related to such injury, damage, or liability, including, in the case of litigation, any attorneys’ fees incurred by Maranatha Farm in its defense.

Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

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