



MustLuvBoxers

RESCUE

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SLEEPOVER GUIDELINES

This Guideline provides information to ensure a constructive and successful sleepover.

Your MLBR contact is:

Name(s) and phone number(s)

ALWAYS leave a message if you don't reach your contact(s) directly.

GOALS OF THE SLEEPOVER

- To provide the adopter the opportunity to assess and experience the Boxer's personality and behaviors and to see if he/she is compatible with the humans and/or dog(s) or other pets living in the household.
- To see if the Boxer feels comfortable with the humans and/or dog(s) or other pets in their potential new home.

RULES OF THE SLEEPOVER

- Please remember that the Boxer is still legally owned by MustLuvBoxers Rescue; hence, any damages, injuries and/or threat to the general public caused by the Boxer can pose a devastating liability to MLBR.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO OFF-LEASH ACTIVITY unless the Boxer is in a fully-fenced area on your property.**
- Do not take the Boxer to high-traffic public areas (such as pet stores, strip malls, crowded parks, etc.). The primary purpose of the sleepover is to assess *household* compatibility. High-stress public exposure poses too large of a risk for MLBR, you and the Boxer.
- Avoid introducing the Boxer to too many humans outside of your household. The duration of the sleepover does not offer sufficient time for multiple introductions, which can pose a significant stress risk for the Boxer.
- Your MLBR contact **MUST** be notified if you experience any health or behavior problems.
- The Boxer has been sent to you for a sleepover with a MLBR-provided collar with i.d. tag. **Please do not remove or replace the basic collar and tag.**

NOTE: If the Boxer is injured or causes injury to a human or another dog or animal as a result of rules not being followed, you may be held personally liable for any and all resulting veterinary costs and any other liabilities.

SAFETY IS IMPERATIVE

Safety for yourself, your family members, your other personal pet(s), visitors to your household, the general public, AND the Boxer. MLBR will never knowingly place a dangerous dog with you; however, sometimes behavioral problems are not immediately apparent when a dog is first taken into rescue and then placed in a sleepover situation. Again, your MLBR contact MUST be notified if you experience any health or behavior problems.

VETERINARY CARE / EMERGENCIES

- MLBR's fosters are up-to-date on three basic vaccinations: DHPP, Bordetella, and Rabies.
- If you believe the Boxer needs veterinary care for any reason, **CALL** your contact(s) **BEFORE** contacting a vet.
- In the case of a life-threatening emergency, you **MUST** attempt to reach your contact(s). **LEAVE A MESSAGE AT EVERY PHONE NUMBER YOU CALL AND LEAVE YOUR PHONE NUMBER.** Do not assume we have your phone number with us.
- Any and all veterinary services **MUST** be authorized **IN ADVANCE** by your contact(s). Failure to obtain authorization may result in your having to pay for the veterinary services in full.

IF YOU DECIDE TO ADOPT (OR NOT) ...

- The Adoption Fee for _____ will be: \$ _____. Payment of Adoption Fee will be due upon signing and return to MLBR of an Adoption Agreement/Contract (SAMPLE attached).
- Please contact Holly Adams (cell 206-778-9457, 425-361-1187) to let her know your adoption decision.
- If you decide to adopt, an Adoption Agreement/Contract will be prepared and sent to you.
- If you decide _____ isn't the right dog for you, Holly will confirm arrangements for his/her return to MLBR.

#END OF SAMPLE#



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Terms for Adoption Agreement / Contract

I/We, the undersigned Adopter(s), hereby agree that the above described dog is being adopted by me/us solely as a pet for myself and/or my immediate family. If at a later date I am unable or unwilling to keep and care for the dog, I/we agree to first contact MustLuvBoxers Rescue (MLBR) so they may reclaim the dog without refund of the adoption fee or other compensation. I/We understand that non-compliance with the terms of this agreement gives MLBR the right to reclaim the dog without refund of the adoption fee or other compensation. This contract shall remain in effect for the life of the dog, or until the dog is returned to MLBR.

SPAY/NEUTER REQUIRED

Permanent ownership of the dog described above is contingent upon your compliance with this Spay/Neuter Requirement.

Adopter acknowledges that the dog is not spayed or neutered and hereby agrees to have the dog spayed or neutered *before* it reaches seven (7) months of age (on or before **date**), but *not* before six (6) months of age unless proven medically necessary. In the event that the dog's health does not allow this agreement to be honored in that time frame, the adopter must provide MLBR with a written statement from their veterinarian explaining why spay/neuter surgery needs to be delayed, *and* include the earliest date at which the surgery can be performed.

It is the responsibility of the adopter, *not* the veterinarian, to ensure that MLBR has received written proof that the spay/neuter surgery has been performed. Acceptable written proof includes a veterinarian-issued Spay/Neuter Certificate and/or veterinarian-issued Invoice showing charges for the spay/neuter surgery. Written notice must be sent to MLBR within one (1) week of the spay/neuter surgery. Failure to comply with this agreement by the date listed above, unless otherwise agreed to in writing (veterinarian statement), will be considered a breach of contract and the dog will be returned to MLBR with no refund of any fees paid by the adopter.

OBEDIENCE CLASS REQUIRED

The Adopter agrees to enroll the dog in, and complete, an MLBR-approved obedience class, at least within three (3) months of adopting the dog or within a timeframe that is acceptable to MLBR. The Adopter agrees to always keep the dog in his/her/their direct control at all times.

Further, I/we agree:

- 1) that I/we will accept and consider the dog as an indoor household companion, not as an outside pet, and will provide the dog with a safe environment, humane treatment, and give proper food, fresh water, medical care, shelter, and exercise, and I/we will allow a reasonable amount of time for the dog to adjust to new surroundings.
- 2) that I/we understand and agree that an MLBR representative may, at any time, visit my home to check on the well-being of the dog.
- 3) that I/we will NOT give or sell the dog to another individual, family, rescue group, humane association, shelter or pound, or any medical or experimental laboratory or organization.
- 4) that I/we agree to abide by all state and local animal control and leash laws. I/We understand it is my/our responsibility to become familiar with these laws and to license the dog according to all city, county and/or state regulations.
- 5) that I/We understand that the dog's microchip registration will list MLBR as the Primary Contact for the life of the dog, but will also list the Adopter's information as Alternate Contact.
- 6) that I/we understand that no representations are made by MLBR as to the temperament or mental disposition of the dog.
- 7) that I/we agree to be fully and solely responsible for the dog, and for any damages that may result from its actions. I hereby indemnify and release MLBR, its officers, directors and volunteers of any and all liability arising from damages to person(s) or property caused by the dog.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF a nonrefundable adoption fee of **\$475.00***, the Adopter(s) agrees to permanently adopt the dog named above and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions stated in this Adoption Agreement/Contract and that, if he/she/they do not comply with any and all of the above terms, the dog may be removed from his/her/their possession and legal ownership of the dog will automatically and without further documentation revert to MLBR. The nonrefundable donation is not a selling price for this dog; it is money collected by MLBR to recover, in whole or in part, veterinary, care, and/or other fair expenses incurred by MLBR on behalf of this dog and all other dogs in the MLBR program.

*** NOTE:** If the Adopter(s) use(s) one of MLBR's approved veterinarians (listed at www.mustluvboxersrescue.com, click on "Home", then "Approved Trainers & Vets") for spay/neuter surgery, MLBR will call-in a \$75.00 credit (taken from the adoption fee) to the veterinarian's office to be used towards the spay/neuter surgery. Adopter(s) must notify MLBR of their intent to use an MLBR-approved veterinarian *at least 48 hours in advance of the surgery date* to enable MLBR to contact the vet clinic and apply the credit to the Adopter(s)' bill.

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