

# HoundSong Rescue



## Adoption Information

**HoundSong Hoot-n-Nanny**  
Yearly reunion



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Second Saturday of September!

## What has Been Done for Your Dog:



Each dog we rescue is slightly different from the previous. Each dog has its own needs and its own requirements. We try to satisfy all needs as thoroughly as possible. In regard to veterinary work, your dog has (either through our vet or the sending shelter's vet) received the following basics: Vet Exam, Rabies, DHLPP2, Microchip, De-worming, Heartworm Test and Spay/Neuter. The above basics are provided for all dogs and details on this information can be found in your adoption paperwork.

While we would like to say that we get our dogs' health care right 100% of the time, there are times things are missed and new issues can arise in new environments that we cannot foresee. Dogs sometimes show stress at relocation, are not as cooperative with new owners as they had been with our experienced staff, even certain illnesses show only in cycles and are not caught at the time of testing. We ask that IF THERE ARE ANY UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS with your new family member that you CONTACT US as soon as possible. We are here to help you for the lifetime of your dog. We want your dog to be healthy and well-adjusted as badly as you do. We will help you with your dog as best as we can.

## What to Expect from Your Adopted Dog:

At the time of your adoption your HoundSong Rescue representative should have shared with you all that we know about your dog ... both good and bad. We try to share with you ALL important details of your new dog. We sometimes have a detailed history of the dogs in our system. Other times we know very little of their past life and can make only educated guesses. After the many dogs we have adopted over two decades, our guesses are usually pretty good ones. However, dogs can (and do) react differently in new environments. A dog who was perfectly comfortable with his/her foster provider's cat may not like your cat (for whatever reason). We try to eliminate as many of these little surprises as possible before adoption, but please be aware that your new family member may need additional effort/training to help him/her adjust to your home and family environment.

Your dog will experience a period of adjustment. For some dogs this period lasts only moments, for others it can last much longer. Adjustment periods of 15-30 days are not uncommon. During this adjustment period, your dog might exhibit behaviors that it did not exhibit in its foster home (those behaviors can be positive behaviors or negative behaviors). Your Hound has been tested for temperament and behavior. An important part of our foster program is that each foster provider evaluates their dogs in a variety of environments and situations. One advantage we offer over a shelter adoption is that your adopted Hound has lived in a house, with a family, and that family has had the time to learn your dog's social skills. We ask that you please call with ANY questions or concerns so we may assist you in this adjustment period if need be. We want your adoption to be a successful one.

## What to Expect from HoundSong:

You can expect us to be with you throughout the life of your adopted Hound. You are not alone. We continue to service our adopted dogs in any way we can, well, for as long as needed. Be it babysitting while you are away (time and space dependent of course) or behavioral and health advice. You can contact us at any time with any problems, concerns, or even just a silly story (which we love to hear). We are committed to our adopted dogs and our adoptive families. We will always try to help you in any way we can.

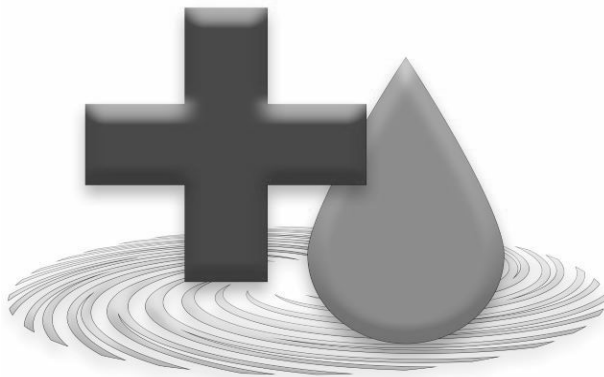
## Additional Vaccinations:

We have provided Rabies and DHLPP (D=Distemper, H=Infectious Hepatitis, L=Leptospirosis, P=Parainfluenza P=Parvo). Depending on your lifestyle, where you live, or activities you share with your dog, you might want to consider additional important vaccinations to safeguard your pet.

We suggest that you speak with your vet about some of the other important vaccines.

## Obedience and Training:

We suggest basic obedience training for ALL adopted dogs. Obedience classes do more than just train your dog to sit and stay. They are a great bonding and trust building exercise that even the best behaved adopted dog can benefit from experiencing. Taking your new dog through obedience classes greatly increases the likelihood you and your dog will have a good adoption experience.



## Hound Health

Hounds are, for the most part, healthy dogs.

While there are illnesses that arise from time to time, we cannot say that any one of these illnesses happen with any regularity as to say it is a "trait" in the breed(s). As an example, people refer to Cancer as being a "trait" in retriever breeds. There is no single illness more common in the Hound than in any other breed.

Admittedly, as the Beagle and the Coonhound move further from controlled professional breeding as hunting dogs and more of them are bred for pets by puppy mills and inexperienced individuals, their health will (as in the case of the Beagle) suffer.

If we were forced to choose the most common ailments for Hounds they would be:

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### Beagle

1. Allergies
2. Joint and structural problems usually regarding the spine and knees.
3. Cherry Eye
4. Rare but serious bouts of Beagle Pain Syndrome (Necrotizing Vasculitis).
5. Addison's Disease

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### Coonhound

1. Allergies
2. Entropion (inverted eyelids)
3. Intestinal and digestive complications.

Truth be told, most medical conditions with Hounds are usually caused by the Hounds themselves, either from eating something they should not have or getting injured while acting the clown.

### **Don't be a prepper, just be prepared.**

Nearly every national animal organization and government agency suggests we be ready for extra ordinary events, and for good reason.

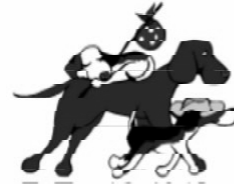
HoundSong has been involved with several events each year for which families were not prepared. Be it a fire, extended power outage, storm damage, or a broken water pipe, do you have a safe haven for you and your pets? We are not suggesting a backyard bunker. We are suggesting you have a plan. Your pets deserve it.

Take a moment to visit our website and read the PET EMERGENCY PAGE (Home page→Hound Health More→bottom of page). There you will find links to emergency planning pages, our emergency planning print outs, and information on the HoundSong Rescue Emergency Assistance Fund.

# Adoption Contract

## HoundSong Rescue

8466 E. Toto Road  
Knox, IN 46534  
219.228.0157  
robdar@houndsong.com



Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender/Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color/Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Intake Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Foster Care Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip #: \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Food, Water, Shelter, Restraint

- I will provide fresh water and food daily.
- This Hound will live primarily in my house.
- I will not allow this Hound to run free and will ensure that it does not become a nuisance or menace to other persons or their property.

### Medical Care and Treatment

- I will take this Hound to a veterinarian of my choice by \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\*
- I will provide this Hound with annual veterinary care and keep his/her vaccinations current.
- At such time as it becomes necessary, I will provide this Hound with appropriate end of life care so as to prevent suffering.

*\* HoundSong Rescue requests that you take your pet to your veterinarian within 7-10 days from the date of adoption.*

### Other

- I understand that all reasonable efforts have been made to screen this Hound for illness and/or behavioral problems. However, a complete history of the dog is unknown and I understand that not all illness and/or behavioral complication can be discovered during the HoundSong Rescue foster and adoption process. I will not hold HoundSong Rescue responsible for the physical condition or temperament of this Hound.

- I will not hold HoundSong Rescue responsible for physical and/or material damages to property or persons resulting from the adoption of this Hound.
- I will not hold HoundSong Rescue responsible for additional medical expenses for treatments after the date of adoption.
- HoundSong Rescue agrees to assist families with continued medical treatment for illnesses deemed to have been present at the time of adoption. If this Hound should exhibit signs of illness or be unsatisfactory for any other reason, I may return the dog to HoundSong Rescue for possible refund or replacement.
- Refunds are offered at the discretion of HoundSong Rescue and after a returned animal screening period of 7 to 10 days.
- This Hound will not be used for medical or experimental purposes/dog fighting or the training of fighting dogs.
- This Hound will not be abused, neglected, abandoned, nor rehomed or found a new home in any manner without prior notification and approval from an approved and active HoundSong Rescue managing director.
- I understand that if for any reason I am unable to keep this Hound, I am required to notify HoundSong Rescue immediately and prior to any other arrangements being made with any other persons or organizations regarding the care/placement/welfare of this Hound.
- I understand the adoption fee is to be considered nonrefundable unless otherwise approved by an approved and active HoundSong Rescue managing director. HoundSong Rescue will consider refunds for all dogs that are discovered to have a serious health condition in the first month check-up and for dogs that are returned in the same or better health as determined by an approved HoundSong Rescue veterinary care provider than at the time of adoption.

**Microchip Information:** At the time of adoption, the microchip implanted in your dog will be registered to HoundSong Rescue. MICROCHIPS AND PROPER REGISTRATION OF YOUR MICROCHIP ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO YOUR DOGS SAFETY

Check the microchip sheet in this packet for more information.

**Please consider leaving HoundSong Rescue as the secondary/back-up contact on your registration.**

I have read, understood, and agree to all of the above provisions. I understand that if I fail to comply with any or all of the above stated terms, this Hound may be removed from my care and returned to HoundSong Rescue.

## Adopter's Information:

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (area code):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

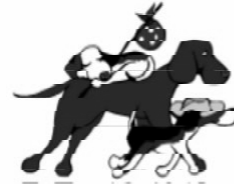
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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adoption Fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **HoundSong Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Disclosures**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Relinquish or Impoundment: \_\_\_\_\_

Cage/Kennel Number: N/A Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F NM SF Spay/Neuter Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Fee:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Fees:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip #: \_\_\_\_\_

This animal was returned by an adopter on \_\_\_\_\_ for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**Inoculations and Treatments of this Animal Since Received**

<b><u>Vaccinations/Inoculations:</u></b>					<b><u>Diagnostic Tests:</u></b>				
	Product	Date			Product	Date			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rabies	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Fecal	_____	_____	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> K-9 Distemper/Parvo	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Parvo	_____	_____	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> FVRCP	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Heartworm	_____	_____	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> FELV	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> FELV/FIV	_____	_____	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bordetella	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	_____	_____		
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<b>Dewormers/Medications</b>	<b>Dosage</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>

Additional information may be included on a separate sheet.

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of our policy regarding warranties, refunds, or returns is available upon request. The provisions of adoption are non-transferrable.

**Acknowledgement of Disclosures**

I hereby attest that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

HSR Staff: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name Signature Date

I hereby attest that this disclosure was posted on or near the cage of the dog or cat for adoption and that I have read all the disclosures. I further understand that I am entitled to keep a signed copy of this disclosure.

Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name Signature Date

# HoundSong Rescue Behavioral Short Form

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chip #: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	Mostly/Good	Needs Work	Poor	No
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House manners					
Crate trained					
When left alone crated					
When left alone uncrated					
Dog needs active supervision					
Dog listens/responds to commands					
Basic obedience					

	Calm	Friendly	Cautious	Timid	Frightened	Defensive
Behavior with adults						
Behavior with children						
Behavior with other dogs						
Behavior with cats						
Behavior with strangers						
Behavior in public						
Behavior with toys & people						
Behavior with toys & other dogs						
Behavior with food & people						
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Dog's worst behaviors: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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# HoundSong Rescue

As a dog owner, one of the worst nightmares is losing your dog. We say it won't happen to me, but experienced Hound folks know these are cunning little critters so, yes, it can happen to any of us.

Some benefits of microchipping are: the microchip is permanent and can't be separated from your Hound (unlike I.D. tags (which are great and definitely recommended) that can break, fall off, or the name or phone number can wear off); if your dog is lost or stolen, the chip and its registration are definitive proof of ownership (particularly helpful in the case of stolen pets when ownership might be in dispute); and a chip increases the likelihood that your pet will be returned. Several recent studies show that chipped dogs are returned 2.5 more than unchipped dogs.

Unless you have a pup too young to chip (in which case you should be going home with a chip to be implanted at a later date) - the good news is that your HoundSong dog is already microchipped. The next and more important step is registering the chip. **Registering the chip with your current contact information (and keeping the information updated) is vital.** We've received dogs in the rescue that were already chipped, but not registered, which means there is no way to find the owner.

Your dog has had a Fi Nano microchip inserted. HoundSong will transfer the registration for the chip to you within two weeks of adoption. Once that is done, you will receive a confirming email from HoundSong and from Fi Nano. ***Please follow any instructions in the Fi Nano email to complete registration.*** This is a lifetime registration so yearly renewal is not necessary, however, ***please remember that you must keep your contact information updated*** so in the event they need to contact you, they have the correct contact information.

**If your pup does get loose, please, please, please contact HoundSong or your foster family. Make sure to let us know ASAP – like the day it happens – or sooner 😊. We have years of experience and knowledge in getting Hounds back home - especially for our family and you're HoundSong family now.**