Dog Ownership Transfer

Record of a private rehoming or sale of a dog between individuals

DATE OF HANDOVER

PLACE (CITY, STATE)

1 PARTIES

Current owner (seller)

FULL LEGAL NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE OR EMAIL (OPTIONAL)

New owner (buyer)

FULL LEGAL NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE OR EMAIL (OPTIONAL)

2 DOG

NAME

BREED OR MIX

SEX

SPAYED / NEUTERED

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

COLOR AND MARKINGS

DATE OF BIRTH, OR ESTIMATED AGE

MICROCHIP NUMBER

MICROCHIP REGISTRY

LICENSE OR TAG NO. (IF ANY)

RECORDS AND BELONGINGS HANDED OVER (VACCINATIONS, LEASH…)

HEALTH, BEHAVIOR AND CARE INFORMATION DISCLOSED BY THE CURRENT OWNER (MEDICATION, DIET, KNOWN CONCERNS)

3 FEE AND PAYMENT

AGREED FEE OR PRICE ($0 IF NONE)
$

AMOUNT RECEIVED
$

BALANCE DUE (IF ANY)
$

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Bank transfer or payment app ☐ Other:

DATE PAYMENT RECEIVED

4 TERMS

The current owner owns the dog, or is authorized to transfer it, and nothing prevents the transfer. Mark only the statements that are true.

Ownership and claims — check one

☐ No one else has an ownership claim to the dog, and no adoption agreement or other arrangement restricts this transfer.

☐ The following claim, co-owner or earlier agreement applies (describe):

Condition and promises — check one

☐ The dog is transferred in its current condition, with the health, behavior and care information disclosed in section 2. The current owner gives no warranty beyond what is written here, to the extent the law allows.

☐ The current owner gives the following promise (return arrangement, health guarantee…):

From the handover written at the top of this form, the current owner transfers to the new owner all rights in, and responsibility for, the dog, with the records and belongings in section 2. Both parties agree to the terms on this form and on page 2.

5 SIGNATURES

By signing, each party confirms that the details on this form are true and complete to the best of their knowledge.

CURRENT OWNER (SELLER) SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE

NEW OWNER (BUYER) SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE

WITNESS (OPTIONAL; SOME STATES REQUIRE ONE) — SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE

This record does not update a microchip registry, dog license or veterinary record; those are changed through their own processes. Not for breeder, rescue or shelter placements.

Dog Ownership Transfer — continuation

Fill in the parties, item and date here too, so this page stays with page 1.

CURRENT OWNER	NEW OWNER	DOG (NAME, MICROCHIP)	DATE OF HANDOVER

ADDITIONAL TERMS (OPTIONAL)

Anything the parties have agreed that is not covered on page 1, such as a trial period, a return arrangement, a breeding restriction, follow-up updates, or when a remaining balance will be paid.

INITIALS SELLER _____ BUYER _____

Before you sign

1. Check the dog's description and microchip number against a scan and the registry record, and against this form. Label an estimated age as an estimate.
2. Check each party's name and address against photo ID. Confirm that the person transferring the dog owns it and that no adoption contract, co-owner or court order restricts the transfer.
3. Write the agreed fee, the amount received and any balance separately. If no money changes hands, write $0 and "no fee". Only say "paid in full" when it is.
4. Write down what the current owner discloses about health, behavior (including any bite history), medication and daily care in section 2, and list the records and belongings handed over. Say what is missing or unknown instead of guessing.
5. Mark only the statements in section 4 that are true. A return arrangement, health guarantee, breeding restriction or other continuing promise must be written on this form or on page 2; it does not exist otherwise.
6. After the handover, complete the microchip registry's transfer process and check the new owner's local dog-licensing and vaccination rules. If the dog will cross state lines, check the destination state's animal-health requirements first. Puppy sales, breeder contracts and rescue or shelter placements have rules of their own; this form is for a private transfer between individuals.
7. Sign and date in each other's presence. A witness or notary is only needed when your state or the asset requires one. Keep a signed copy each.