



# Utah Friends of Basset Hounds

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www.utahbassethoundrescue.com

## *Placement Procedures*

Applications to adopt basset hounds from Utah Friends of Basset Hounds should be sent via U.S. mail or by fax. The UFBH Adoption Coordinator and Intake Coordinator review all applications and make all placement decisions. The Adoption and Intake Coordinators consult the Board of Directors on special placements that might result in liability issues for our group.

### **What does UFBH look for in an adopting family?**

An ideal home for a basset hound is with a family (of one or more) who will spend time each day interacting with the basset hound; the preferred home allows the basset hound time inside to be with the family. UFBH prefers families who allow their dogs to sleep indoors. On occasion, UFBH will place a basset hound with a family that keeps their dogs outside in a safe environment, if that basset hound has only ever lived outdoors.

It is UFBH policy to decline to place basset hounds in homes with children under five years of age. UFBH will review applications from families with small children on a case-by-case basis. We will not place a basset in households with less than full support from all members of the family.

### **What does the adopting family need to know?**

In interviewing a prospective family, the Adoption Coordinator should determine whether the family has previously owned a basset hound. If not, the Adoption Coordinator should educate the potential adopter on the common basset hound traits that often result in the basset coming into rescue. Traits include the large size of basset hounds, drool, hound scent, stubborn personality, need for attention, sensitivity to heat, shedding, barking when left alone; and health concerns such as ears susceptible to infection, formation of cysts, glaucoma, and disk disease. Homes with stairs and homes with unfenced pools are carefully considered.

### **How do we screen the adopting family?**

After UFBH has approved the applicant, we will schedule a home visit. The home visitor should ask the following: would I allow my basset hound to live here? We are not looking at housekeeping skills; rather, we want to know about the family's lifestyle, and whether there is room for a basset hound in their lives. Does the applicant have time to spend with the basset? Do all the family members want a basset hound? Is the housing arrangement basset friendly? Is there a fenced yard? Is anyone allergic to dogs?

The volunteer doing the home visit will gather pertinent information and provide it to the UFBH Adoption Coordinator.



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### **Getting the Basset and the Family Together**

After the applicant has been screened, it is simply a matter of finding a match based on what the family requested (male/female, age, etc.). This may happen immediately or it may take awhile; younger bassetts and females usually necessitate a longer wait. When a basset hound becomes available, the Adoption Coordinator and Intake Coordinator review the eligible applications, oldest application first, for a good match. We consider bassetts that have been in our care are for the longest period, first in making a match between homes and dogs.

If the basset hound is in a foster home, UFBH will refer the applicant to the foster family for meeting time arrangements. The foster family will then contact the Adoption Coordinator and describe their impression of the potential adopter. Whether or not UFBH allows the adoption of the basset hound is at the discretion of the Adoption Coordinator and Intake Coordinator. The UFBH Board will be consulted on special situations.

For our boarded bassetts, a UFBH representative will meet the prospective family at the boarding facility.

At the time of the adoption, the UFBH Adoption Coordinator should make certain that the adoptive family understands that if the basset hound is incompatible with the family, it must be returned to UFBH care. UFBH will only return the adoption fee/donation, if the owner returns the basset within one month of the adoption.

### **Adoption Paperwork**

All checks and other paperwork should be sent to our snail mail address:

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If the basset hound's vaccination records are not available at the time of adoption, we will mail them to the adoptive family when they become available. Any AKC papers received with the rescued basset should be marked "VOID" and sent to AKC so they can keep records of which breeders have bassetts ending up in rescue.

UFBH will remove the basset hound's name and photo from the list of available basset hounds.



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## Sample Transfer of Ownership Checklist

All Foster Homes or UFBH representatives must review the following information with the Adoptive Family before transferring ownership of \_\_\_\_\_ to the new family. The Adoptive family must initial at each "x," indicating they have read and understand their responsibilities before signing. The following checklist does not supersede the Adoption Contract, which the Adoptive family must sign before transfer of ownership is official and complete.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive family assumes full responsibility for all veterinary care for the basset hound(s) from this date forward. This will include annual vaccinations, dental care, any emergency care, and long-term health care in the event of a major illness. Adoptive family is entitled to 2 months of ShelterCare Pet Health Insurance at no cost, courtesy of Petfinder.com. To activate this insurance, go to [www.utahbassethoundrescue.com](http://www.utahbassethoundrescue.com) and click on the link to Shelter Care.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive family has been informed of the location of past veterinary records. The basset hound(s) may have veterinary records at any of the following clinics or offices:

- University Pet Clinic                      801/596-9005
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

UFBH strongly encourages the adoptive family to obtain copies of all vet records for future reference.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive family has been advised that local ordinances vary regarding the number of dogs which a family may own, without obtaining a kennel license, and that UFBH strongly recommends Adoptive family investigate the ordinance which pertains to their home if they expect to have more than two dogs.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive family understands that there will be an adjustment period as their basset hound learns about his/her new home environment. UFBH will be available to help with guidance during this adjustment period.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive family understands they must not allow their basset hound off leash outside of the home unless in an enclosed area, due to the propensity of the basset hound to get lost. Left unattended and to his own instincts, he/she **will** wander off.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive family is responsible for providing a collar for the basset hounds(s) with his/her name, the new home address, and phone number. The basset hound(s) has a microchip registered to Utah Friends of Basset Hounds. The Adoptive family understands that this registration should remain in UFBH's name. The Adoptive family may purchase an additional microchip or add their name to the registration if they choose, at their sole expense.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive family understands that in the event that the basset hound(s) is incompatible with the Adoptive family, or if for any reason the Adoptive family is unable to keep the basset hound(s), Adoptive family is required to return the basset hound(s) to Utah Friends of Basset Hounds.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive family has been informed of the basset hound(s)' diet preferences, favorite toys, and/or other lifestyle issues pertinent to the happiness of the basset hound(s).



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## Sample Adoption Contract

1. I/WE, \_\_\_\_\_ (referred to herein as "Adopter") DO  
HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF:

Basset's Name _____	Microchip ID Number _____
Approximate Age _____	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Color/Markings _____	Spayed/Neutered <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Adopter agrees to take care of \_\_\_\_\_ (sometimes referred to in this Contract as "**the dog**") in accordance with this agreement in consideration of Utah Friends of Basset Hounds releasing possession of the dog to Adopter.

2. Adopter agrees that, in accordance with this Adoption Contract, under no circumstance will Adopter sell, trade, give away, or otherwise dispose of the above-named basset hound (sometimes referred to in this Contract as "**the dog**"), in any way other than by the return of the dog to a designated agent of Utah Friends of Basset Hounds (hereafter "**UFBH**").

3. Adopter also agrees (a) to provide and pay for all required vaccinations for the dog as well as, all necessary veterinary treatment should the dog become sick or injured or in any other way require veterinary attention; (b) Adopter agrees to have the dog vaccinated annually for distemper and parvo; (c) to have the dog's rabies vaccinations updated at regular intervals prescribed by the dog's veterinarian; (d) to have the dog checked annually for heartworm and other parasites and maintained on a preventative medication that will minimize risk of such maladies; (e) that at the end of the dog's natural lifetime, Adopter shall ensure that the dog is allowed to die with dignity and with veterinary care as required; and (f) that Adopter will attach an identification tag to the dog's collar, which the basset hound must wear at all times, detailing the dog's name, address and Adopters' contact information.

4. Adopter also agrees that the dog that is being adopted hereby to be a companion animal and a house pet, and will not be used for hunting, guard purposes, or in any way for the sole purpose of spectator entertainment (e.g., pit fighting, racing).

5. Adopter agrees to house the dog within the Adopters' house, and not to leave the dog to sleep or eat outdoors, and will not chain, stake or tie the dog outside.

6. If the dog becomes lost or stolen, Adopter will notify UFBH immediately. Adopter shall make all efforts to find and retrieve the dog including, but not limited to, placing timely newspaper advertisements and contacting all appropriate animal shelters at least weekly, until the animal is found and retrieved, or until UFBH agrees that recovery is unlikely. If UFBH is contacted by any control agency regarding the dog and retrieves the dog at its own expense, UFBH reserves the right to determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, whether the dog will be returned to Adopter. If UFBH decides to return the dog to Adopter, Adopter agrees to pay to UFBH, prior to the return of the dog to the Adopter, the complete costs incurred by UFBH in retrieving the dog from the animal control agency or other finder of the dog, plus an additional fee of \$50.

7. In the event that UFBH determines that either (a) Adopter is in default of any of the terms of this Adoption Agreement or (b) UFBH determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that upon examination of the dog or reasonable inquiry of Adopter as to the dog's condition or treatment by the Adopter (including without limitation as a result of the Adopter's refusal to answer or giving of unsatisfactory answers to inquires by UFBH), UFBH reserves the right to demand the return of possession of the dog to UFBH by oral or written communication, and Adopter agrees to deliver the dog to UFBH immediately upon receiving such demand from UFBH that Adopter return the dog to UFBH. In the event that UFBH



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demands recovery of the dog from Adopter, Adopter acknowledges that Adopter shall not be entitled to any monetary compensation or reimbursement from UFBH.

8. Adopter agrees to be wholly responsible for expenses and liabilities arising in relation to the dog, however so incurred, upon taking possession of the dog during the adoption process. While UFBH and its agents will endeavor to assess the nature and health of the dog, and will inform Adopter of any problems UFBH discovers in relation to the dog's behavior and/or health prior to the completion of the adoption process, Adopter agrees to hold UFBH and its agents harmless for any injury, accident, illness, activity, well being, damage to the dog, Adopter, Adopter's family, property or third parties, or any other loss or damage that may occur subsequent to Adopter's taking possession of the dog, including without limitation any trial or probationary adoption period.

9. Adopter therefore agrees to release UFBH and its agents from, and indemnify UFBH, and its agents against all liability, loss, expense, or loss of, or damage to property or injury to a person or persons (collectively, "**the Risks**"), whether incurred or suffered by Adopter, Adopter's family, or any other person, firm, or corporation who, or which, may seek to hold UFBH responsible, if any incident resulting in any of the Risks arises out of, or is caused by, the acts of the dog or Adopter's physical possession of the dog. In addition, Adopter acknowledges and agrees that in entering this Adoption Contract, Adopter is not relying upon any warranties, covenants, or representations, express or implied, by UFBH and/or its agents.

10. Adopter agrees that this contract constitutes final notice of the requirements stated herein and no further notice is required to institute legal action for violation of the terms of this contract.

11. Adopter agrees to any and all legal fees incurred if a violation of this contract results in a lawsuit or any litigation.

12. Adopter understands that this contract is binding in Utah and that noncompliance with any of the terms of this agreement, including failure to pay or problems encountered in the collection of the adoption donation, may result in legal action and seizure of the dog.

13. Adopter acknowledges that Adopter has read and understands the information in the Adoption Contract and agrees to abide by the terms set forth herein.

### 14. PROVISIONS/CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

✿ The first 30 days of the adoption period will be a "trial" period. During this period, Adopter may return the dog to UFBH for any reason and any Adoption Fee paid by the Adopter to UFBH will be returned to the Adopter and this Adoption Contract will be declared void. Should the dog be returned for any reason after the trial period, UFBH will be under no obligation to refund the Adoption Fee.

✿ Within the first ten days following the signing of this contract, Adopter agrees to have the dog examined by a licensed veterinarian. Adopter agrees not to hold UFBH responsible any health condition of the dog discovered after the 30-day trial period.

✿ At any time following the signing of this contract UFBH or any of its agents retains the right to visit the premises wherein the dog is domiciled to inspect in person the conditions under which the dog is living and ensure that all conditions and requirements set forth under this contract have been met and are being adhered to by the Adopter and Adopter's family.



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- ✿ At any time during the 30-day trial period, either UFBH, any of its agents, or any of the party/parties bound by this contract have the right, exercisable individually to declare the contract null and void for any reason, provided, however, in that event Adopter agrees to return possession of the dog to UFBH as indicated in paragraph 2 above.
- ✿ If Adopter moves Adopter's residence from the address stated below, Adopter shall, within ten days of such address change and each address change thereafter, provide UFBH with Adopter's new address and telephone numbers.

I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ITS CONTENTS.  
I/WE ALSO CERTIFY THAT I/WE HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, NEGLECT OR ABANDONMENT.

### ADOPTIVE FAMILY

Name(s) (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Home ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### AGENT DESIGNATED BY UFBH

Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Owner:

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