

Take Paws Rescue
Sibling Adoption Contract

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

What is one of the names out of the two siblings you have chosen to adopt? _____

What is name of the other sibling you have chosen to adopt? _____

The adopter understands that littermate syndrome commonly occurs when two siblings grow up together (under 6 months of age) unless the puppies (independently and together) are proactively trained to prevent it.

Agree Disagree

The adopter understands that Littermate Syndrome is the result of two puppies forming an extreme bond which deters their social development. It then results in a futile, unhealthy relationship between the two siblings and the inability for them to form proper bonds with their humans. Agree Disagree

The adopter understands that Littermate Syndrome rarely presents itself during the puppy stage, which is when the bond is forming; rather, it becomes an issue as the puppies are maturing into adulthood. Agree

Disagree

The adopter understand that Littermate Syndrome can cause training issues and even aggression between the siblings as they mature. Agree Disagree

The adopter confirms they and all other adults in the home have read and understood the article regarding Littermate Syndrome located at <https://thebark.com/content/dont-take-two-littermates> and are prepared to raise littermates. Agree Disagree

The adopter will continue to educate themselves on littermate syndrome and actively work with the puppies to prevent it. Agree Disagree

Professional Training of Adopted Siblings: The adopter understands that both siblings must go through individual AND joint professional training. This training must start as soon as possible after adoption and be with a trainer experienced with preventing Littermate Syndrome. Agree Disagree

The adopter understands the additional financial burden of raising littermates, which includes the need to pay for professional training, as required by this contract. Agree Disagree