

## A STAR adopter is:

**SENSIBLE** - the decision to adopt should be a well-considered rational one (not just an emotional "feel-good" one).

**TEACHING** - the adopter is a compassionate, calm and consistent mentor who embraces the ongoing (lifelong) learning and growth of the CLAWbie.

ACCEPTING: The adopter needs to be compassionate, patient, understanding and tolerant and recognise the CLAWbie needs a fair chance to adjust to his/her new home and family.

**RESPONSIBLE:** the adopter needs to take responsibility for the CLAWbie's care, safety and well-being (both physical and emotional).





#### A CLAWbie STAR is:

**SOCIABLE** - gets along with other animals and humans and is confident in most situations.

**TRAINED** - behaves appropriately both at home and in public and enjoys learning and interacting with their owner.

ATTENTIVE: the CLAWbie is aware of his/her owner and adapts well to different environments.

RELAXED: is calm, friendly and alert.





http://CLAW-sa.org

http://CLAWadoptions.org



http://www.facebook.com/clawsouthafrica



http://twitter.com/CLAWsa





Sociable | Trained | Attentive | Relaxed

**CLAWbie's Name:** 



Adopter/ Handler's Name:







### Adopter knowledge & Skills

The CLAW adopter is a STAR & understa CLAWbies needs as demonstrated by:	nds the
Ensuring proper veterinary care and keeping up to date health records	
Understanding the importance of nutrition as a major contribution to the puppy's health	
Signing a STAR Adopter's Pledge	
Having insight into the puppy's breed or origin	
Providing play and enrichment for the puppy	
Providing exercise for the puppy	
Ensuring adequate grooming	
Attending at least 80% of Positive, reward-based training classes with a reputable, accredited instructor	

# Understanding the responsibilities of CLAWbie ownership

The CLAW adopter is a STAR & able to demonstrate awareness of the following	issues:
Excessive barking	
Wandering	
Soiling in public places	
Damaging property	
Dog bites	
By-laws relating to pets	
Keeping pets safe and secure	
Dog identification	

#### **CLAWbie Life Skills**

Signed:

The CLAWbie is a STAR student and:	
Interacts with people in a friendly and controlled manner	
Interacts with other dogs in a friendly and controlled manner	
Tolerates restraint tool of owner's choice (collar, harness etc)	
Allows being held by owner	
Allows petting by a person other than the owner	
Allows grooming and physical examination (including feet and ears) by the owner	
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Allows owner to take away a treat or toy	
Reacts appropriately to distractions	
Walks on lead calmly	
Waits calmly for owner in a sit-stay or down-stay position	
Comes readily when called by the owner	
Stays on lead with another person	

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