

Name of Organization
ADOPTION CONTRACT

The welfare of this animal that was under our care is our primary concern. Therefore, we request that you sign this agreement which is legally binding and intends to ensure the welfare of the animal that you are adopting. By signing, you indicate that you understand this agreement and have received any advice needed to carry out the obligation under this agreement.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Name of animal _____ *Name of Organization* Animal Id # _____

Description of animal _____

Information on vacations, spaying/neutering, medications, known health conditions, etc. *(To be completed by shelter or attached)*

I, _____ voluntarily enter into this agreement to adopt the animal(s) listed above in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement:

1. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age.
2. I certify that I nor any members of my household are not and have never been engaged in the raising, selling, procuring and/or delivery of domestic animals for laboratory and/or experimental purposes.
3. I certify the animal that I am adopting will be a household pet and companion. I agree that the animal is being adopted for myself and will not be sold, adopted or given to another party.
4. I agree to take the pet, at my cost, to a veterinarian within 14 days following the date of adoption for a check-up and for any remaining vaccinations and will provide appropriate continuing veterinarian care for said pet in accordance with the veterinarian's recommendations. I agree to obtain necessary treatment for the animal, as recommended by the veterinarian, at my expense. I agree to return the animal to ***Name of Organization*** if I am unable or unwilling to pay for the expense of treatment.
5. I agree that no guarantee is made with regard the animal adopted from ***Name of Organization***. ***Name of Organization*** does not always know the past history and does not knowingly misrepresent any animal or the status of its health. I understand and agree that ***Name of Organization*** makes no guarantees about the animal's temperament and is not responsible for future damages or injuries caused by the animal.
6. If the animal stops eating, is lethargic, or develops serious symptoms of any sort within two weeks of adoption, please call ***Name of Organization*** immediately for guidance.

7. I agree to care for the animal in a humane manner and be a responsible animal guardian. This includes supplying adequate and proper food, fresh water, warm shelter, attention and kind treatment.
8. I agree to take the animal to a veterinarian for routine examination and immunization as recommended by the veterinarian, and to provide immediate veterinary care for the animal in the event the animal becomes ill or is injured.
9. (If adopting a cat) I agree that I will not declaw the cat.
10. I agree that this animal will live inside my home, not outdoors.
11. I agree that the animal will not be allowed outdoors without proper supervision.
12. I agree not to have any cosmetic surgery performed on this animal such as tail or ear docking.
13. If said animal is lost or stolen, I will notify *Name of Organization*, local animal shelters, and animal control officer/dog warden immediately and will make every effort to find the animal by placing notices in local newspapers, distributing flyers, etc.
14. If I am unwilling or unable to provide and maintain a proper home for the animal, or to abide by the contract provisions, I will promptly notify and return the animal to *Name of Organization*. In no event will the animal be abandoned, sold, or given away.
15. A nonrefundable donation is required at the time of each adoption. Donations are \$___ for one neutered/spayed ___, \$__ for two and \$___ for three or more animals.
16. I agree to comply with all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to guardianship of the animal, including those requiring licensing of the animal.
17. I understand that a person representing *Name of Organization* may visit my home without giving advance notice. If at any time *Name of Organization* determines that the terms and conditions of this contract have not been met, or that the animal is not receiving proper and humane care, *Name of Organization* may take custody of the animal and take legal action as permitted by law.
18. If *Name of Organization* is required to take any action to enforce this Agreement, including return of the animal upon demand, I agree to indemnify *Name of Organization* for all court costs and attorneys' fees associated with such an action.
19. By signing this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless *Name of Organization*, its officers, directors, volunteers, employees, and its agents from any claim, lawsuit, or cause of action as a result of the adoption or actions of the animal being adopted.

I have read this Agreement in its entirety, and I agree that all statements contained in this document are made by me, and are truthful. I make this statement under penalty of perjury under the laws of New York State.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Name of Organization Adoption Coordinator _____ Date _____