

# Adoption Agreement

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Animal's name \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

## ADOPTION RULES

Please give careful consideration to adopting a companion animal. Animals are not toys or short-term commitments. Make sure that you have the time, patience, and resources that this animal will need **over the next 10 years or more**. Animals are placed in adoptive homes with full consideration given to their specific needs.

1. Animals are placed in occupied private residences only.
2. No animal may be kept continually in a cage, yard, pen, hutch, or garage or on a tether or be allowed to roam off the owner's property.
3. If not sterilized prior to adoption, the animal must be spayed or neutered and written proof furnished thereof no later than the date specified at the time of adoption.
4. Persons living in apartments or renting a house must have written permission from the rental agent or the property owner.
5. Cats must not be declawed. Dogs' ears must not be cropped, and their tails must not be docked.
6. The adopter must provide the animal with necessary veterinary care in case of sickness, disease, or injury. In addition, animals must be taken to the vet once a year for a routine checkup and maintained on preventive heartworm medication.
7. The animal must be maintained humanely and in accordance with all laws and ordinances in force in the jurisdiction in which the owner resides. The animals must wear proper identification at all times (except rabbits), be microchipped and, if lost or stolen, must be reported immediately to local animal shelters and advertised as lost in a major newspaper.



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8. The animal must not be loaned, rented, or sold as a guard dog, used for vivisection or any other experimental purpose whatsoever, or used for food or in commerce of any kind.
9. The animal must not be given away, sold, or exchanged without the prior permission of authorized agents. **If, for any reason, an adopted animal can't be kept by the adopter, he/she *must* be returned to:**  


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10. \_\_\_\_\_ reserves the right to investigate, unannounced, the living conditions of any animal adopted from it/him/her and may reclaim any such animal being kept in violation of the rules and requirements of the Adoption Agreement.
11. The adopter assumes full financial responsibility for the animal.
12. Rabbits must be fed a well-balanced diet that includes fresh fruit and vegetables, alfalfa and/or timothy hay, commercial rabbit diet pellets, and papaya enzyme pills and/or fresh pineapple juice.

**CONTRACT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the adopter, have read the 12 Adoption Rules set forth above, understand each of them, and agree to abide by each of them. I acknowledge receiving this day, from \_\_\_\_\_, the animal described above. I agree to have the animal spayed/neutered by \_\_\_\_\_.

I acknowledge a full understanding of the rules and conditions of the Agreement following discussion of them with the undersigned agent of \_\_\_\_\_. I agree to surrender to an agent of \_\_\_\_\_ any animal adopted from the same, should the animal be maintained in violation of the rules and conditions set forth in the Adoption Agreement. \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to accept the animal back at any time if for any reason I am no longer willing or able to keep the animal.

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**Adopter** **Date**

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**Agent** **Date**