



A Forever-Home Rescue Foundation

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Cat Adoption Contract

Cat's Name: _____ Breed / Mix: _____ Age: _____ AFH Tag #: _____

Sex: _____ Altered: _____ Color / Description: _____ Weight: _____

Medical at: _____ Origin: _____

Rabies Tag #: _____ Where Rabies Shot Given: _____ Origin ID: _____

By signing this contract, I agree to all of the following terms and conditions. If I do not comply with all the terms and conditions here, I will be required to relinquish ownership of the cat(s) back to A Forever-Home Rescue Foundation.

1. _____, Hereinafter referred to as the cat, is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the cat to treat and be responsible for it as their own cat.
2. The cat will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the cat's safety and well-being.
3. I will feed the cat at least once a day and will provide a continuous supply of fresh water (unless health conditions warrant otherwise.)
4. The cat will be an INDOOR cat ONLY. Access to the outdoors is dangerous for the cat. The cat may be leash-walked.
5. I agree to keep the rabies vaccination current and to provide routine and emergency medical care as necessary.
6. I agree to NOT have the cat declawed. Declawing requires the surgical amputation of the first digit of a cat's toes. It is an extremely painful procedure that can result in unwanted behavior such as biting, aggression or refusal to use the litter box.
7. I am adopting the cat for myself and I agree to not sell, trade or give away the cat without the prior written consent of AFH. If at any time I can no longer provide proper care or can no longer keep the cat, I agree to return it to AFH.
8. I agree to not keep the cat confined to a room or small area for long periods of time.
9. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the cat at my own risk and I release AFH and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my cat. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for my pet as of the date of this contract. AFH and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the cat.
10. AFH makes every effort to ensure the health of adopted cats; however, we cannot guarantee their health. I agree to accept responsibility for all future veterinary care for the cat.
11. If not already done, I agree to have this cat sterilized and, within seven days of the surgery, to provide certification of the sterilization to AFH. The cat must be spayed / neutered by _____ (date).
12. **The following statement is required by Virginia law: STERILIZATION OF ANY ADOPTED ANIMAL IS REQUIRED BY TITLE 3.1, CHAPTER 27.4, ARTICLE 6.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA. THE ADOPTER AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 3.1-796.126:1-7, WHICH PERTAIN TO THE TIMELY STERILIZATION OF THE ADOPTED PET. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO CIVIL PENALTY. THE NEW OWNER MAY BE COMPELLED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.**
13. I/we affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment etc.
14. In the event the cat becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify AFH. I will also immediately notify AFH of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address).
15. This cat's known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that AFH has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the cat.
16. I agree to permit AFH to make inquiry about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after adoption. This can include visits to my home and contact with my veterinarian. **I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE CAT TO AFH.**

Adopter Information:

Name: _____ Driver's License # / State: _____ /

Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail: _____ / _____

Adoption Fee: _____ Donation: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AFH Rep: _____ Date: _____

As provided in Section 8.01-27.1 of the Code of Virginia, checks returned by the issuer's bank due to lack of funds or credit are subject to any bank charges incurred by AFH and a processing fee of \$35.00.