

Your Name (Person Adopting out Cat/Kitten) _____

Your mailing address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

e-mail contact: _____



Pet cats live on average between 15 – 20 years. Their food, litter, grooming and other basic maintenance needs range between (approximately) \$40 and \$150/month (depending upon the quality of food, litter and grooming products provided, frequency of litter changes, etc). They require at least an annual vet check and vaccinations, which average \$85 and up depending upon your locale. We require they be spayed or neutered, which procedure can cost several hundred dollars (for which we will reimburse you upon proof of procedure – this clause at option of Rescuer – see #12 P. 3). Rescued animals often require extra love and attention to gain their trust and to make them comfortable in their new home with you. Most importantly, they require love and playtime attention from their owners on a daily basis. If you are not prepared to meet these needs, please do not adopt a rescued cat!

Adoption Agreement

between Rescuer (your name goes here) and Adopter(s)

Person/Family Adopting: _____

Complete address: _____

Rent? Own? (*Please circle one*). If renting, the lease must allow pets, and a copy of the lease must be provided prior to delivery. Owners must provide proof of ownership.

Name of landlord: _____

Landlord contact #: _____

If renting, you **MUST** provide landlord contact information as your landlord will be contacted prior to delivery.

Your Contact #: (Home)(Work) (*Please circle one*) _____

E-mail address (if applicable) _____

Hereafter called the “adopter(s)”, concerning the cat described below:

Cat/Kitten: _____

Color: _____

Sex: Male / Female

Date of Birth (or approximate, if not known): _____

Where rescued: _____

Age (or approximate age) at rescue: _____

Where fostered & by whom: _____

Price: \$_____ (also refer to guarantees by Rescuers and requirements of Adopters)

Rescuers

1. Rescuers agree to provide Adopter with a valid, current health certificate and current vaccination record for the cat/kitten listed above.
2. Rescuers will take back cat/kitten listed above for any reason or at any age. If the cat/kitten needs to be rehomed at any point for any reason, we retain first right of refusal. Please refer to Guarantees by Adopter(s) below.
3. Rescuers make no guarantee as to the quality of the cat/kitten listed above, as it is completely unknown. This cat/kitten was rescued from stressful circumstances. (Can write some info re: circumstances of rescue...was kitten young? Fostered? Hand raised from a young age? Etc.) Cat/kitten has been determined by a Vet to be pest- and disease-free and healthy.

Guarantees by Adopter(s)

1. Cat/kitten should be isolated from any other animal in Adopter’s home for initial introduction into the home. Adopter should be mindful that the stress of re-homing the cat/kitten may result in temporary signs of illness which may include sneezing, runny nose, watery eyes, diarrhea, and/or constipation. If any of these conditions last for more than two days, the cat/kitten will be immediately taken to a vet. To help reduce signs of stress, Adopter should feed cat/kitten identical food as have Rescuers. We ask that you take reasonable measures to reduce stress. Do this by slowly introducing cat/kitten to the house, condo or apartment and other members of the household, as well as limiting time cat/kitten may be with strangers, children, or other animals. Both you and the cat/kitten will be much happier if handled this way!!!!!!
2. Adopter promises and warrants that this cat/kitten will be an INDOOR ONLY animal, not allowed outdoors except in a carrier or on a leash.

3. Adopter will not confine a cat/kitten to a cage for extended periods of time ever for any reason.
4. **Adopter agrees that the cat/kitten will NEVER BE DECLAWED.** It is required by this agreement that you will use alternative methods of claw control – either clipping claws or using a product such as Soft Paws, providing appropriate scratching posts, scratching mats or cat “trees” or “cat furniture,” etc. Declawing cats (even just their front paws) is painful, inhumane and cruel (and illegal in Europe), and it frequently results in serious behavioral problems (such as no longer using the litterbox) and is the number one reason why owners abandon their cats.
5. Adopter will never hit the cat/kitten for any reason. Training cat/kitten is best done with use of a stern “NO” followed by a puff of air in the face, a hiss, or the sound of the quick squeeze of a can of air. **Never point the can of air towards the cat/kitten** as it may freeze the cat/kitten’s whiskers or face or it may hurt, blind or kill your cat/kitten. Cats cannot be trained like dogs and are not socially motivated as are dogs.
6. Adopter will insure that cat/kitten receives regular veterinary care including at least once-annual exam and vaccination boosters, as well as needed veterinary attention. If the Adopter is unsure whether veterinary care is warranted, a vet will be contacted, the situation explained, and the vet’s advice acted upon.
7. Cat/kitten will receive kind and frequent human attention.
8. Cat/kitten will be given a proper diet and will have fresh water available at all times.
9. Cat/kitten will not be left unattended if Adopter is away overnight, but will be attended by a pet sitter at least once a day or equivalent human or boarded at a reputable facility.
10. If at any time the cat/kitten is found to be ill, malnourished, abused, neglected, or unattended outdoors, Adopter will surrender cat/kitten unconditionally to Rescuers. Failure to surrender cat/kitten in above circumstances will lead to Rescuers initiating legal action, and Rescuers may prosecute any abuse.
11. Under no circumstances will this cat/kitten ever be abandoned, or sold, leased, or given away to any pet shop, humane society, pound, shelter, research facility, or euthanized for behavioral problems. If **for any reason and at any time** the Adopter cannot or does not want to keep cat/kitten, the Rescuers will be notified immediately PRIOR to any disposition of said cat/kitten. Rescuers then have the option to a) to take back cat/kitten, or b) to help find another suitable home.
12. Kittens are to be spayed/neutered by the age of 6 months. Proof of spaying or neutering will be provided to Rescuers. Failure to do so will result in Rescuers retrieving the kitten and retaining legal ownership. However, upon providing proof of spaying/neutering, Rescuers will reimburse Adopters for the cost of the spay/neuter procedure (*this clause optional*).
13. Adopter agrees to notify Rescuers of any change in address or phone numbers; of any health problems; and loss or death of cat/kitten.

In as much as the below signed Adopter(s) have read and understood the terms and restrictions of the transaction and understand that this contract is a legal and binding agreement, enforceable within the confines of the United States and that costs incurred in interstate litigation by the Rescuers are within the accepted responsibilities of the Adopter(s), this contract is legal and effectual and enforceable document within and by all the boundaries of this United States and Canada.

Rescuer:

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Adopter:

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____