

# Adoption Contract

<b>Adopter Name:</b> _____ <small>(hereinafter the "Adopter")</small>	<b>Phone#:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____ _____	<b>DL#:</b> _____
<b>Pet Name:</b> _____	<b>Age:</b> _____
<b>Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Dog <b>Spayed/Neutered:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Breed:</b> _____
<b>Microchip #:</b> _____	<b>Colors/Markings:</b> _____
<b>Microchip #:</b> _____	<b>Microchip Co:</b> _____

This Adoption Contract (hereinafter "The Contract") is made on the date listed below between Paws to Heart Rescue Inc. (hereinafter "Paws to Heart") and the Adopter residing at the address listed above. Paws to Heart hereby delivers to the Adopter and the Adopter hereby takes as an indoor pet, the Pet listed above. The parties hereby agree to the following:

1. **HUMANE CARE OF PET**
  - a. Adopter shall accept the Pet as a household companion and provide the Pet with a safe environment, humane treatment, proper food, fresh water, shelter, and exercise. Adopter shall treat the Pet as a family member for the rest of Pet's life.
  - b. Pet shall not be chained, housed, or kept outside at any time, nor will the Pet be permitted off the property of the Adopter unless accompanied by a mature, trusted individual. Adopter agrees that Pet shall be an indoor house pet, allowed to sleep indoors, and protected from the elements and adverse conditions. The Pet shall not be allowed to roam outside free or unsupervised.
  - c. Adopter agrees this Pet will not be abused or neglected in any manner.
  - d. Adopter shall acquire prompt veterinary care in the event of the Pet's illness, injury, or discomfort.
  - e. Pet shall not be used in any aspect of dog/animal fighting.
  - f. Pet shall not be subjected to or sold for any biological, chemical, psychological, or medical experiment.
  - g. Adopter shall not alter the Pet's appearance in any way such as ear cropping, declawing, or tail docking.
  - h. If pet is lost or stolen, Adopter shall file a report with his or her local animal shelter and police department and make every reasonable effort to recover the Pet.
2. **PET'S HEALTH AND HISTORY:** Adopter understands that the Pet's health and history is accurately represented to the best knowledge of Paws to Heart. No representations or guarantees are given by Paws to Heart as to the temperamental, mental, or physical disposition of the Pet. Adopter agrees he or she has had time to review health and history and has received health and history records from Paws to Heart. Paws to Heart is not responsible for expenses relating to the Pet incurred while in Adopter's care.
3. **POST ADOPTION**
  - a. Adopter agrees to transfer the microchip into Adopter's name within 24 hours of signing of the Contract.
  - b. Adopter shall allow a reasonable amount of time for the Pet to adjust to new surroundings, get into a routine, and limit interactions with other pets, family members, and the public for 2 weeks.
  - c. If any circumstance prevents Adopter from providing care to Pet, Adopter shall notify Paws to Heart and Paws to Heart will make all reasonable efforts to find another adopter or foster. If Pet is returned to Paws to Heart, no refunds shall be given for adoption fee or expenses relating to the Pet incurred while in Adopter's care.
  - d. Adopter shall not give up the Pet to any other person, group, organization, or shelter unless approved by Paws to Heart
  - e. Adopter agrees to permit Paws to Heart, upon reasonable notice and reasonably convenient times to contact the Adopter or visit the Adopter's home for the purpose of verifying that the pet is in healthy condition and Adopter is in compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Contract.
  - f. If Pet is not spayed or neutered when adopted, Adopter agrees to have pet spayed or neutered within 60 days of the signing of this Agreement. Adopter shall not breed Pet.
  - g. In the event the Adopter does not comply with the terms of this Contract, in the reasonable opinion of Paws to Heart, Paws to Heart may recover the pet. Promptly upon demand by Paws to Heart, the Adopter shall surrender the Pet back to Paws to Heart.
4. **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**
  - a. Paws to Heart is not responsible for any costs relating to the Pet once adopted.
  - b. Adopter adopts the Pet at Adopter's own risk, and indemnifies and releases Paws to Heart, its founder, board members, and volunteers from any and all liability arising from damages to person(s) or property caused by the Pet.
  - c. Adopter understands that Paws to Heart makes no guarantees and/or promises regarding the Pet's disposition, temperament, and/or health and personality.
5. **ADOPTION FEE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption fee is nonrefundable and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**OPTIONAL DONATION:** In order to assist in the care of other animals in Paws to Heart Rescue, Adopter makes an additional tax deductible donation (beyond the adoption fee) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Adopter**  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paws to Heart**  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_