



OWNERSHIP TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Cat's Name _____ Gender: Male Female Altered Y N

Breed _____ DOB/Approx. Age _____

Color/Markings _____

Microchip #: _____ Microchip Manuf: _____

- I understand that SOS Rescue Inc. does not guarantee the health of any animals adopted. He/she has been checked by a vet, but will need to be started immediately on a program of preventative vet care. If my new cat shows signs of illness at any point, I will take him/her to the vet immediately for treatment. _____ (initial)
- I understand that my new pet is microchipped and that SOS Rescue will transfer the registration to me, using my personal contact info entered on this contract for an additional \$13.00. _____ (initial)
- I have been advised that an FIV/Feline Leukemia test is inconclusive on kittens under 6 months of age, and therefore I agree to retest said cat at 6 months of age. _____ (initial if applicable)
- I agree that this cat is being adopted for myself and will not be sold to any pet store, research laboratory, or animal shelter under any circumstance. SOS Rescue, Inc. must be contacted if ownership of cat must be transferred. _____ (initial)
- I agree that my new cat will not be allowed outdoors without proper supervision. When taking my cat outdoors, it will be on a secure harness and wear proper ID. _____ (initial)
- I agree to care for my new cat in a humane manner and be a responsible animal guardian. This includes supplying adequate food (canned food unless animal refuses), water, shelter, attention, and medical care. _____ (initial)
- I understand that SOS Rescue, Inc. makes no guarantees about my new cat's temperament, and is not responsible for future damages or injuries caused by this animal. _____ (initial)
- I give SOS Rescue, Inc. the right to inspect my home or call my home at any reasonable time, without notice, to assure that my new cat is being properly treated and cared for. _____ (initial)
- I agree that my new cat may be removed from my home if any conditions of this contract have been violated or, if in the opinion of SOS Rescue, Inc., the environment is deemed unsafe. _____ (initial)
- I agree to keep SOS Rescue, Inc. informed of my current home address and phone #. _____ (initial)
- I agree to provide for care of my cat in my will or estate if by no other means than by specifying in writing that said cat is to be returned to SOS Rescue Inc. _____ (initial)
- I agree that this is not a sale but an adoption of a new family member and I understand and accept the return/refund policy detailed on page 3 of this contract. _____ (initial)

Adoption Fee Amt/Method _____

Adopter's Name (Please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ PHONE _____

Email _____

I acknowledge receipt from SOS Rescue Inc. of the cat named in this contract and release SOS Rescue Inc. from any liability for damage or injury caused by said cat. I agree to pay reasonable attorney fees and court expenses if SOS Rescue Inc. must bring legal action against me to enforce this contract. I certify that I have read and agree to all terms of the "Adoption Contract" and the "Ownership Transfer Agreement". I agree that SOS Rescue Inc. has the right to confiscate the above animal in the event that I fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions set forth above.

Adopter's Signature _____ Date: _____

SOS Rescue Rep Name (Please PRINT) _____

SOS Rescue Rep Signature _____ Date: _____



CAT ADOPTION ADVICE

Member of the Family. An indoor cat can live up to 20 years of age. Are you prepared to make a lifetime commitment? A cat is not a toy but a member of the family to be treated with love and respect. Your cat should share the house with you and not be locked in a basement, cage or another room separating the cat from the rest of the family.

Reason: A cat who is not a member of the family will NOT be happy and may become withdrawn, mean or destructive. You should expect some mess and inconvenience with a cat as you would with a child.

Single Cat. It is recommended that kittens under 10 months of age be adopted in pairs unless there is a young cat already in the home.

Reason: A kitten by itself will get lonely and may become depressed and/or destructive. Kittens and young cats need feline companionship.

Costs of Care, Including Vet Care. A single cat will cost about \$400 per year in food, litter, and basic medical care. This does not include any health-related emergencies that may arise. Your cat will need an annual checkup, including FVRCP and rabies shots. Cats are subject to common ailments that will periodically need to be treated by a vet. You are responsible for all medical bills once you adopt the cat.

Reason: The FVRCP booster prevents your cat from catching distemper and other ailments (many of them fatal). Rabies shots are required by law even for indoor cats, and prevent your cat from contracting rabies and passing it on to humans should the cat encounter a rabid animal. Expect your cat to catch an occasional cold or ear infection. Expect medical needs to increase as your cat gets older.

Children. If you have a child under 6 years of age, you must adopt a cat or kitten who is 6 months or older.

Reason: Younger kittens are more fragile and can be accidentally injured by a small child. Also, young kittens have not learned yet to retract their claws. While a scratch is typically no more harmful than falling down on a playground and scraping a knee, young children who are scratched may develop an unnecessary fear of a kitten after being scratched. And, the kitten, in turn, may become fearful of a child who cries after being scratched. Children and pets make wonderful companions for one another when supervised and matched up appropriately.

Indoor Cats. You must keep the cat indoors at all times, unless the cat is on a leash and accompanied by you.

Reason: The average life span of a cat is 15-20 years when kept indoors and given proper care. The average life span of a cat who wanders outside is two years. Cats are killed and injured by cars every day on neighborhood streets as well as major roads. Other dangers include contracting diseases from other cats, getting hurt in fights with other animals, and being poisoned or abused by people who find it annoying for cats to wander onto their property.

Spay/Neuter Policy. No animal will be adopted from SOS Rescue Inc. prior to being spayed/neutered (sterilized) unless a medical issue prevents it. If there is a medical reason the animal cannot be sterilized, the adopter will be required to sign a waiver and agreement ensuring they will take all necessary precautions during the animal's lifespan to ensure they are not in a situation that the animal is able to reproduce.

Reason: Every year, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering. There are also numerous health benefits to spaying/neutering!

Giving Up Your Cat. If you cannot keep the cat you adopted from us, you must return the cat to us. DO NOT take the cat to a shelter.

Reason: We want our cats to be cared for all their lives. Keep your contract after adopting your cat. If you ever have to give up the cat, call us at 484-213-2954 or 484-213-3145. ***Do not for any reason take your cat to an animal shelter or animal control.*** If you have a friend or family member who wants to adopt your cat, please notify us so we can process their application so as to have their information on file. Please refer to our detailed Return Policy on page 3 of this contract.

Home Visit. We may come to your home to visit the cat after adoption to make sure you and the cat are happy. We occasionally do a pre-adoption home visit if questions arise relating to the compatibility of a certain cat with a home environment.

Reason: We want our cats placed in loving homes. The vast majority of people provide excellent homes for their pets. However, there are some people who do not provide a suitable home or proper care. And, occasionally personality conflicts arise between a certain cat and a certain person. If this occurs, and is not resolved in a few weeks, it's best to return the cat and discuss the possibility of adopting another cat.

Minimum Adoption Fees (add \$13 for microchip registration)

Kittens under 1 year: \$150 Adults aged 1 – 7 years: \$125
Seniors aged 8+ years: \$50 Discount: \$20 off total fee when adopting 2 cats



RETURN POLICY

It is very important to us that we find the right home for every animal, and the right animal for every home. Circumstances may arise however, that prevent a family from keeping their new family member. If this happens to you, it is important that you arrange to return the animal back to SOS Rescue Inc. and NOT to a shelter or animal control which, more often than not, is a death sentence! We are willing to work with you to ensure everyone is as happy and as comfortable as possible. As such, we feel that the following return policy reflects our unwavering commitment to the animals we rescue, and the humans that wish to adopt them.

If you wish to return an animal because of conflict with other animals in your home (specifically cats or dogs), you may do so a minimum of 14 days after the date of this contract, under the following conditions:

- You have video documented that you followed proper introduction techniques as detailed in our *Family Pets Introduction Guide*
- It is determined by SOS Rescue Inc., after viewing the video documentation, that the proper introduction techniques were used yet there was still significant conflict between the animals
- The rescued animal has no injuries. If the animal is returned with injuries it will be at SOS Rescue Inc.'s sole discretion whether a refund may be issued, and the amount.

If the above conditions are met, you may select one of the following refund options:

- Receive a monetary refund of 50% of the adoption fee paid
- SOS Rescue Inc. will keep the adoption fee as a tax-deductible donation to help other animals in need
- Receive a credit voucher equal to the full adoption fee
 - Voucher is valid for 6 months from the date of return
 - Voucher is non-transferrable and has no cash value
 - May only be used towards the adoption of another SOS Rescue Inc. rescue animal and is not valid with any other rescue group
 - If the new animal has a lower adoption fee, no refund of the difference is given
 - If the new animal has a higher adoption fee, the difference is to be paid by the adopter

If you wish to return the animal within 14 days of the date of this contract, regardless of the reason, you will be offered a refund in the amount of 20% of the adoption fee paid. It is your choice to take the refund or to waive it. If waived, SOS Rescue Inc. will record it as a tax-deductible donation and put it towards the rescue of other animals in need.

Additional important fine print

Donations which are above and beyond the adoption fee cannot be refunded.

If you have read, understand and agree with this return policy, please initial where indicated on page 2 of this contract.