

CHICAGO PET RESCUE ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Pet's Name _____ ID #: _____ Microchip ID _____

Pet's ESTIMATED age: _____ Estimated Breed: _____

Spayed/Neutered **YES** (**NO - Due By:** _____) **Received:** (Y/N) Health **Records** and (Y/N) Health **Disclosure**

New Owner: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS CONTRACT BEFORE DECIDING TO ADOPT AN ANIMAL FROM CHICAGO PET RESCUE. YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR SIGNING THIS, AND ANY TERMS THAT YOU AGREE TO. CHICAGO PET RESCUE MAY AND WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION AS A RESULT OF THIS CONTRACT HAVING BEEN VIOLATED. I AGREE THAT MY CONTINUED OWNERSHIP OF THIS ANIMAL IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

Chicago Pet Rescue releases _____ to _____ on _____. Chicago Pet Rescue has evaluated this animal to the best of its ability and has decided that it will make an acceptable addition to a home as a pet. Chicago Pet Rescue in no way takes any legal or financial responsibility for this animal or it's actions from this date forth. The above adopter realizes that at any time this animal could accidentally or intentionally cause physical harm to a person or other animal, with or without reason. Resulting injuries could range from minor to fatal. I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Chicago Pet Rescue from and against any and all claims or liability for damages to person or property hereafter caused by said animal. _____ (Initial)

If at any time during the lifetime of this animal, the owner must, for any reason relinquish ownership Chicago Pet Rescue **must be notified**. Chicago Pet Rescue must be given the first right of refusal. Chicago Pet Rescue is not obligated to pay for, refund, or in any way financially reimburse the adopter for the animal. If requested, the animal must be returned to Chicago Pet Rescue within seven days to the rescue. Any transportation costs associated with the return of the animal will be the sole responsibility of the adopter. Should the animal have been moved out of the area it was adopted, it is still the adopters' responsibility to pay for and /or provide the transportation of that animal to deliver it safely to Chicago Pet Rescue. The adopter agrees to never turn this animal into a shelter where it may be killed. If Chicago Pet Rescue is not able to take in the adopted animal the adopter agrees to have it accepted into a state licensed, non-profit, no-kill facility. _____ (Initial)

This animal must be kept up to date on vaccinations both required by law and those recommended for disease prevention and control, as recommended by a veterinarian. Dogs must be kept current on heartworm prevention 12 months of the year. If an animal becomes ill or injured the adopter agrees to have the animal seen by a licensed veterinarian in a timely fashion at **ADOPTER'S EXPENSE**. This animal must be provided with adequate food to maintain an optimal weight and fresh water at all times. Failure to so will result in loss of ownership. This animal must be micro-chipped within thirty days of adoption for permanent identification if this procedure has not already been done. The adopter agrees to send in the micro-chipping registration so that the animal may be traced back to their name if ever lost or stolen. _____ (Initial)

The adopter agrees to house this animal indoors. When and if the animal is brought outdoors, it must be properly contained. For dogs, acceptable means of containment include a leash and collar, a secure fenced area, a crate or kennel. For cats acceptable means of containment include a cage/carrier or leash and harness. The adopter agrees that whenever an animal is allowed outdoors it is to be wearing a securely fitted ID tag with their owner's phone number, name, and address on it. If an animal is to go outdoors an adult must supervise it at all times. The adopter agrees that should this animal ever become lost or stolen, they will notify Chicago Pet Rescue immediately. _____ (Initial)

If said animal is not yet spayed or neutered (through ovarian hysterectomy or castration), the adopter agrees to have this procedure completed by a licensed veterinarian within thirty (30) days of adoption or before the due date listed on page 1 of this contract, as required by Chicago Pet Rescue and the laws of the state of Illinois. In the event of failure to comply with this provision I agree to pay Chicago Pet Rescue the sum of \$300.00 in liquidated damages; this liquidated damage being agreed to for the purpose of establishing value of the animal and does not bar Chicago Pet Rescue from seeking return of the animal through judicial process or other legal means. I also agree to pay all reasonable court costs and attorney's fees in the event this matter is forwarded to an attorney for enforcement. _____(Initial)

The adopter agrees to permit a representative of Chicago Pet Rescue to do a follow-up visit/interview. This follow up can be done at the adopter's residence of the adopted pet, or over the phone. This shall be determined by Chicago Pet Rescue. The purpose of this follow up is to ensure that the animal is being cared for humanely and that the adopter has complied with spay/neuter requirements and the terms of this contract set forth by Chicago Pet Rescue and the State of Illinois. Reasonable notice (48 hours) shall be given to the adopter prior to an in-home visit or phone interview. The adopter agrees to allow a Chicago Pet Rescue representative into my home at their request at any reasonable time and will allow them to inspect my adopted pet's living conditions and spay/neuter status. I also agree to pay all reasonable court costs and attorney's fees in the event this matter is forwarded to an attorney for enforcement. _____ (Initial)

MEDICAL RELEASE (please read carefully!) The adopter is willingly adopting an animal whose history may not fully be known by Chicago Pet Rescue. The adopter realizes that with adopting such an animal come certain risks of that animal's health status. I am fully aware of the fact that this animal could become sick or injured at ANY TIME. I furthermore agree that any veterinarian bills from this official adoption day forward are my sole responsibility. I will not ask Chicago Pet Rescue to pay for any medical bills for any treatment of the animal in which I have chosen to adopt. I understand that veterinary care for animals is highly expensive in some situations and that I will be responsible for any costs that I incur while instructing a vet to administer routine or emergency care for my adopted pet. I also understand that while **24PetWatch Insurance** may have been offered to me at the time of adoption, and may cover the costs of some medical problems. Chicago Pet Rescue in no way is associated with this company nor guarantees its services. I agree to research this free pet insurance on my own and make a decision based on my own research as to whether it could or could not benefit my pet. I understand that adopting an animal whose background may not be known involves certain risks of that animal's health. I understand that Chicago Pet Rescue animals see a vet as needed as well as for vaccinations required to be given by a licensed vet. I am fully aware of the medical care, that has been administered to the animal I have decided to adopt. I feel comfortable adopting an animal with the amount of medical care that has or has not been provided and agree to from this day forth, take on any additional costs myself. I agree to hold Chicago Pet Rescue harmless for any illness, virus, bacterial infection, injury, accident, or any other adverse event that could cause me financial or emotional hardship related to vet bills or loss of this adopted pet. I am also aware that Chicago Pet Rescue often receives animals from situations unsuitable for them to have lived in prior. These situations often make the animals immunity weakened. Chicago Pet Rescue does not guarantee the health of any of its adopted animals. I the adopter fully understand that any donation given to Chicago Pet Rescue for this animal is completely not refundable. _____ (Initial)

If an adopted pet should die within 7 days of adoption, a refund shall be offered. Documentation from a licensed veterinarian stating the exact cause of death and tests to prove such cause are required in writing. The adopted animal must be examined by a veterinarian of the owner's choice within 72 hours of purchase or the terms of the refund are not valid. Any form of neglect, abuse, or insufficient care void this refund. _____ (Initial)

The adopter agrees that if any terms listed above are not met at any time during the life of this adopted animal, Chicago Pet Rescue reserves the right to file a lawsuit for the return of the adopted animal. I, the adopter, also agree to pay all reasonable court costs and attorney's fees in the event this matter is forwarded to an attorney for enforcement _____(Initial)

Exceptions: _____

The NON-REFUNDABLE Adoption fee: \$ _____ for the adoption of this animal. Chicago Pet Rescue is always in need of additional donations (both supplies and monetary) for aid in the rescue and adoption, of future animals. I agree that this donation is not refundable. _____(Initial)

I hereby attest that this disclosure was posted on or near the cage of the dog or cat for adoption and that I have read all the disclosures. I further understand that I am entitled to keep a signed copy of this disclosure.

Adopter's Signature _____ Date: _____

I hereby attest that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Chicago Pet Rescue Rep Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHICAGO PET RESCUE ADOPTION POLICIES

BEFORE YOU ADOPT: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY !

Adoption Fees: All animals at Chicago Pet Rescue have adoption fees, and fees vary. Please go to our adoption fee page to learn more about our adoption fees. We do have higher adoption fees than other rescues or shelters. This is because Chicago Pet Rescue will not turn our backs on special needs pets or pets who require expensive medical work (e.g. puppy mill survivors), such as heartworm treatment (many places either euthanize or refuse to accept a heartworm positive dog into their program). There is a price for rescuing so many special needs dogs — our monthly vet bills range from \$1,500-\$2,000! A majority of the dogs who we rescue require at least \$300 in vet care (spay/neuter, shots, heartworm/Lyme test, and other vet work if needed). Since we are a non-profit, 501(c) 3-tax exempt no-kill rescue, most donations are tax deductible. We accept either cash or checks.

Distance Adoptions: We do not allow people from out of state to adopt from us, we prefer to adopt locally within 1 hour of Chicago 60631.

Health & Temperament: We advise on any known issues prior to adoption. However, Chicago Pet Rescue makes no explicit or implicit guarantees in reference to the health, behavior, and/or temperament of the animal. The animal is adopted, for lack of a better term, "as is," and Chicago Pet Rescue shall not be held responsible for any medical expenses, which may be incurred for treatment of any and all existing conditions, or any other conditions of physical, or temperament changes that may occur, including whether the animal is housebroken. Unless provided by participating veterinarian, Chicago Pet Rescue is legally unable to provide any prescription medications for any underlying health conditions (such as kennel cough) and therefore it is the adopter's responsibility to have any condition(s) treated and Chicago Pet Rescue is not responsible for any costs incurred by the adopter.

Adoption Application: We do ask that anyone interested in adopting from us must fill out an Adoption application. When you email about an animal, the person you emailed will email you an Adoption Application. You can also fill one out at our pet adoption events.

Refund: If, for any reason such as landlord issues, allergies or animal personality clashes, you choose not to keep the animal, you must notify Chicago Pet Rescue immediately. All fees are non-refundable and no cash refunds will be given at any time for any reason.

Repossession an Animal: If someone who adopted an animal from us is found in violation of our adoption requirements, Chicago Pet Rescue reserves the right to repossess the animal with no refund of the adoption fee. Chicago Pet Rescue reserves the right to make post-adoption home visits and/or follow up calls to check on the welfare of the animal and assure that the terms of the contract are being met.

Returns: If you should ever decide you cannot keep or do not want your Chicago Pet Rescue animal, you MUST notify Chicago Pet Rescue before taking any action. You must agree that if for any reason you can no longer provide a home for your Chicago Pet Rescue animal, that you will return the animal to the Chicago Pet Rescue. You will agree NEVER to surrender the animal to an animal shelter, humane society, pound, or another rescue, nor will you sell, exchange, give to, or adopt the animal to anyone else without contacting Chicago Pet Rescue first and specifically speaking with and receiving consent from Elena, the executive director of Chicago Pet Rescue. Transfer of ownership by a family member or friend may be approved but permission to do so can only be given by Elena. Violation of this agreement will result in court costs and attorney fees payable by the adopter if necessary for to rescuer to redeem the dog.

Right of Refusal: Chicago Pet Rescue reserves the right to refuse any adoption.

If you have any questions please email animals@chicagopetrescue.org or call Elena at 773-218-3252



Cat Adoption Information

Congratulations and Welcome to the Chicago Pet Rescue Family!

Thank you for opening your heart and home to a homeless pet by adopting from Chicago Pet Rescue (CPR). To help you start off on the right paw with your new feline companion, we have created this information sheet and will email you a packet to assist you in your new role as a pet guardian.

Chicago Pet Rescue does its very best to ensure that the pets adopted from CPR are healthy and happy. When a new pet arrives, we evaluate his/her health and temperament. By the time a pet is adopted, s/he has been given vaccinations against deadly diseases and micro chipped. Pets old enough are also spayed or neutered to help bring an end to the tragedy of unwanted pets in this country. Please note that your new pet has only been given the procedures corresponding to your pet's age and medical condition as recommended by a veterinarian. You are responsible for your pet's future medical care and adhering to the necessary vaccine protocols and monthly heartworm preventative required to maintain your pet's health.

Although, we have attended to some of your new pet's health needs, it is essential that you make an appointment for your new pet with your own veterinarian as soon as possible. This first vet visit is an opportunity to introduce your pet and discuss preventative health care with your veterinarian such as routine vaccinations, parasite preventatives, diet, exercise and grooming (brush those teeth!).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's wellbeing or behavior, please feel free to e-mail us at animals@chicagopetrescue.org or if it's an emergency call us at 773.218.3252. We are here to help you and your new pet!

PLEASE READ BELOW BEFORE TAKING YOUR CAT HOME:

You are the proud new owner of an adopted cat or kitten. There's lots you can do in the first 24 hours to ease your new housemate in easily, with the help of our guidelines to help your new kitty adjust to their new home... once they've gotten there! Unlike dogs, most cats really do not enjoy traveling in a car. Please do not leave them loose in your car, or try to hold them in your lap or on the seat next to you, where they might panic and cause an accident, or try to hide and get stuck under a seat! In a car, it is safest for them to be secured in a cat carrier, lined with an easily washable towel or a few sheets of newspaper. They may complain by meowing... loudly... but some cats relax with soothing music, or if you sing along! Then once you all get safely home....

The First 24 Hours

Arriving At Home – The Starter Room

To make your new cat's transition to your household as comfortable as possible, select a quiet, closed-in area such as your bed room or a small room away from the main foot traffic, and set it up with a litter box, bed, scratching post, toys, food and water. It's completely normal for a cat to be scared (especially after a car trip, or if they are coming from a shelter), and take days or weeks to adjust to their new environment. Let them adjust at their own pace.

Be sure that this "starter room" has very secure screens, and keep the windows securely closed. More than once a new kitty, who is actually quite happy in his new home, has decided to check the out-of-doors, pulls off a screen (often seemingly miraculously) and takes off. The escapee is then disoriented, and can very likely become lost and injured.

Litter Box Location

If possible, make the starter room the permanent location of the litter box. If you plan on having the permanent location of the litter box be elsewhere, you'll need two litter boxes. Once kitty has adjusted, and seems relaxed and happy in their starter room, you can open the door and let them explore the rest of your home. (Before you open the door, if you have other pets, see Meeting the Household below.) Keep the 1st litter box in the same location, and put a new litter box in the new location. Once the cat is using the new litter box, you can slowly, a foot or two a day, move the 1st litter box closer and closer to the new one, and then when they are next to each other, remove one box.

Going Outside

We prefer that domestic cats be kept as indoor-only pets, but understand that some homes (and some cats) prefer to take the risk of the dangers outside, and let their cats roam freely. Please do consider the advantages of keeping your new cat indoors always — outdoor cats are exposed to disease, cat fights, being killed by dogs and other wild animals, and being hit by cars.

Whatever you do, don't let your new kitty go outside when you first bring it home! Even if your new kitty cries at the door or window, please keep them inside!! Despite stories about cats finding their way home, in reality your new cat is very likely to become lost. Also, young kittens should be kept indoors at least until they are full grown (around 12 months).

If you do want to have an indoor/outdoor cat, wait at least four weeks before allowing your adult cat to go outside, to give it a chance to bond to your family. If your adult cat must go outside, bringing him inside at night does reduce the risks of being killed by predators. To train your cat to come in at night, set his one daily feeding time during his month indoors to be at the hour when you want him to come inside for the night, and continue to feed him (even just putting out new dry food) at that same time, calling him to come in for his dinner. You can reinforce his coming in with treats as well.

Meeting the Household

Let your new cat get to know and trust household members, before it must adjust to the entire home — one thing at a time! Sometimes even the most friendly cat needs a few days to feel safe in a new environment.

If you have other pets, don't introduce the new pet immediately. We have more information on Introducing Your New Cat or Kitten to Resident Cats on our website: <http://www.chicagopetrescue.org/cat-information.htm> but here are some quick tips:

Keep your new pet totally separated at first, in their own room. For multi-cat households, when your new cat/kitten is from a shelter, rescue, or kennel, this separation period should be 14 days to prevent the spread of contagious diseases during their incubation period. Before making any pet introductions, let the new pet get to know and trust you, and let your other pets discover they are still loved — although they smell a new furry one in the house, they are not going to lose their home and family.

Time to Adjust

It will take time for everyone to adjust, sometimes weeks or months. At first, allow your pets lots of time for sniffing under the door to the new pet's room. Try switching rooms for a while, and let the new cat explore the house, and let your current cat spend time in the room, sniffing around. As they progress, try allowing them to check out each other through a screen door or sliding glass door, or other safe ways of exploring these "strangers". This effort can prevent an unpleasant introduction that is hard to recover from.

Tempting though it may be, it can be a big mistake to rush this process. The slow approach is well worth the extra time, and you ensure your pets are all happy and comfortable in your home.

Please note you will get a welcome packet from us with more information in a few days via email.

Thank you for choosing to adopt your pet from Chicago Pet Rescue!