



Chicago Pet Rescue
Adoption Saves Lives

CHICAGO PET RESCUE

ADOPTION POLICIES, INFORMATION AND AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ EVERYTHING CAREFULLY BEFORE ADOPTING!

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. There is a price for rescuing so many special needs animals — our monthly vet bills range from \$1,500-\$2,000! A majority of the animals 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. This animal's adoption fee is \$_____**

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), therefore it is the adopter's responsibility to have any condition treated, and Chicago Pet Rescue is not responsible for any costs incurred by the adopter.

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 or agreement, 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 checks 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 the rescuer to redeem the animal.

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

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

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 on the right paw with your new furry companion, we have created this information sheet and more information on our website 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 followup@chicagopetrescue.org or if it's an emergency call us at 773-218-3252. We are here to help you and your new pet!

You are the proud new owner of an adopted animal. There is lots you can do in the first 24 hours to ease your new housemate in easily. Our guidelines will help your new pet adjust to their new home... once they have gotten there! Some animals 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 be stuck under a seat! In a car, it is safest for them to be secured in a carrier (lined with an easily washable towel) or proper car harness. They may complain by meowing/barking etc... but some animals will relax with soothing music, or if you sing along! Then once you all get safely home....

Arriving At Home – The Starter Room

To make your new animal's transition to your household as comfortable as possible, select a quiet, closed-in area such as your bedroom or a small room away from the main foot traffic, and set it up with proper supplies (kitty: a litter box, bed, scratching post), crate/proper housing, toys, food and water. It is completely normal for an animal 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 this “starter room” has a gate in front of the door to prevent sneaking out when you enter/exit and for extra kitty safety (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 will 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 first 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 first litter box closer and closer to the new one, and then when they are next to each other, remove one box.

Going Outside

We require that domestic animals be kept as indoor-only pets. Dogs can be outside while supervised. Please do consider the advantages of keeping your new cat indoors always — outdoor cats are exposed to disease, catfights, being killed by dogs and other wild animals, and being hit by cars.

Meeting the Household

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

If you have other pets, do not introduce the new pet immediately. We have more information on Introducing Your New Pet to Resident Pets on our website: <http://www.chicagopetrescue.org/new-pet-introductions-information.html> but here are some quick tips:

Keep your new pet totally separated at first, in his or her own room. For multi animals households, when your new same species animal 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 animal explore the house, and let your current animal spend time in the room, sniffing around. As they progress, try allowing them to check out each other through a gate, crate or carrier, 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.

Additional Notes

Please note you will get a copy of your signed documents and welcome email from us with more information in a few days via email. If you don't see anything please first check spam then email us.

We would love your support! When you buying your pet supplies or any other items online, please order through a link on our website (i.e. Amazon, Chewy etc) at: <http://www.chicagopetrescue.org/support-our-supporters.html> The companies listed (on our webpage) will donate a portion of your purchase to Chicago Pet Rescue. You will get the same products with the same companies (sometimes with a discount) and Chicago Pet Rescue animals will benefit. As a non profit rescue organization every donation helps! So please check out our page before purchasing online. Thank you for your help!

We would love you to become part of our FACEBOOK group named "Chicago Pet Rescue Volunteers/Fosters/Alumni". You can post pictures of your pet there or see up coming events that we would love to have your support at. Let us know if you have any trouble finding the group.

Thank you for helping us save multiple lives. One is your new furry friend and the one that took its place with CPR. We can't save any animals unless we have an open spot.

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

CHICAGO PET RESCUE ADOPTION AGREEMENT

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

Pet's ESTIMATED age: _____ Estimated Breed: _____

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

Please PRINT your information, so we can easily read.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary 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. 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. 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 do so will result in loss of ownership. The adopter agrees to update us/micro-chip company with any change in their contact info so they can be notified if ever the animal is 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 5 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. _____(Initial)

The adopter agrees to permit a representative of Chicago Pet Rescue to do 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 (24 hours) shall be given to the adopter prior to an in-home visit. The adopter agrees to allow a Chicago Pet Rescue representative into their home at CPR request at any reasonable time and will allow CPR to inspect the adopted pet's living conditions and spay/neuter status. _____(Initial)

MEDICAL RELEASE: The adopter is willingly adopting an animal whose history may not fully be known by Chicago Pet Rescue. The adopter realizes that 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 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. _____(Initial)

If an adopted pet should die within 3 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. A veterinarian of the owner's choice must examine the adopted animal 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 request 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/Additional Notes: _____

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

I hereby attest that this disclosure was emailed, posted on or near the cage of the animal 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: _____