



CHICAGO PET RESCUE ADOPTION POLICIES

PLEASE READ EVERYTHING CAREFULLY BEFORE ADOPTING!

Adoption Fees: All animals at Chicago Pet Rescue have adoption fees, and these fees vary. Please visit our adoption fee webpage to learn more about our adoption fees. At Chicago Pet Rescue, we do everything we can to avoid turning 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 often 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 payment by cash or check.**

Health & Temperament: We advise on any known issues prior to adoption. However, Chicago Pet Rescue makes no explicit or implicit guarantees regarding 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 will not be held responsible for any expenses, including but not limited to medical expenses, which may be incurred for treatment of any and all existing conditions, or any other conditions of physical, behavioral, 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 an animal's underlying health conditions (such as kennel cough, among others), 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. Chicago Pet Rescue is not responsible for any injuries or damage caused by the animal once the animal is outside of the custody and control of Chicago Pet Rescue, whether fault for the injuries or damages is alleged against the adopter or against Chicago Pet Rescue.

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 Chicago Pet Rescue is found in violation of the 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 ascertain the welfare of the animal and assure that the terms of the agreement are being met.

Returns: If you should ever decide you cannot keep or do not want your adopted 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 adopted Chicago Pet Rescue animal, that you will return the animal to Chicago Pet Rescue. You 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 written 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 can result in court costs and attorney fees payable by the adopter, if necessary, for Chicago Pet Rescue to redeem/reclaim the animal.

Right to Refuse Adoption: Chicago Pet Rescue reserves the right to refuse any adoption.

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 packet. Additional information is available 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 and record all available information about his/her health and temperament. By the time a pet is adopted, s/he has been given vaccinations against deadly diseases and has been microchipped. By law, dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered prior to adoption to help bring an end to the tragedy of unwanted pets. Please note that your new pet has only been given the procedures corresponding to your pet's age and veterinary medical condition as recommended by a veterinarian. You are responsible for your pet's future veterinary 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 (remember to 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! Every animal is unique. 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...your animal can transition in the starter room.

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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 them up with proper supplies: crate/proper housing, toys, bed, food, water and for a kitty also include (litter box, and scratching post). 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 outdoors, 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, 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 they 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:

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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, we recommend the separation period to be at least 14 days to prevent the spread of contagious diseases during their incubation period (but please refer to your veterinarian's guidance on such issues of veterinary medicine). Before making any pet introductions, let the new pet get to know and trust you, and remind your other pets 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 can 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 receive a copy of your signed documents and a welcome email from us with more information in a few days via email. If you don't receive anything right away please first check your spam folder and then email us.

We would love your support! When you are buying 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 nonprofit 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 upcoming events at which we would love to have your support. 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 other one who took their 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 _____ CPR ID #: _____ Microchip ID _____

ESTIMATED: Age: _____ Breed/Description: _____

This animal's adoption fee is \$ _____ and I received their **Health Records** and **Disclosure**: _____ (Initial)

Please PRINT your information clearly, we use it to complete the adoption.

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 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERMS THAT YOU AGREE TO UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND CHICAGO PET RESCUE MAY SEEK TO ENFORCE ITS RIGHTS OR TO RECOVER FOR LOSSES AS A RESULT OF THIS CONTRACT HAVING BEEN BREACHED. I AGREE THAT MY CONTINUED OWNERSHIP OF THIS ANIMAL IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

Chicago Pet Rescue (CPR) releases _____ to _____ on _____. CPR has provided the adopter with all behavioral, temperament, and veterinary information known to CPR. CPR has no legal or financial responsibility for this animal or the animal's actions from this date forth. The above adopter acknowledges 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. _____ (Initial)

If at any time during the lifetime of this animal, the owner must, for any reason relinquish ownership, **CPR must be notified**. CPR must be given the first right of refusal to take possession of the animal. CPR is not obligated to pay for, refund, or in any way financially reimburse the adopter for the animal. If relinquishment is requested, the animal must be returned to CPR 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 from the residence of the animal's original adoption, it is still the adopter's responsibility to pay for and /or provide the transportation of that animal for safe delivery to CPR. The adopter agrees to never turn this animal into a shelter where they may be killed. If for any reason CPR is unable to take in the adopted animal at the time of the requested relinquishment, the adopter agrees to relinquish the animal into a state licensed, non-profit, no-kill facility. _____ (Initial)

MEDICAL & BEHAVIORAL RELEASE: The adopter is willingly adopting an animal whose history may not fully be known by CPR. The adopter understands that adopting an animal whose background may not be known involves certain risks of that animal's health/behavior. The adopter is fully aware of the fact that this animal could become sick or injured at ANY TIME. The adopter further agrees that any bills pertaining to this animal from this day forward are the adopter's sole responsibility. The adopter will not ask CPR to pay for any treatment for the animal the adopter has chosen to adopt. The adopter understands that prior to adoption, CPR animals see a vet only as needed, as well as for vaccinations required to be given by a licensed vet. CPR has provided adopter with records or information regarding the medical care that has been administered to the animal and behavioral issues known to CPR about the animal, while in CPR's possession, and this adopter is fully aware of the medical care that has been administered to the animal and made aware of any known behavioral issues and has decided to adopt. The adopter feels comfortable adopting this animal with the amount of medical care that has or has not been provided and behavioral issues and knowingly agrees to take on any additional costs. The adopter agrees to indemnify and hold CPR harmless for any injury or damage arising from illness, virus, bacterial infection, injury, accident, or any other adverse event that could cause the adopter or any third-party financial or emotional hardship arising from this adopted pet. The adopter is also aware that CPR often receives animals from difficult or unsuitable conditions. These situations can weaken the animal's immunity or mental state. CPR does not guarantee the health or behavioral state of any of its adopted animals. _____ (Initial)

I agree and represent that I have homeowner's or renter's insurance for any injuries or damages arising to myself or others while the adopted animal is under my control and/or is at my premises. _____ (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 the 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 CPR and the micro-chip company with any change in their contact information so all can be notified if ever the animal is lost or stolen. _____ (Initial)

The adopter agrees this animal will live indoors only. When and if the animal is brought outdoors, the animal 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 or other small animals, acceptable means of containment during transport include a cage/carrier. The adopter agrees that should this animal ever become lost or stolen, the adopter will notify CPR immediately. _____(Initial)

This animal (if dog) is required to start dog training classes within 40 days of this agreement and provide proof of completed training classes within 90 days of this agreement unless other arrangements stated in this agreement. _____ (Initial) ____ (N/A)

The adopter agrees to permit a representative of CPR to do follow-up visits/interviews concerning the adopted animal. This follow up can be done at the adopter's residence of the adopted pet, over the phone, or by other remote methods at CPR's discretion to inspect the adopted pet's living conditions. The purpose of this follow up is to ensure that the animal is being cared for humanely and that the adopter has complied with the terms of this agreement set forth by Chicago Pet Rescue and any relevant requirements in the State of Illinois. Reasonable notice (24 hours) shall be given to the adopter prior to an in-home visit. _____ (Initial)

RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION: The adopter agrees to accept responsibility and ownership of the above-named animal at his/her own risk. The adopter further agrees to release, hold harmless, indemnify and defend, CPR, its directors and its agents from any and all liability arising out of the adopter's possession and ownership of said animal. The adopter understands this indemnification includes **(A)** any and all animal related claims, involving not only damages or injury to the adopter/their animals, but also to any other persons claiming damages or injuries from the above-named animal post-adoption, along with **(B)** any negligence (or other claims) alleged against the adopter and/or CPR arising from any of the animal's actions post-adoption. The adopter releases CPR from any and all liabilities including, but not limited to: personal injury, property damage, legal fees, veterinary care, or any other expenses or liability incurred by the adopter or others as a result of this adoption. The adopter expressly agrees to indemnify CPR for any and all such claims, and to pay, without limitations, any costs related to such injury, damage or liability, including, in the case of litigation, any attorney's fees incurred by CPR in its defense of the animal's actions post-adoption. The adopter further agrees to waive all rights of Subrogation against CPR. The adopter understands and agrees that this provision is intended to be given the broadest interpretation of indemnity allowed by law. _____ (Initial)

If an adopted pet should die within 3 days of adoption, CPR will offer a refund of the adoption fee. Written documentation from a licensed veterinarian stating the exact cause of death and records of testing to prove such cause is required. A veterinarian of the owner's choice must examine the adopted animal within 72 hours of adoption or the terms of the refund are not valid. Any form of neglect, abuse, or insufficient care will void this refund. _____ (Initial)

The adopter agrees that if any of the terms listed above are not met at any time during the life of this adopted animal, CPR reserves the right to demand the return of the adopted animal. The adopter agrees to pay all reasonable court costs and attorney's fees in the event this matter is forwarded to an attorney for return of the adopted animal or other enforcement of the agreement. _____(Initial)

Additional Notes or Attachments: _____

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

I hereby attest that this Adoption Agreement was provided to me prior to and/or at the adoption and that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Adopter's Signature _____ Date: _____

Chicago Pet Rescue Rep Signature: _____ Date: _____