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## ADOPTION CONTRACT

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
VETERINARIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

This Contract made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_,  
by and between **A Tail To Be Told Animal Rescue**, hereinafter referred to as "**Rescue**" and  
\_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to  
as "**Adopter.**" **THE NON-REFUNDABLE ADOPTION FEE IS \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

Please read each item below and initial to signify that you have read, understand and will comply.

\_\_\_\_ Adopter affirms no household member has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation including but not limited to neglect, cruelty, or abandonment.

\_\_\_\_ Adopter will notify Rescue if there is any change in contact information above (home address, phone numbers, email, etc.).

\_\_\_\_ Adopter shall not hold Rescue responsible for errors in information about this animal provided by third parties. Adopter understands that the action of animals are often unpredictable and should be closely supervised when they are with children, that an animal's behavior may change once it accustoms itself to a new environment, and that Rescue makes no claims, guarantees, or representations as to the health, behavior, age, temperament, or mental disposition of this animal.

\_\_\_\_ Adopter will give Rescue visitation rights to ensure that the terms of this Contract are being observed. If for any reason Rescue deems the animal is being neglected or living conditions are unacceptable, Rescue reserves the right to immediately take ownership of the animal.

\_\_\_\_ Adopter must relinquish animal to Rescue if for any reason animal can no longer be cared for, do not wish to keep, or information provided on Contract proves to be incomplete or inaccurate. Adopter cannot sell, give, adopt, or transfer animal to anyone else, to a firm, to a corporation, or to another organization for homeless animals. If the telephone number, address, email, etc. for the Rescue is no longer operative, the Adopter will make a good faith effort to locate and contact the Rescue. Upon the safe return of the animal, in good health, and with all current medical records, this Contract will no longer be valid.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to be liable and legally responsible, if any part of Contract is broken, to pay all veterinarian bills to restore the animal back to proper and good health within 30 days of forfeiture.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to pay all court costs and attorney fees if Rescue deems it necessary to reclaim adopted animal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands it may take three to four weeks for adopted animal to adjust to his/her new home and family life. Adopter agrees to notify Rescue of any behavioral problems that may arise.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands veterinary check and vaccinations have been performed; however, animals can be incubating an illness that is not apparent at the time of adoption. If animal becomes ill within 48 hours of adoption, call your Rescue representative immediately. If it appears necessary, Rescue will make arrangements for the animal to be examined by one of our veterinarians. Rescue cannot be responsible for costs incurred by any other veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to take full responsibility for the health and well being of animal and will ensure all yearly vaccinations for rabies, distemper, etc. are kept current along with yearly well veterinary/fecal checks and to provide future veterinary care upon sickness, disease, or injury. NOTE: SOME MEDICAL COSTS CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE, ADOPTER CAN APPLY FOR CARE CREDIT IF FINANCIALLY NECESSARY.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter will provide monthly flea and heart worm treatments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter will notify Rescue if the animal dies or is advised to euthanize the animal before any action is taken.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter is responsible for licensing animal in accordance with any county and/or state regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter will notify Rescue immediately in the event the animal gets lost or stolen and will take all necessary steps to recover the animal to include placing lost animal ads in local newspapers, notify and physically going to local animal shelters, posting fliers, and contacting local veterinary clinics.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees animal may not be de-clawed for any reason. Adopter will provide adequate scratching posts/pads for the animal, other than scratching on the furniture. Adopter agrees animal may not have ears or tail docked for any reason.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands the animal shall not be used for any kind of research. The animal may not be used for any illegal purposes. The animal may not be used for food or sacrifices.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees never to strike, harm, or neglect the animal in any way.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees animal is to live inside a private residence as a companion and part of the family and not permitted to run loose outside (unless otherwise discussed and agreed to by written/signed authorization between Rescue and Adopter, i.e.; feral or barn).

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to provide animal with sufficient quantities of fresh, nutritious food twice a day and fresh water will be provided and accessible at all times. Adopter agrees to do their best to keep informed of pet food and treat recalls.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to provide all grooming needs as required for animal, to include but not limited to: nail trims, baths, brushing, and teeth cleaning. Adopter agrees to provide mental and physical stimulation according to the animal's needs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands that the adoption of this animal is a life-long commitment of love, care, costs and with proper care and medical treatment, this animal could live 15 or more years. I am willing to take on the responsibility of this animal for its lifetime.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter assumes and understands all risks of ownership of this animal, including any and all liability for damage or injury to animal or caused by animal to property and physical damage done to any person or other animal.

The following statement is required by Virginia law: Sterilization of any adopted animal is required by Title 32 Chapter 5 of the Code of Virginia. The Adopter agrees to assume full responsibility for compliance with the Provisions of 3.2-6574 through 3.2-6576 which requires the animal be sterilized by the time frame specified. Violation of this law is subject to civil penalty and the new owners may be compelled to comply with the provisions of the law.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands that spaying and neutering is required by five months of age. If animal is not spayed or neutered prior to adoption and Adopter wishes to use their veterinarian, proof of surgery must be mailed to the Rescue within 30 days of the procedure.

\_\_\_\_\_ We collect a REFUNDABLE \$25.00 deposit for animals that are too young to be altered at the time of adoption. When Adopter arrives to the spay/neuter appointment or Rescue receives proof of surgery the \$25.00 deposit will be refunded.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands young animals may not be released to go home with the adopted family until they are fully vaccinated against illnesses. This is for the protection of the animal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Checks returned by the Adopter's bank for any reason are subject to the maximum penalties allowed under the Laws of Virginia.

I understand that failure to perform the foregoing Contract will constitute a breach of Contract. In the event of any such breach of Contract could result in **A TAIL TO BE TOLD ANIMAL RESCUE** taking legal steps to recover the adopted animal. I authorize **A TAIL TO BE TOLD ANIMAL RESCUE** to reclaim possession of the adopted animal.

**A TAIL TO BE TOLD ANIMAL RESCUE ACTS SOLELY IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ANIMAL.**

In return for the above conditions, **A TAIL TO BE TOLD ANIMAL RESCUE** agrees to allow the prospective Adopter to adopt the below mentioned animal.

<b>NON-REFUNDABLE</b> ADOPTION FEE	\$ _____	Cash or Check No. _____
REFUNDABLE UN-ALTERED PET DEPOSIT	\$ _____	Cash or Check No. _____
DONATION	\$ _____	Cash or Check No. _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Signature  
A Tail To Be Told Animal Rescue

**BELOW FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

NAME OF ANIMAL \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIES \_\_\_\_\_  
COLOR \_\_\_\_\_  
RABIES TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMAL'S NEW NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
SEX MALE FEMALE ALTERED UN-ALTERED  
BREED \_\_\_\_\_  
FUR LENGTH SHORT MEDIUM LONG  
MICROCHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_