

Cat Crusaders, Inc.

Adoption Contract

I/we, _____ and _____, agree to adopt _____ from Cat Crusaders, Inc. ("The Rescue"). The Rescue is committed to finding suitable adoptive homes for the lifetime of the cat. As a result, this adoption is subject to the following terms and conditions.

Please initial next to each point, signifying you have read the specific term:

_____ **1. Adoption.** This contract is for the adoption and conditional possession, not purchase, of the cat. As such, The Rescue retains certain oversight and rights with regard to the cat throughout the cat's life. The adoption fee is not a "sales price," but helps cover costs associated with the cat's rescue and care prior to adoption.

_____ **2. Return.** I understand that I may return the cat to The Rescue at for any reason. I must call The Rescue to set up an appointment time for return.

_____ **3. No Transfer.** This adoption is non-transferable. If at any time I no longer want or am unable to keep or care for the cat, I may not transfer, bequeath, abandon, or euthanize the cat, and the cat must be returned to The Rescue. The cat must not go to any other shelter, rescue, etc. If I want to give the cat to someone else, I must notify The Rescue, and the prospective adopter must submit an adoption application, be approved for adoption, and sign the adoption contract.

_____ **4. Commitment.** I am prepared to make a long-term commitment to the cat, understanding that many cats live 15+ years.

_____ **5. Care.** I will always provide the cat with fresh water, healthy food, a clean and safe environment, necessary veterinary care, patience, understanding, love and affection. I will not abuse or neglect the cat or allow others to do so. Declawing is discouraged and should only be considered as a last resort.

_____ **6. Companion Animal Only.** I will keep the cat as a domestic companion only and will not use or allow others to use the cat for any other purpose, whether commercial or private.

_____ **7. Veterinary Treatment.** I will provide the cat veterinary care necessary for the cat's wellbeing. I will take the cat to a licensed veterinarian for yearly check-ups, and additional visit in the event of illness, injury, or recommended veterinary treatment. The cat may not be euthanized for lack of funds for veterinary care. If I lack the funds necessary for veterinary care, I will notify The Rescue, which will have the option to provide veterinary care at its expense.

_____ **8. Assumption of Risk and Liabilities; No warranties.** I assume all risks, liabilities, and responsibilities for the cat. The Rescue makes no representations or guarantees regarding the safety, health or behavior of the cat. I/We hereby specifically agree that Four Paws Shelter and Rescue and its agents, employee officers, volunteers, directors, veterinarians and guests {the "released parties"} shall not be liable and shall be released and held harmless from any and all claims, causes of actions, expenses and damages of any nature resulting from or relating to any escape, accident, injury, sickness,

disability and/or death of the animal, as well as any exercise of judgment by the released parties in connection with the custody and care of the animal.

9. Litter box Issues (cats). I understand litter box avoidance often signals an underlying medical issue, such as painful urination or defecation, stress or issues with the litter box itself. If litter box avoidance becomes an issue, I will immediately consult with a veterinarian and The Rescue.

10. If Lost or Stolen. If the cat is lost or stolen, I will immediately notify The Rescue.

11. Misrepresentations. Misrepresentations on the Adoption Application will be deemed a breach of this Contract.

12. Follow up; Change of Address. After a period of transition, The Rescue may continue to periodically check up on the welfare of the cat. Upon request, I agree to provide information and veterinary records regarding the cat, and hereby irrevocably authorize any and all present and future veterinarians to release any and all veterinary records and information regarding the cat to The Rescue throughout the life of the cat and in the event of his/her death. I will notify The Rescue of any change in my address or telephone number within 30 days of the change.

13. Breach. The violation of any of the terms set forth in this Contract will be deemed a material breach of the Contract, and if such breach occurs, I will be liable for damages, and immediately upon demand I will relinquish custody and possession of the cat and any other animals I have adopted from The Rescue.

14. Enforcement; Attorney's Fees and Costs. In the event of a breach of the Contract, I will be liable for the return of the cat, liquidated damages of \$1,000.00, and attorney's fees and costs incurred in enforcement of this contract. I stipulate and agree that monetary charges are not an adequate substitute for the return of the cat (and other animals adopted from The Rescue), and that The Rescue may obtain the return of the cat (and other animals) and money damages for breach of contract. I stipulate and agree that, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available, an action may be brought against me for replevin and/or specific performance. I understand and agree that due to The Rescue's paramount interest of its adopted cats, attorney's fees and costs will be measured according to the amount of time spent regardless of the amount of money damages sought or awarded or the monetary value of the cat. I further agree that The Rescue will be entitled to possession of the cat, without bond, while any litigation is pending.

Signature 1

Signature 2

Date

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