

Adoption Contract

P.O. Box 79571, N. Dartmouth, MA. 02747 (508) 961-CATS www.HabitatforCats.org

Habitat for Cats (HFC) may request that applicant/adopter present a photo identification for confirmation of application information. The information presented on the adoption application will be verified. Specifically, home ownership, rental, landlord and veterinary information will be verified. If HFC determines that the information provided on the application is *intentionally* false, HFC will assume custody of the adopted cat(s) and the applicant's adoption fee will not be refunded. Adoption donation fee will be refunded up to 10 days after adoption date if adopted cat(s) must be voluntarily returned by applicant for reasons other than specified in this contract.

Adopter agrees to pay \$150.00 per cat as liquidated damages if the terms of this contract are breached. The liquidated damage value is agreed to for the purpose of establishing the value of each cat if legal action is required and does not bar HFC from seeking return of the cat(s) by judicial process or other legal means.

If adopter cannot keep the adopted cat(s)/kitten(s), adopter will contact HFC. Adopter will not relinquish the cat(s) to any other person, shelter or society before contacting HFC. HFC will make an effort to accept return of the cat(s) as space and other constraints permit *but we cannot guarantee that the cat(s) will be accepted back into our foster care program.*

Adopter agrees to provide a veterinary reference to Habitat for Cats and to allow HFC to check on the welfare of the cat(s) (with owner and/or veterinarian). If the cat(s) is found to be neglected, abused, mistreated, or at risk for serious illness or injury, the adopting party agrees to surrender the cat(s) to HFC upon request.

HFC cats have received a basic veterinary examination and are healthy to the best of our knowledge. Any known pre-existing health condition(s) will be brought to adopter's attention. Adopter assumes financial responsibility for any subsequent illnesses or medical conditions. **HFC gives no warrantee in regard to this cat's health.** HFC strongly recommends that you establish a relationship between your new pet and your veterinarian.

Adopter acknowledges the long-term commitment (about 18-20 years) in adopting the cat(s). Adopter will care for the cat(s) by providing affection, proper food, water, clean bedding and litter, a clean, warm and safe living area and veterinary care as needed. This includes having the kitten spayed/neutered on or before 6 months of age (if not already done) and providing **mandatory** yearly rabies vaccination (if you live in Massachusetts).

Adopter agrees to keep the cat(s) indoors for its entire life. Occasionally, exceptions are made to this contract clause based on the cat's needs/personality.

Adopter will not allow the cat(s) to be used for breeding purposes or for animal experimentation.

Adopter agrees to **not** declaw the cat(s) and to contact Habitat for Cats to discuss alternatives to declawing if problems arise.

Adopter agrees that the actions of animals may be unpredictable and that Habitat for Cats makes no representations as to the behavior and temperament of the cat(s). Adopter agrees to accept possession of the cat(s) at their own risk and hereby release and waive any right against Habitat for Cats now or in the future for any damages to person(s) or property caused by the adopted cat(s).

I hereby certify that I have read the above HFC Adoption Contract and agree with same:

Adopter's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Cat's Name: _____ Fostered by: _____

Description: _____ Sex: ___ Altered? (Y/N) ___ Age: _____

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HFC Agent: _____ Adoption Fee: _____ Other Fee: _____ Date: _____

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Date: _____

Counselor: _____

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Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Do you rent or own your residence? _____ How long have you lived at this address? _____

If renting, list name & phone of landlord: _____

Does your landlord or your lease allow pets? _____

List the number of children & their ages living in household? _____

Are you over 20 years of age? _____ Does anyone living in your household have allergies? _____

Is this cat/kitten a gift for someone? _____ For who? _____

Do you currently have a cat or kitten? _____ If NO, have you ever had a cat or kitten? _____

If you no longer have a cat, explain what happened to the cat: _____

Has your current cat(s) been tested for Feline Leukemia or Feline AIDS? _____

Has your current cat(s) been diagnosed with Feline Leukemia or Feline AIDS? _____

Have you ever had or currently have a declawed cat? _____

Are you considering having this cat(s) declawed? _____

Do you plan on letting this cat go outside? _____

List the number, kind & ages of animals living in household: _____

Are your pets (dog or cat): _____ vaccinated yearly? _____ spayed/neutered? _____

Name of your veterinarian: _____

Are you able to financially afford annual and some emergency veterinary care during this cat's lifetime? _____

If you had to move, would you be willing to find a "pets allowed" living situation, and make choices about your living arrangements, roommates, travel plans, etc. with the cat(s) welfare in mind? _____

How/where did you hear about HFC pet adoptions (radio, flyer, newspaper, internet)? _____

Note to Applicant

Habitat for Cats reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone if adoption requirements are not met or if Habitat for Cats feels that the best interests of the animal are not going to be met in accordance with our adoption policies.

Please read the Habitat for Cats Adoption Contract and sign at the bottom of page.

We expect every adoption to be permanent. When you adopt a cat from us, you take its life in your hands. If problems come up, call us! If problems cannot be worked out, and you cannot keep the cat, then HFC will reevaluate the cat for health & temperament. HFC will make every effort to accept the return of the cat as foster care space or other constraints permit, but we cannot guarantee that the cat will be accepted back into our foster care program.