

ADOPTION CONTRACT FOR ARF OF MS
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Name of animal being adopted: _____
Breed – Cat _____ Dog _____ Sex _____ Color _____
Date of application _____

I _____ (Adopter) do hereby agree to adopt from ARF of MS the above referenced animal in consideration of the adoption fee paid to ARF of MS.

Furthermore, the parties agree to the following:

- 1.. The animal(s) is/are being adopted and transferred with the understanding that the animal(s) will be treated and adopter will be responsible as if it is their own pet.
2. The animal(s) will be cared for with love and affection and will be a part of the whole family, the adopter will do their best to insure the animal(s) well-being and safety.
3. The adopter will feed the animal(s) at least twice a day, with a high quality appropriate food and supply a fresh, clean, appropriate amount of water for the animal at all times.
4. The animal will live inside the home and will not be isolated from the family. The adopter will not allow the animal(s) to roam at large, will not tie out the animal on a chain or tether. Cats are to be inside only family members, Dogs are not to be left in a garage, back yard, patio, pen, balcony when no one is at home.
5. The adopter will not have any dog attack trained nor will the adopter use the animal for any other purpose than companionship and as a member of the family. The adopter will not have any cosmetic surgery done on the animal (i.e. ear cropping, tail docking). The adopter will not allow any physical, emotional or mental abuse to the animal.
6. The adopter will take the pet to a licensed veterinarian within 7 days of adoption. (ARF of MS has the right to deny the adopter use certain veterinarians with pets adopted from agency), for a wellness check and for regular preventative care annually for the life of the animal. This includes rabies, vaccinations, Bordetella, heartworm preventative and retesting, fecal exams. The adopter will take the animal for care as needed for illness or injury throughout the life of the pet and will provide all necessary care to insure the long life of the animal adopted from ARF of MS. If at anytime, the adopter can not provide proper care for the animal adopted from ARF of MS, the adopter will return the pet to the organization. Please give the organization appropriate advance notice (if possible) for the return of the animal(s).
7. The adopter will comply with all applicable local, state and federal requirements for owning a companion animal.
8. The adopter will never allow the animal to ride in the back bed of a pick up truck and the animal will be properly restrained when riding in a vehicle. The adopter will never leave the animal alone in a vehicle for any period of time.
9. The adopter is explicitly denied the right to rehome the pet, the pet will be returned to the agency should the adopter not be able to properly care for the pet at any time during the life of the pet.

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10. In the event the animal becomes lost, stolen or dies, the adopter will notify ARF of MS IMMEDIATELY and additionally, the adopter will notify ARF of MS and the microchip company of any change of address, phone number and email during the life of the animal.

11. The animal's known background and medical history has been discussed with the adopter, however, the adopter understands and agrees that ARF of MS makes no representations as to the animal's breed, temperament, age, health, training or behavior of the animal. Any representations are based solely on ARF of MS's best guess at time of intake and by experience while in the care of ARF of MS.

12. The adopter agrees to allow ARF of MS to inspect or check on the compliance of the above described stipulations in this contract throughout the life of the animal. ARF of MS has the right to DEMAND the animal's return should the adopter not comply with the stipulations of this Contract and should the animal's health, safety and welfare not be provided. Should ARF of MS have to go to court for the surrender of the pet, the adopter will be liable for any and all legal and administrative costs with the return of such animal for no less than \$1,000.00

13. The adopter and the adopter's spouse, significant other, heir, executors, personal representatives agree to accept ownership of the pet at their own risk and release ARF of MS from any liability and will never bring claim or suit against ARF of MS or any of the board members, employees, volunteers, founders or representatives of any kind arising from the adoption of the animal. The adopter, adopter's spouse, significant other, personal representative, family member and all parties associated with the ownership of the pet agree to indemnify and hold ARF of MS harmless (and all representatives thereof) of any injury, bodily injury, illness, property damage or losses with association of ownership of the animal(s) including attorney's fees or cost of litigation that result to anyone else or any other entity as the result of the negligence or liability of the owner or any person associated with the ownership of the animal. This includes lone acts of omissions as well as combined acts of the adopter, the adopter's family or anyone associated with the care of the animal.

14. This agreement is the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any verbal or previously written agreements between the parties.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED;

_____ (PRINTED NAME)

_____ (SIGNATURE)

_____ -(DATE)