

Pet Adoption Contract



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Adopter Information

Contract Date:

Client Name:

Address:

PO Box:

City/Township:

Province:

Postal Code:

Email:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Adopted Pet Information

Case Number:

Name of Animal:

Breed:

Color / Markings:

Age:

Sex:

Spay/Neuter Date:

Tattoo:

Vaccination Date:

1.

2.

Rabies:

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The Pincher Creek Humane Society (PCHS, shelter) understands and agrees to the following:

- ✓ We are here to promote a healthy relationship between you and your new pet.
- ✓ We encourage you to call us with any questions and concerns regarding your pet's care and wellbeing and ask that you respond to our follow up requests by phone or email.
- ✓ The PCHS is available for consultation, advice and assistance pertaining to the health, training and compatibility of the animal.
- ✓ Although every effort will be made to match pets with appropriate homes, we recognize some pet matches may not be successful through no fault of the PCHS, Adopter or pet. In the event that your newly adopted pet is a poor fit with your family, we encourage you to return your pet to the shelter within 14 days so that we can exchange the animal to better match your family's needs.
- ✓ The PCHS strives to provide you with a healthy pet however, the stress of changing environments can lower an animal's immunity and ability to fight disease and the pet could unknowingly harbor an infection without displaying symptoms. The PCHS does not guarantee the health of any animal.
- ✓ In the event that you are unable to care for your pet and seek to rehome the animal, please contact the shelter with the new families contact information so that we may continue to provide support to that animal.

As a pet adopter I agree to the following:

1. I am 18 years of age or older.
2. I understand that my commitment to care for the above adopted animal is a commitment for the lifetime of the animal.
3. I will ensure that my adopted animal will receive adequate food, water, indoor shelter and that I will provide humane treatment of the animal including regular exercise and companionship.
4. I agree to allow a representative of the PCHS to conduct home visits, and phone checks at their discretion following the animal's adoption in order to check on the animals' welfare and to ensure the terms of this agreement have been kept.

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5. I will take the animal to a veterinarian within 14 days of adoption for a general physical examination and any necessary, outstanding vaccinations, deworming, medications, surgical procedures; including spay / neuter or medical treatments required, at my own expense (unless otherwise stipulated in this contract).
6. If the adopted animal has not been spayed or neutered prior to adoption, I agree to bring the animal to its spay/neuter appointment on:
_____ at _____ AM/PM.
In the event that I do not have the animal spayed/neutered by the date agreed upon, then ownership of the animal shall revert to the PCHS and all fees paid to date shall be forfeit.
7. I will provide all necessary annual vaccinations (including rabies), deworming, provide annual health examinations along with any additional medical attention required for the animal's wellbeing.
8. I will not have my cat declawed (onychectomy) unless this procedure is deemed medically necessary for animal health reasons by a qualified veterinarian.

NOTE: The PCHS, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and Alberta Veterinary Medical Association strongly oppose declawing cats (onychectomy) unless required for animal health reasons, for the convenience of their guardians. The act of scratching is a natural feline behavior and serves several purposes including exercise, conditioning of the nail, scent marking, stress relief and defense. If you are concerned about your cat's scratching please speak to a representative of the PCHS for ideas and strategies that can be used to alleviate destructive scratching.

9. The PCHS cannot be held responsible for any medical fees incurred after the adoption date (unless otherwise stipulated in this contract). I understand that the animal covered by these adoption papers, as far as can be determined by the PCHS is in good health however, if a health problem develops during the first 14 days following adoption, I should notify the shelter to discuss the matter.
10. I understand that I am adopting this animal with the following diagnosed condition, and I realize that this animal may need additional care and / or medical treatment.

Any additional medical costs incurred due to this condition are at my own expense unless otherwise stipulated in this contract.

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11. I may return the animal for an exchange or adoption refund if the animal is found to be affected by a previously undiagnosed, serious health concern, verified by a qualified veterinarian. The PCHS does not reimburse for medical costs unless otherwise stipulated in this contract.
12. I will obey all applicable laws governing animal control and custody of animals in my jurisdiction.
13. I understand and agree that the PCHS makes no express or implied warranty, representation or promise to the age, breed, health, habits, disposition, temperament or safety of the animal. I hereby accept the animal as is, assume all risks and responsibilities associated with the ownership of the animal, including bites, and I hereby fully and completely release, indemnify and hold harmless the PCHS, its directors, officers, volunteers, servants and employees from any claim, cause of action or liability of any sort or nature, whether known or unknown, directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the adoption, care or ownership, maintenance, temperament or condition of the animal.
14. I agree to pay the PCHS an adoption fee of \$ _____ for the above named animal and release the PCHS of any further liability. Failure to pay the adoption fee constitutes a breach of contract.
15. I understand fully that this is a contract. If I should in any way be in breach of this contract I understand at the sole discretion of the PCHS they may remove the animal adopted to me should they deem the home no longer safe or in the best interests of the animal. I fully grant them this discretion and agree to oblige with their decision.
16. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the foregoing adoption contract and that I will comply with the same.

Adopter's Signature

Staff Signature

Adoption Fee Paid \$ _____
Donations Paid (tax-deductible) \$ _____
Total Paid \$ _____