



## Animal Adoption Contract

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal's Name/Case#: \_\_\_\_\_ Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (estimated): \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip number: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Medical Information:

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**I, the undersigned, understand that, by adopting an animal, I must comply with the following requirements, and my failure to do so may result in the animal being impounded by the City of Amarillo Animal Management and Welfare Department ("AMW").**

- Adoption Fee.** I understand that the adoption fee covers the following services to be performed by AMW for my newly-adopted pet: spay or neuter, rabies vaccination, heartworm test (for dogs six months of age and older), de-worming, and microchipping. **All other veterinarian expenses are my responsibility.**
- Rabies Vaccination.** I agree to have my newly-adopted pet vaccinated against rabies by the time the animal is three months of age and regularly thereafter in accordance with applicable law. I understand that the adoption fee includes a rabies vaccination to be performed at AMW, and that I may have to visit AMW again to obtain the vaccination. If I choose to obtain the vaccination from another veterinarian, that vaccination is not included in the adoption fee, I will have to pay for that vaccination in addition to the adoption fee, and no portion of the adoption fee will be refunded.
- Alteration Procedure.** If my newly-adopted pet is not already altered, I agree to have my newly-adopted pet spayed or neutered in accordance with applicable law. I understand that the adoption fee includes a spaying or neutering procedure to be performed at AMW, and that I may have to visit AMW again to obtain the procedure. If I choose to obtain the procedure from another veterinarian, that procedure is not included in the adoption fee, I will have to pay for that procedure in addition to the adoption fee, and no portion of the adoption fee will be refunded.
- Microchip.** I understand that AMW will register the microchip with the chip manufacturer, and it is my responsibility to keep the information on the microchip current.
- Animal Health.** **I understand that AMW makes no claims regarding the health of an adopted animal. AMW does not knowingly adopt out any sick animals. I understand that there is an inherent risk that my newly-adopted pet could exhibit symptoms of**

and may develop a contagious disease within the next two weeks. Although the disease may not be present at adoption, there is a possibility that my newly-adopted pet was exposed to a virus before being released into my custody. If my newly-adopted pet were to develop a contagious disease or exhibit similar symptoms after release, AMW would not be responsible for any medical care. AMW is not liable for any veterinary bills that are incurred if I decide to keep the animal and have it treated by a veterinarian.

6. **Return Policy.** I understand that I cannot return or exchange my newly-adopted pet, and that no portion of my adoption fee will be returned or refunded.
7. **Compliance with Applicable Law.** I agree to follow all applicable laws related to the ownership and care of my newly-adopted pet. I will purchase any licenses that may be required by law, and I agree to attach the tags to a proper fitting collar that will be worn at all times. I understand that the legal limit for companion animals (dogs and cats and combination thereof) is a maximum of four within the city limits of Amarillo.
8. **Humane Treatment.** I agree to provide adequate food and care and provide veterinary services in a humane and responsible way. I agree that the animal will be kept physically restrained in the manner required by law. At no time will this animal be chained or tied up as a means of restraint other than for the short period needed to go to the bathroom.
9. **AMW RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ADOPTION.**
10. **Responsibility.** I understand that my newly-adopted pet may require time to adjust to its new home and surroundings. This includes attitude and house-training adjustments. I understand that my newly-adopted pet may require regular grooming. I understand and accept the extra expense and time of owning my newly-adopted pet.
11. **Required Consent.** I have confirmed with my landlord that I am permitted to have a pet in my rented home, and I understand that I must confirm the same with my future landlords.
12. **Disclaimer.** I understand that AMW does not know the propensity or disposition of the animals held by AMW. It is expressly understood by and between the parties that AMW makes no representations, guarantees, or warranties whatsoever about the animal or its health, condition, personality, or temperament. I am accepting the animal AS-IS. I will not hold AMW liable or responsible for any veterinary care or treatment, training, or behavior counseling for the animal.
13. **Indemnity. I WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AMW AND ALL OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR AND FROM ANY LIABILITY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE ARISING BY REASON OF ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR DAMAGE TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR ATTRIBUTED TO THE ADOPTION, PLACEMENT, OR POSSESSION OF THE ANIMAL.**

I have read and fully understand this contract, and I agree to fully abide by all the conditions, promises, terms and covenants I have made.

Adopter's Signature:

AMW Authorized Representative Signature:

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Adopter's Name (Print):

Effective Date:

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