



### CAT ADOPTION CONTRACT

1. STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE makes no warranty of the subject cat, expressed or implied, concerning the condition, temperament, pedigree, or its fitness or suitability for any particular purpose or environment. Therefore, the subject cat is adopted with all its faults, if any, and at the adopter's own risk. The undersigned hereby agrees to release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE, its officers, agents, servants, or employees from any liabilities, now or in the future, for any damages to persons or property caused by this cat.
2. STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE believes this cat to be in good physical condition; however, STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE makes no guarantee of health for this animal. It is recommended that this cat be taken to a veterinarian with 14 days of adoption for a thorough exam.
3. The adoption fee is nonrefundable. However, if a vet, in an initial checkup within 30 days of adoption, discovers a serious (life threatening) health condition, this cat may be returned with written certification from the examining vet to STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE for a full refund.
4. The cat must be kept as an inside house pet and humane treatment provided, including providing sufficient food and fresh water daily, adequate shelter to maintain its health and comfort, affection, exercise, and medical attention including all necessary shots whenever needed and full preventative and medical care.
5. The cat must be licensed and maintained in accordance with any relevant law or ordinance governing the keeping of animals in adopter's municipality. Please notify STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE of any change in address. Rabies Tags should be purchased through your county animal control.
6. For placement of cats/kittens not yet altered, the undersigned agrees to alter said pet in accordance with STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE's requirements and 225 ILCS 605/3.3 of the Illinois State Law, i.e. the animal will be altered within 30 days or at a time in accordance with veterinary certification, when the animal weighs enough and reaches the proper age. The adopter will provide a \$50.00 deposit (in addition to the adoption fee) that will be held and then be refunded once said animal has been altered by a STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE partner vet or a veterinary statement of altering from a personal vet is presented to STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE.
7. The cat/kitten must not be de-clawed. If adopter cannot live with the said animal without de-clawing, adopter will return the animal to STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE instead of proceeding with the de-claw. In this situation, there is no refund of the adoption fee.
8. CATS MUST BE TRANSPORTED IN CARRIERS AT ALL TIMES. If the pet is lost or stolen, STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE is to be notified immediately.

This contract represents the entire agreement between STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE and the undersigned, and any oral representations made by STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE are not binding.

*I understand all conditions and assume full responsibility for this cat over its lifetime. If I am unable to keep it or give it proper care, I will first offer the return of this cat to STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE with the understanding that STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE may not accept the cat. I further understand that I am not to sell or give this animal to anyone before contacting STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE. I fully understand and agree that if I fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions herein enumerated, STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE may take action, including requiring the surrender of the cat to STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE upon demand. Any expenses incurred by STARFISH ANIMAL RESCUE to repossess the cat shall be my responsibility. The agreed value of the cat is \$400 plus all legal costs.*

**Adopter's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopter's Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Contract** \_\_\_\_\_ **Animal Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Adoption Fee** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deposit** \_\_\_\_\_

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Adoption Fee Collected: \_\_\_\_\_ / cash or check (circle one) / SAR REP: \_\_\_\_\_

Spay/Neuter Deposit collected: \_\_\_\_\_ / cash or check (circle one) / SAR REP: \_\_\_\_\_

Spay/Neuter Deposit returned: \_\_\_\_\_ / SAR REP: \_\_\_\_\_