

## ADOPTION CONTRACT

The parties hereto agree that the owners shall abide by the following conditions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_, Hereinafter referred to as the pet, is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the pet to treat and to be responsible for it as their own pet.
2. The pet will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the pet's safety and well-being.
3. I/we will feed the pet at least twice a day and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.
4. The pet will live inside my home and will not be isolated from the family. I will walk my pet on a leash or exercise my pet in a fenced yard. I will never let my pet run loose or roam, keep my pet chained or tied up, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen, or leave my pet outdoors, even in a fenced yard when no one is at home.
5. I will not have the pet attack-trained, nor will I use it for any purpose other than companionship. I will not have the pet's ears cropped, nor will I have its tail docked. I will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the pet.
6. I will take the pet to a licensed veterinarian when shots are due <date> but in no event later than one year from the last vet visit. I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including: rabies shots as required every one or three years; yearly booster shots for DHLPPC; yearly fecal checks for internal parasites (worms); and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.

7. The pet will be given heartworm-preventative tablets every month, all year long. I will have a heartworm test given every year. If there is any break in dispensing heartworm medication, I must retest for heartworm and restart the medication immediately.
8. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the pet at my own risk, and I release SEC522 ANIMAL SHELTER and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my pet. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for my pet as of the date of this contract. SEC522 ANIMAL SHELTER and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the pet.
9. I agree to take the pet to obedience training classes as a puppy, and/or as an adult.
10. In the event the pet becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify SEC522 ANIMAL SHELTER. I will also immediately notify SEC522 ANIMAL SHELTER of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address).
11. This pet's known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that SEC522 ANIMAL SHELTER has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the pet.

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ADOPTER'S SIGNATURE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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WITNESS SIGNATURE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_