



Rikki's Refuge
a no-kill all species peaceful sanctuary
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ADOPTION AGREEMENT

I am adopting this animal from Rikki's Refuge as a companion animal. At no time will this animal be used for any purpose other than a companion. I am adopting this animal with the intention of keeping it for the remainder of its natural life. If at any time in the future I must give this animal up I shall return it to Rikki's Refuge. If I must give up this animal and I have found a new home for the animal I shall notify Rikki's Refuge of the new potential owner, give Rikki's Refuge the opportunity to interview the potential owner and to make the final decision that this new home is appropriate. I shall abide by Rikki's Refuge's decision in this matter.

I am adopting a domestic animal that is to primarily be an indoor animal and shall share my home with me as a companion. If this animal goes outside it shall do so only under my control or with appropriate confinement (leash, fencing for dogs, screened area for cats, etc.)

I agree to provide adequate and nutritious food and clean fresh water for this animal at all times. I understand that, unless noted below, Rikki's Refuge believes this to be a healthy animal and that all medical history known to Rikki's Refuge is being disclosed to me below. I also understand that animals like humans can harbour an illness that may not show up until later. I understand that if I have any concerns about introducing a new animal into my home it is my responsibility to first consult with my veterinarian. I agree to provide routine medical care for this animal and understand that there is a cost associated with this and that this cost shall be my responsibility. I shall not hold Rikki's Refuge responsible for any illness this animal may harbour, contagious or not.

I understand that when adopting an animal I become responsible for this animal and its behavior. Animals can and will bite and/or scratch from time to time and I understand that this is normal behavior. I will make all attempts to gently and humanely train this animal in appropriate social behavior. I understand that I am solely responsible for this animal's behavior and I agree to hold Rikki's Refuge harmless for any consequence resulting from this animal's behavior.

If this animal had not yet been surgically sterilized I agree to have it done at the earliest time possible based on the age of the animal. I agree that this animal will be sterilized within 60 days of sexual maturity or within 30 days from the date listed below and if I do not abide by this Rikki's Refuge has the right to immediately seize this animal. I understand that I will be responsible for the cost of neutering/spaying this animal as well as for any future medical work including vaccinations unless indicated below.

I certify that I either own my own home and am permitted to have this animal under any County, Homeowner or Condominium rules or that I rent where the Landlord, County, Homeowner or Condominium rules permit this animal. If I rent I agree to make all possible effort to continue to rent a home where this animal will be permitted to reside. If for any reason I can not keep this animal in my home I agree to promptly return it to Rikki's Refuge.

I understand that I am adopting a natural creature of God and under no circumstances shall I surgically alter this animal from its natural form (other than neutering or spaying) except in the case of medical necessity. This includes declawing and the

cropping of ears and tails. I understand that violating this agreement will result in a \$250 penalty payable to Rikki's Refuge and / or immediate seizure of the animal by Rikki's Refuge.

I agree to permit Rikki's Refuge to evaluate my living conditions to determine at Rikki's Refuge's sole discretion if this home is suitable for this animal. I agree that if at any time Rikki's Refuge finds this animal's living conditions unsuitable for any reason I will immediately turn this animal over to Rikki's Refuge. I understand that Rikki's Refuge may perform a house check, during reasonable hours, without notice.

I agree to include in my will or to notify my executor in writing that this animal came from Rikki's Refuge and that in the case of my death or disability where I can no longer care for this animal it shall be returned to Rikki's Refuge. In the event that I do not do this, this contract shall suffice as my agreement that upon my death or disability this animal becomes the possession of Rikki's Refuge. I shall notify Rikki's Refuge of anyone whom I wish this animal to pass to in such a case and Rikki's Refuge agrees to abide by my choice with the condition that your selected home and caretaker meet the conditions outlined in this contract.

Knowing that this animal has been a loving member of Rikki's Refuge, loved and cared for by many volunteers, I agree to let Rikki's Refuge know at least on an annual basis how this animal is doing, and to keep Rikki's Refuge apprised of this animal's current address.

What Rikki's Refuge knows about this animal.

ID number: _____
Name: _____
Description: _____
Date & Fee: _____
Sex: _____
Neutered/Spayed: _____
Shots/Tests: _____

Medical Records Attached: _____
Known Medical Problems: _____
History & Other Information: _____

Information about adoptor.

Name: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Phone: _____
Phone: _____
Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____

I agree to hold harmless and indemnify Rikki's Refuge for any condition or behavior of this animal and any consequences that may result from my ownership of this animal. For legal purposes references to Rikki's Refuge in this contract include Life Unlimited of Virginia, Inc.; the Board of Directors, Directors, Employees and Volunteers of both Rikki's Refuge, Life Unlimited of Virginia, Inc. and any other programs or projects operated by Life Unlimited of Virginia, Inc., without exclusion.

I authorize Rikki's Refuge to verify any information on this form, any information concerning this animal or any other animals I have or have had with my veterinarian and / or with any other authority. I agree that at any time should this animal be returned to Rikki's Refuge all medical records shall be released to Rikki's Refuge.

I understand that this is a legally binding contract and I certify that I fully understand all terms and conditions. I understand that if anything is unclear to me I should seek legal council before signing or adopting an animal.

I certify that I am a legal adult and I agree to abide by all terms and conditions stated above.

Signature of Adoptor