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ADOPTION CONTRACT

Date: _____

Amount Paid _____

Pet ID: _____

() Cash () Credit/Debit () Check# _____

Outgoing Date: _____

PET INFORMATION

Pet Name: _____ () Cat () Dog Sex: () Male () Female

Pet Age: _____

Heartworm Status: Pos / Neg

ADOPTER INFORMATION

Pet Owner: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

City: _____

Cell Phone: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

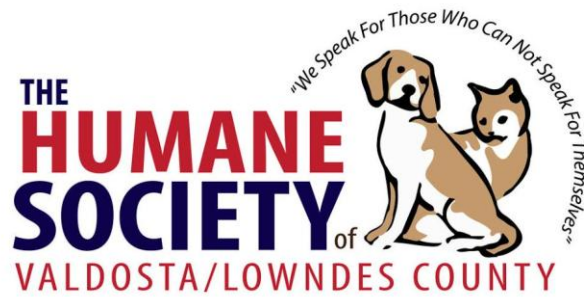
Driver's License #: _____

State: _____

I have read and understand the terms of this adoption contract as set forth in page 2 of this agreement. I agree that failure to comply with any of the requirements provided in this contract to the satisfaction of the Humane Society of Valdosta/Lowndes County will also require me to relinquish the pet to the Humane Society Representative. I also understand that such relinquishment will be without charge or recourse of any reimbursements for fees, maintenance, or care. I agree that the Humane Society of Valdosta/Lowndes County cannot and will not allow any refunds of adoption fees.

Adopter Signature and Date

Representative Signature and Date



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HUMANE SOCIETY OF VALDOSTA/LOWNDES COUNTY ADOPTION CONTRACT, cont.

Pet ID#: _____ Pet Name: _____

Adopter Name: _____ Contact #: _____

The following terms and conditions constitute a legal contract for the adoption of the pet referred to on page one of this contract between Humane Society of Valdosta Lowndes County also known as HSVLC and _____ (hereinafter referred to as adopter). These terms and conditions are entered into and agreed upon by both HSVLC and the adopter and they acknowledge the civil legal worth of this contract on this day _____.

Adopter must agree to all of the following terms of this contract and understands that noncompliance with the terms of this agreement or any misrepresentations gives the adopting agent or their representatives the right to reclaim the pet without refund of adoption fee and / or pursue civil recourse.

I also agree to the following:

_____. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the pet at my own risk and I release HSVLC and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of the pet. I also agree that I am assuming total responsibility for my pet as of the date of this contract. HSVLC and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages and expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the pet.

_____. I understand that the HSVLC does not have background and medical history on the pet I am adopting. I understand that the HSVLC makes no representation or guarantee concerning health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the pet.

_____. I agree that the pet will never be housed or left unattended with a person who has been accused, charges, or convicted of animal cruelty or neglect.

_____. I understand that should I choose not to keep the adopted pet, there are no refunds and the animal must be returned to HSVLC.

_____. I agree that should I choose not to keep the adopted pet, I will not surrender it to the Animal Shelter, but will contact the Humane Society of Valdosta-Lowndes County and relinquish the pet to one of their representatives.



ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Completion of this questionnaire does not guarantee approval for adoption. If approved for adoption, you will be signing an affidavit that the information on this form is true and correct so please answer each question carefully. There is an adoption fee to help offset the cost of spaying or neutering in accordance with State Law.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name and Phone of nearest relative: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Why do you want a pet? _____

Please indicate what characteristics are important to you for your new pet:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> House/litter box trained | <input type="checkbox"/> Good with children | <input type="checkbox"/> Good protector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor only | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor only | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor/Outdoor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly w/ strangers | <input type="checkbox"/> Very active | <input type="checkbox"/> Less active |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stays off furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> Can be left alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Good with other pets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeps in bed w/ you | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Will alert by barking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knows some obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to ride in car | <input type="checkbox"/> "Lap" cat/dog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't need grooming | <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Declawed cat |

What if pet does not live up to your expectations? _____

Do you plan to do any cosmetic surgery on your new pets, such as declawing, docking, or cropping?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

If adopting a cat, have you considered how to deter or prevent damage to your furniture caused by scratching? Please explain: _____

If adopting a puppy or kitten, where will it be kept during the day when the family is away?

If adopting a cat, do you own a pet carrier? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If adopting a puppy, how do you plan to deter or prevent "normal" puppy destructions, such as chewing, potty accidents, digging, etc.? _____

Does anyone in the household have allergies or asthma? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CURRENT PETS

Do you presently have any pets? ☐ Yes ☐ No How many? _____

Types and ages? _____

Spayed/Neutered? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please explain: _____

Up-to-date on vaccinations? ☐ Yes ☐ No Is dog(s) on heartworm preventative? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is pet(s) on flea preventative? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Who is your veterinarian? _____ Phone: _____

FORMER PETS

Have you owned pets in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where are pets now? _____

Who was your former veterinarian? _____ Phone: _____

RESIDENCY

Do you rent or own your home? ☐ Rent ☐ Own ☐ Other _____

Are pets allowed where you rent? ☐ Yes ☐ No Landlord/phone: _____

Note: If you rent, please be aware that your Landlord will be called to confirm that pets are allowed where you live. The reason for this is because many pets are turned in to the shelter or abandoned because of Landlords and leases that prohibit pets.

List ages of all residents in the household _____

Where will your pet stay? ☐ Inside ☐ Outside ☐ Both

If you wish to adopt a dog, is your yard fenced? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what type of fence do you have?

Note: Please be aware that a fence is required for almost all dogs adopted from the Humane Society, especially large dogs. Fences may be inspected to ensure that they are adequate to properly contain a dog while it is outside.

Is there adequate shelter to keep pet warm and dry when it is outside? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please describe type of shelter: _____

WORK/SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Do you work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you in the Military? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a college student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many hours a day will the pet be alone? _____

How much time do you have to exercise and play with your pet? _____

What do you consider adequate play or exercise for your pet? _____

What changes in your daily routine do you think you will make with a new pet? _____

What arrangements will you make for your pet when you go on vacation? _____

If you should move due to work or changing schools, what will you do with your pets? _____

What will happen if you should become incapacitated or unable to care for your pet(s)? _____

CHILDREN

Do you have children? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many? _____ What are their ages? _____

Note: Most experts suggest waiting until a child is at least 6-10 years old before adopting a pet. If you have young children, please do some research before deciding to adopt a pet. The Humane Society will be glad to suggest books or other materials that may be helpful.

Does/Do your child/children have allergies or asthma? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the pet being adopted for your child/children? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: It is very important that children and pets are supervised at all times. A dog or cat's only natural defense against a child that is hurting it is to run away, scratch, or bite. There is no guarantee that a pet and a child will always respect each other, and without adequate supervision, the consequences can be tragic.

If adopting for a child, what happens when the child grows tired of the pet? _____

Have you thought about what will happen to your pet if you decide to have children? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain: _____

Who will be caring for the pet? _____

IMPORTANT NOTE

All potential Humane Society pet owners must go through a screening process that includes:

- ***Completion of the above questionnaire***
- ***Review and evaluation of the questionnaire by a screening board***
- ***A call to landlords and veterinarian (if applicable)***
- ***A possible home visit before and/or after adoption***

Our screening process is not meant to offend in any way. However, it is our goal to ensure a happy and successful relationship for both owner and pet. By signing below, you are agreeing that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. Failure to provide true and complete information may lead to disqualification or relinquishment of pet.

Potential Adopter

Interviewer

Date

Date



Dear New Pet Owner:

Thank you for adopting a pet from the Valdosta-Lowndes County Humane Society. Please realize that adopting a pet is a big decision. Keep in mind the life-long commitment you are about to enter into and the personal and financial aspects involved in adding a four-legged family member. If you can provide the special kind of home our pets deserve, we should be able to provide you with a pet that will be a wonderful addition to your family.

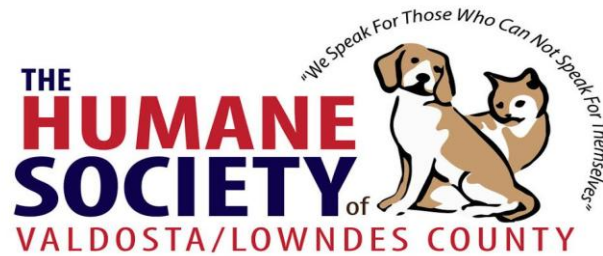
Because of irresponsible breeding and neglect, we have seen an increasing number of stray animals taking their chances in traffic, scavenging for food, and seeking shelter in any place imaginable just to survive. Some people get a cat or a dog because they want a great family pet and yet have no real knowledge of the responsibilities of owning one. These pets sometimes end up out on the street, given away, mistreated, or euthanized in pounds because their owners never realized how big they become, how much they shed, how much exercise they need, how often the litter box has to be cleaned, or how much destruction they can cause without proper supervision and training.

Dogs and cats were domesticated and bred to work and live with man. As a result, they do not do well when placed strictly in back yards and not allowed to come inside and be a part of the family. Our ultimate purpose for rescuing pets is to give them the opportunity to become a pet and companion.

All of our rescued pets are spayed and neutered, de-wormed, immunized, and micro-chipped. Dogs are tested for heartworms, and cats are tested for leukemia and feline aids. There is an adoption fee to help cover our expenses. The adoption fee is \$125 for cats and \$185 for dogs. All Humane Society pets, including puppies and kittens, are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Most of the pets entering the Humane Society's foster program were at risk. Some were strays found wandering the streets, some were abandoned, while others were found living in horrible conditions. The Humane Society occasionally accepts pets surrendered by their owners due to a move, divorce, illness or death, allergies, lack of time, etc. Our one reward is seeing these wonderful pets placed in loving homes and given a second chance at a happy life.

Once again, thank you for your interest. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions or concerns about the adoption process. It is our desire to return all calls in a timely manner. If the screener fails to return your call, please try again or email me at pets@humanesocietyofvaldosta.org. Again, thank you for adopting one of our rescued pets.



WHY WE ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS:

An astonishing 73% of the more than 6000 animals received last year were turned in by their owners. The reasons they gave are now a part of our application because we want you to adopt an animal from us, but we want you to know what you're getting into. To pick an animal that fits your lifestyle. One that you know how to care for, both physically and emotionally. One whose company you'll cherish for his or her lifetime. Because last year...

1653 animals were turned in because they were lost.

714 animals were turned in by people who were moving, many simply to another apartment where pets are not allowed. That's why we ask what you plan to do with your pets if you move.

544 animals were turned in by people who had no time or no room for them. That's why we ask how many hours a day the animal will be left alone, and whether you are a frequent traveler.

378 animals were turned in by people who could not afford to keep them. That's why we ask how much you expect to spend in a year. Please understand that pet responsibility is not always cheap.

337 animals were turned in due to allergies. Do you know if you are allergic to that cat you are thinking about? If you are, are you willing to spend additional money on allergy shots?

286 animals were turned in because of landlords or leases. That's why we insist on speaking with your landlord.

164 animals were turned in due to behavioral problems. Do you know how to toilet train a dog? How to train a cat to use a scratching post? Do you know that declawed cats often become biters? Do you know which dogs are often aggressive with strangers or with children? Or that canine obedience classes can eliminate many of the problems cited as reasons for turning in a pet?

Finally, 228 of the animals who were turned in last year were returned after having been adopted.

THIS is why we ask so many questions.