



Operation Paws for Homes Spay Neuter Agreement

Pet ID/Name _____, referred to as 'pet' in this adoption agreement.

Adopter Name/s _____, referred to as 'adopter/s' in this agreement.

Spay/Neuter Agreement

In addition to the Adoption Agreement between the Adopter, and Operation Paws for Homes, the Adopter agree to the following terms:

- Puppies too young to be altered at the time of adoption must be brought to our partner vet in Davidsonville, MD for spay or neuter paid for by Operation Paws for Homes by 6 months of age.
 - Spay Spa & Neuter Nook at 1251 W Central Ave Unit H Davidsonville, MD 21035
Phone: (443) 607-6496

MUST BRING COPY OF THE ADOPTION CONTRACT

- Adopters may choose to have the procedure done at their own vet before 6 months of age and be reimbursed the amount that the rescue would pay our partner vet in Davidsonville when a veterinarian's letter or other proof that the neuter/spay procedure has been received by OPHspayneuter@gmail.com.
- If the Adopter fails to neuter/spay this puppy and provide proof to Operation Paws for Homes by one year of age, the rights and ownership of the dog will terminate and revert back to Operation Paws for Homes who may immediately reclaim the dog.

Why spay/neuter:

- The requirement to spay or neuter your new family member helps to prevent pregnancy and the birth of unwanted puppies. As a rescue organization, we strive to help reduce the overpopulation of animals in shelters by requiring that the dogs we adopt out to families comply with the terms of this spay/neuter agreement.
- Spaying your female dog helps to avoid the problems associated with estrus by spaying her before these problems may occur. There are several health benefits to completing her spay.
- Neutering your male dogs reduces the tendency of the dog to urinate in the house, marking his territory.

3.2-6574. Sterilization of adopted dogs and cats; enforcement; civil penalty.

A. Every new owner of a dog or cat adopted from a releasing agency shall cause to sterilize the dog or cat pursuant to the agreement required by subdivision 2 of subsection B of this article.

B. A dog or cat shall not be released for adoption from a releasing agency unless:

1. The animal has already been sterilized; or

2. The individual adopting the animal signs an agreement to have the animal sterilized by a licensed veterinarian: (i) within 30 days of the adoption, if the animal is sexually mature; or (ii) within 30 days after the animal reaches six months of age, if the animal is not sexually mature at the time of adoption.

C. A releasing agency may extend for 30 days the date by which a dog or cat must be sterilized on presentation of a written report from a veterinarian stating that the life or health of the adopted animal may be jeopardized by sterilization. In cases involving extenuating circumstances, the veterinarian and the releasing agency may negotiate the terms of an extension of the date by which the animal must be sterilized.

D. Nothing in this section shall preclude the sterilization of a sexually immature dog or cat upon the written agreement of the veterinarian, the releasing agency, and the new owner.

E. Upon the petition of an animal control officer, humane investigator, the State Veterinarian or a State Veterinarian's representative to the district court of the county or city where a violation of this article occurs, the court may order the new owner to take any steps necessary to comply with the requirements of this article. This remedy shall be exclusive of and in addition to any civil penalty that may be imposed under this article.

F. Any person who violates subsection A or B of the section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.

I/We acknowledge that I/we have read and fully understand and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this spay/neuter agreement.

Adopter Signature: _____

Date: _____