

## Adoption Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ want to adopt an animal from \_\_\_\_\_.  
I am adopting (animal name/s) \_\_\_\_\_.

1. I will provide the animal with all necessary medical care if it becomes sick or injured. I will take the animal to a veterinarian for routine exams and vaccinations.

2. Should any behavioral problems arise with this animal (e.g. improper scratching or elimination), I will work with the animal and/or a veterinarian/behaviorist to resolve the issue.

3. I pledge never to declaw the animal under any circumstances. I understand that declawing is a painful and unnecessary procedure involving amputation of part of the cat's toes, and that declawed cats have no way to defend themselves should they escape outdoors. Declawed also are more likely to develop arthritis and improper elimination problems.

4. The animal will live indoors only. I am aware that cats who live outdoors some or all of the time have significantly shorter life expectancies and face many more health risks than cats kept indoors at all times.

5. If for any reason at any point in the future I cannot keep the animal, I will return it to \_\_\_\_\_ or a NO-KILL rescue group. The animal will never be surrendered to an animal shelter or to a person unknown to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. I understand that if any of the terms of this contract are broken at any point in the future, \_\_\_\_\_ reserves the right to remove the adopted animal from my home.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_