

# Springfield Animal Care and Rescue Club

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## Adoption Contract

Thank you for your interest in adopting from our organization. We were formed out of concern for the large number of stray and homeless animals located in Historic Springfield. Our goal is to rescue, and find permanent responsible homes for as many as possible. In addition, we wish to offer spay/neuter assistance to those pet owners who are unable to afford the services themselves. Please contact us via our email address at [sacarc@gmail.com](mailto:sacarc@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Veterinarian's name, clinic and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us/this animal? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions carefully and completely. Your signature at the end of this ADOPTION CONTRACT will certify that you have read and understood all of the questions. It will also certify that you understand that knowingly providing false information will constitute a breach of the ADOPTION CONTRACT and may cause you to have to forfeit the animal without refund.**

Circle or provide the appropriate answer:

1.    yes    no    Have you or any member of your household ever been convicted of cruelty to animals?

2.    yes    no    Is the animal you wish to adopt for your household? If no, please explain.

\_\_\_\_\_

3.    yes    no    Has a dog or cat in your household ever run away?

4.    yes    no    Has a dog or cat in your household ever been poisoned or hit by a car?

5.    ----    ----    Do you live in a House/Apartment/Trailer/Other \_\_\_\_\_

6.    ----    ----    Do you Own/Rent? If rent, please list landlord's name & phone # \_\_\_\_\_

7.    yes    no    Are you a student who lives at the above address only during the school year?

8.    yes    no    Does anyone in your household serve in the Armed Forces?

If so, what will you do with your animal if you are deployed or transferred?

\_\_\_\_\_

9.    yes    no    Are you planning to move within the next six months?

If you move, what will you do with your animal?

\_\_\_\_\_

10.   yes    no    Is everyone in your household aware of and in favor of your intention to adopt an animal?

11.   yes    no    Is anyone in your household allergic to animals?

12.   ----    ----    Where will your pet be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

13.   yes    no    Would the animal you wish to adopt be kept outside?

What type of containment & shelter do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

If fence, how high? \_\_\_\_\_ What type? \_\_\_\_\_

14.    yes    no    Do you have any pets now or have you had any pets within the past 2 years?  
 Name   Age   Breed    Spay/Neuter?   Current on Vaccinations?   Where are they now?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
15.    ----    ----    What veterinarian clinic most recently vaccinated the animals listed above?  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
16.    yes    no    For a healthy pet, costs of veterinary care (shots and flea and heartworm preventative), food, toys as well as minimal boarding and grooming can cost \$500-\$700 per year. In addition, they are susceptible to most diseases that afflict humans such as allergies, cancer, heart disease, arthritis, etc. Are you prepared for these potential expenditures?
17.    yes    no    Are you willing to comply with all local and state laws concerning inoculation, licensing, tagging, running at large, nuisances, and other animal-regulation issues?
18.    yes    no    Do you agree to the spay/neuter requirement of the contract?
19.    ----    ----    Do you want your new pet for: (please circle all that apply)  
 House Pet   Gift   Companion   Hunter   Fighting Dog   Mouser   Guard Dog  
 Companion for present pet(s)   Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_
20.    ----    ----    Where would the animal sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_
21.    ----    ----    What will you do with your adopted animal when you go on vacation? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
22.    ----    ----    What will you do with your adopted animal in the event of a natural disaster? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
23.    yes    no    Do you agree to take this animal to a licensed veterinarian **within 14 days** of adoption?
24.    yes    no    Do you agree to follow the advice given by your veterinarian regarding pet care?
25.    yes    no    Do you agree to give this animal **at least 2 months** to adjust to its new home & family?
26.    yes    no    We consider an adoption the beginning of a relationship between you as the adopter and SACARC. Do you agree to contact SACARC with any questions or concerns regarding your new pet?
27.    yes    no    **Would you object** to occasional follow-up phone calls or emails from SACARC to check on your new pet's progress?

Please initial:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree that I will not tie out this animal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree that I will provide adequate indoor & outdoor shelter, food and water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree that this animal will not be used for research/experiments, breeding, attack training or fighting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to allow an authorized representative of SACARC to inspect my premises and verify the information presented in this application. Furthermore, I agree to allow said representative to inspect the living quarters of the adopted animal to verify that the provisions of the agreement are being followed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if during said inspection it is found that I have made false statements on this adoption agreement or I have not adequately provided for the animal's wellbeing, the result may be the nullification of this adoption and surrender of the animal to the authorized SACARC representative.

## TERMS OF ADOPTION

- Care of Our Rescues:** Our rescues are adopted to loving homes who want an animal for the love and companionship they offer. As rescues, our dogs and cats have already been through enough heartache in their lives. Animals adopted from *Springfield Animal Care and Rescue Club (SACARC)* will not be used for animal research or experiments, breeding, attack training, or dog fighting; they will not be tied up or chained, confined exclusively outdoors, abused, neglected, given to another owner (see Transfer of Ownership), or abandoned to the streets. SACARC reserves the right to check on the status of our rescued animal and to request updates, removing our rescued dog or cat if we discover these terms are violated by the adopter; there will be no refund of the adoption donation.
- Return:** The adopted animal may be returned to SACARC within two weeks of the date of adoption for full refund of payment if the adopter is not satisfied with any aspect of the adoption. We will accept return of the animal at any point in his/her life; however, after two weeks from the adoption date no refund will be given.
- Transfer of Ownership:** The adopted animal may not be transferred to any other person for any reason without prior approval of SACARC. If the undersigned adopter is forced to relinquish custody of the animal at any time, said dog or cat will be relinquished only to *Springfield Animal Care and Rescue Club* or a reputable no-kill shelter if the adopter has moved out of Florida or other designee if approved by unanimous vote of the board of *Springfield Animal Care and Rescue Club*.
- Refund:** There will be no refund or reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the adopter for the adopted animal, even if it is returned to SACARC.
- Health Program:** The adopted animal will be cared for humanely, including adequate food, shelter, water, heartworm preventative, flea medication, vaccinations, and any other necessary veterinary care and will be licensed in accordance with the laws in the jurisdiction in which he or she resides. Any adopted dog is to be exercised in a fenced yard (including off-leash dog parks) or on a leash and shall NOT BE FREE TO ROAM THE STREETS.
- Loss:** If the adopted dog or cat is lost or stolen, the adopter will notify SACARC immediately so we can use our resources to help locate the animal as soon as possible.
- Reservation of Rights:** SACARC reserves the right to enforce this contract in order to protect the welfare of the adopted animal. It is understood that SACARC may examine and may make inquiry about said animal at any time after adoption and will do so. We appreciate updates and photos of our adopted dogs and cats. If the terms and conditions of the Adoption Contract are not upheld, SACARC reserves the right to terminate the Contract and to reclaim the dog or cat; there will be no refund of the adoption donation.
- Liability:** If the animal develops behavioral or serious health/medical problems in the new owner's care, the adopter may return the dog or cat to us but will not hold SACARC responsible for such sudden changes or expenses. Refund terms of adoption apply.
- Return Check Charge:** There will be a \$25.00 charge on all returned checks submitted by the adopter. If the check is not covered, the dog or cat will be relinquished to SACARC.
- Right of Refusal:** To determine what is best for our rescues, SACARC reserves the right to refuse any application.

**SACARC does its very best to place only healthy animals for adoption but animals with unknown backgrounds can become sick. If this occurs, you have the option of returning your pet to SACARC, or obtaining treatment from your veterinarian at your expense. If you choose to return your pet after two weeks, NO REFUND will be given.**

SACARC agrees to provide the first set of shots and de-worming for puppies and kittens, as well as the REQUIRED spay or neuter surgery at the vet of our choice once the puppy or kitten reaches the appropriate age between 12-16 weeks. For adult dogs and cats SACARC agrees to provide one full set of traditional annual vaccines and de-worming as well as the REQUIRED spay or neuter surgery. The animal will accompany the adopter home and the adopter is responsible for providing all additional veterinary care.

### **Adoption donation:**

Mixed breed dogs or puppies \$75

Purebred dogs or puppies based per breed, but minimum of \$200

Cats or kittens \$50

**Dogs/cats older than four months are spayed or neutered before leaving the care of SACARC. It is required that all dogs/cats adopted under four months return to SACARC vet of choice for spay/neuter surgery. This is non-negotiable.**

**I certify that all information I have given is true, and I understand that false information may result in nullifying this adoption contract without refund.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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***This area for SACARC use only***

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SACARC representative who performed interview and reviewed this adoption contract

- Confirmed name and mailing address against photo ID
- Provided SACARC contact name and number to adopter
- Provided "going home" packet
- Took photo of rescue with new family