



CAT ADOPTION AGREEMENT

SOFA RESCUE ID # _____

Cat's Name:		Breed:	DOB:
Sex:	Description:		Weight:
Microchip #		Medical records on file at:	
Rabies Tag # (if applicable)			

ADOPTION ORGANIZATION'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Southeast Alaska Organization for Animals, Ltd (hereafter referred to as "SOFA"), agrees to the following terms and provisions:

- SOFA will provide a cat that has been examined by a licensed veterinarian, received core vaccinations as noted above, dewormed, treated for fleas/ticks, and microchipped. Medical history and treatment records will be provided to the adopting Adopter, and the Adopter will be notified of any known history of medical or behavioral issues. The Rescuer makes no representations or warranties about the condition, personality, or temperament of the Cat and does not guarantee the Cat's temperament or compatibility with the Adopter or other members of the household.
- If the Adopter is ever unable or unwilling to keep the Cat for any reason, SOFA agrees to accept the return of the Cat and/or to assist the Adopter in placing the Cat in a suitable home.**
- SOFA agrees to notify the Adopter of any change of contact information (address, phone number, and/or email address) within two (2) weeks.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA ORGANIZATION FOR ANIMALS

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(907) 957-9059

contact@akSOFA.org

Printed Name of SOFA Representative

Signature of SOFA Representative

Date

ADOPTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

*PLEASE NOTE: Please read the following carefully. If there is/are any condition(s) that you are unwilling or unable to comply with, please notify the SOFA Representative **now**. This agreement may be modified to make allowances for special circumstances for committed, responsible adopters, if a reasonable alternative can be identified.*

The Adopter agrees to the following terms and provisions:

- The Cat is being transferred to the Adopter with the understanding that he/she is taking possession of the Cat to treat and to be responsible for it as his/her own Cat. The Adopter assumes all legal risks and obligations of ownership and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold SOFA harmless for any loss of, damage to, or injury to persons, animals or property caused by the Cat.
- The Adopter will do his/her best to ensure the Cat safety and well-being, including but not limited to:
 - The Adopter will feed the Cat adequate **nutritious, species- and age-appropriate food and clean, fresh water** to maintain good health and normal development; provide the Cat with a **safe, clean environment and access to shelter** at all times; and allow for adequate **daily exercise** in accordance with state and local laws and ordinances to maintain the physical and mental health of the Cat.
 - The Adopter will never let the Cat run loose or roam off of the Adopter's personal property.** The Adopter will ensure compliance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances regarding care and control of animals.



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- c. The Adopter will ensure that the Cat is wearing a **break-away collar at all times** with an up-to-date **identification tag** and/or appropriate license attached. The collar should be fitted so that it does not cause pain, injury, or risk of injury to the Cat.
 - d. The Adopter will only allow the Cat to be restrained with a **harness** when the Cat can be supervised by a responsible person and without risk of the Cat becoming tangled, strangling, or otherwise becoming injured.
 - e. The Adopter will **never keep the Cat confined or isolated from the family for more than nine (9) hours**.
 - f. **The Adopter will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care**, including but not limited to: vaccinations as required by state and local laws; adequate routine veterinary care and services to maintain the health of the Cat; veterinarian-approved treatment and/or preventatives to ensure the Cat is free from parasites including fleas, worms, and heartworm; and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury. SOFA recommends that the Adopter provide all vaccinations as recommended by their licensed veterinarian and in accordance with current AAHA guidelines.
 - g. The Adopter will **never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the Cat**.
3. The Adopter agrees to notify SOFA as soon as possible if the Cat becomes lost or dies. The Adopter also agrees to **notify SOFA of any change of contact information** (address, phone number, and/or email address) as soon as possible.
 4. The Adopter agrees to **make a serious effort to find the Cat if it becomes lost** by immediately (a) filing lost reports with animal control authorities and/or local police, animal shelters, humane societies, and local veterinarians and (b) posting ads and signs in appropriate places such as newspapers, community Internet sites, bulletin boards, etc.
 5. **The Adopter agrees not to abandon, give away, sell, trade, transfer, or dispose of the Cat in any way**, without giving SOFA a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice and/or without the express consent SOFA. In the event that the Adopter is no longer able or willing to keep the Cat, **SOFA retains the right of first of refusal and must be notified first of any decision regarding placement of the Cat**. Upon request, the Adopter agrees to provide SOFA with a complete medical and behavioral history of the Cat.
 6. In the event that the Cat is **surrendered to, or seized by, an animal control or police agency, the Adopter will notify SOFA within twenty-four (24) hours**. The Adopter will also notify the animal control or police officer handling the case of the terms of this Agreement immediately and will provide the officer with SOFA's contact information.
 7. The Adopter agrees that in the event of the Cat's terminal illness, injury, or old age accompanied by pain and suffering, **a humane euthanasia may be performed by a licensed veterinarian**. The Adopter agrees not to euthanize the Cat by any other means.
 8. Liquidated Damages: Adopter agrees to pay SOFA the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) as liquidated damages in the event the terms of this Agreement are breached; this liquidated damage value is agreed to for the purpose of establishing value of the Cat and does not bar SOFA from seeking return of the Cat by a judicial process or other means. Said liquidated damages shall be paid to SOFA by Adopter whether or not SOFA is able to recover the Cat through a judicial process or other means.
 9. Each party has contributed to the drafting of this Agreement and in adopting the terms set forth herein. Adopter and SOFA agree that the rule of construction providing that the terms of an agreement may be construed against the drafter of the agreement has no application to this Agreement.

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The Adopter acknowledges that if he/she knowingly fails to comply with any of the above terms and conditions, or in any way puts the Cat in a situation which endangers its health or welfare, the Rescuer may take appropriate action, including reclaiming the Cat and/or legal action against the Adopter.

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The Adopter agrees to permit SOFA to inquire about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after the adoption. This can include visits to the Adopter's home at a time that is agreed upon by both parties and contact with the Adopter's veterinarian, animal control, and/or police



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agencies. The Adopter agrees and consents to allow SOFA to inquire with the Adopter's veterinarian about the Cat after the adoption. The Adopter will instruct his/her veterinarian to cooperate with and supply copies of medical histories and treatments to SOFA.

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The Adopter affirms that no member of his/her household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation, such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment, etc.; or of a domestic/family violence violation, such as aggression, assault, sexual abuse, battery, endangerment, or threat thereof; in any jurisdiction.

The Adopter understands that by voluntarily signing this Agreement, he/she is entering into a legal and binding contract with SOFA. Breach of any term(s) of this Agreement is deemed actionable by SOFA. In the event there is a violation of this Agreement, the Adopter agrees to reimburse SOFA for any expenses associated with reclaiming and rehoming the Cat, including but not limited to legal expenses, veterinary services, and care of the Cat. The terms of this Agreement are binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Adopter's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.



Printed Name of Adopter

Signature of Adopter

Date

ADOPTER'S INFORMATION

Primary Adopter:

Full Name: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Physical Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (Home): _____

(Work): _____

(Cell): _____

Email: _____

Check one: I will be sole owner. Dog will be co-owned by my spouse. Dog will be co-owned by my partner.

Second Adopter:

Full Name: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Physical Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (Home): _____

(Work): _____

(Cell): _____

Email: _____

THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING A SOFA KITTY!

