



Southern WV Animal League - Pet Adoption Agreement

This Section to be Completed by Southern WV Animal League

Animal Name: _____ **Age:** _____
Species: _____ **Gender: M / F Spayed/Neutered?: Yes / No**
Distinguishing Markings: _____

Additional Notes: _____

Adopter's Name: _____
Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

I/We the above named person and/or persons, hereinafter referred to as the "adopter", agree to adopt this animal, known hereinafter as a "pet", and release Southern WV Animal League and its directors, volunteers and associates jointly and severally from all claims for personal injury and/or property damage to myself or others associated with this adoption. In consideration of an adoption fee in the amount of \$_____, the adopter acknowledges and further agrees to these provisions.

Home Care: The welfare of this pet is the sole responsibility of the Adopter. The Adopter agrees that cats will be housed indoors only/dogs must have adequate shelter if housed outdoors, and will be provided quality food, clean water, and a safe, suitably sized and sanitary habitat to live in. The Adopter agrees to keep the pet's housing at a safe climate that will not cause medical distress to the pet.

Veterinary Care: The Adopter understands that, unless otherwise disclosed, this animal was recognized to be healthy at the time of its adoption. The adopter agrees to take the pet to a qualified and licensed veterinarian annually for exam, vaccine boosters, flea and heartworm prevention and will arrange for immediate veterinary care in the event of an illness or injury during the animal's lifetime.

Conduct of Pet: The Adopter understands that no one can predict how a pet will react in a new situation, and will exercise prudence and caution in handling this animal and introducing them to other humans or pets until the pet has become fully adjusted to its new environment. Southern

WV Animal League can make no guarantees, expressed or implied, about the suitability of any animal for any person or situation.

Spay/Neuter: There may be occasions that animals placed with the Southern WV Animal League have not been in care long enough to have been scheduled, are too young, or are recovering from a condition that prevented immediate spay or neuter procedure. Therefore the Adopter understands that if their new pet has not been spayed or neutered prior to adoption, that they must have their new pet spayed or neutered within one month of adoption or by the 4th month of age. Proof must be provided within said time limit and no refund will be made available of the adoption fee should the pet return to SWVAL for failure of the adopter to comply with the spay/neuter terms. A rescue pet will not be bred.

Vaccinations: All animals under the care of the Southern WV Animal League will have received, at minimum, its first vaccination. Your adoption fee includes all vaccinations through All Creatures Veterinary Clinic in Princeton, WV. If you are unable to return to All Creatures Veterinary Clinic, because you live outside of a reasonable distance for commute, vaccinations will have to be administered by your home veterinarian at your expense and proof will have to be submitted to the Southern WV Animal League.

Other Uses: The adopter agrees that this pet will not be used for feeding other animals or humans, fighting, medical or experimentation purposes. The adopter agrees that this pet will be nothing other than a house pet, companion, and family member.

Transfer of Ownership: The ownership and responsibility for this pet belongs solely to the adopter. However, if the adopted can no longer keep this pet or provide it with adequate care, the adopter agrees to contact Southern WV Animal League and give the rescue an opportunity to find another home for this pet. This pet shall NOT be sold, given to, or adopted to anyone else, nor shall there be any transfer of ownership without express written permission from Southern WV Animal League. It is understood and agreed that if, at any point during the animal's life, the adopter is unable to provide a home for them they must return the pet to Southern WV Animal League. The adopter will be responsible for all transport and related expenses.

Repossession: The adopter understands that in the event that he/she/they do not follow the terms of this agreement, or that they neglect or abuse the pet, that Southern WV Animal League or another animal authority has the right to take possession of the pet. The adopter agrees to pay Southern WV Animal League any and all expenses, including but not limited to incurred Veterinary fees in the event of repossession.

Health Guarantee: Southern WV Animal League provides a 14 day health guarantee for all animals adopted from the rescue against pre-existing medical conditions, not inclusive to injuries or illnesses contracted while in the adopter's care. The adopter agrees that if there is a health concern within the first 14 days of adoption that they will immediately contact Southern WV Animal League to return the animal for treatment. The adopter agrees and will be responsible for transporting the animal back to Southern WV Animal League. The adopter further understands that Southern WV Animal League will provide a reasonable amount of medical treatment, and reserves the right to euthanize animals if treatment is not available or the animal is determined to be suffering without a chance for a reasonable recovery.

Trial Period: Pets adopted from Southern WV Animal League are considered to be adopted on a trial basis to last 30 days. During this period of time if the adopter does not feel that the animal is a suitable match, they may return the animal to Southern WV Animal League for a refund of the adoption fee paid, not including transport and related expenses. If the adopter is not able to return the pet to Southern WV Animal League, they will be responsible for costs incurred by Southern

WV Animal League to pick up and return the animal. If at any point past the 30 day trial period the adopter wishes to return the pet, they may do so, but will not be eligible for a refund of their adoption fee and will be held responsible for the transportation and all related fees incurred in returning the pet to the Southern WV Animal League.

Quarantine: Southern WV Animal League holds all animals entering the rescue for a minimum of 14 days, during which period they are monitored for signs of communicable diseases. Animals are made available for adoption at Southern WV Animal League only following this 14 day quarantine period if no symptoms of illness have been displayed. It is recommended that the adopter follow an additional quarantine process before introducing the adopted pet to any current household pets, including but not limited to housing the animal in a separate room, washing hands in-between handling the pet and other animals, and not allowing animals to share potentially contaminated surfaces.

Southern WV Animal League has provided the best information it is able to provide about the pet and the adopter accepts responsibility for this pet based on the information available at the time of this agreement. The adopter agrees that it will not hold Southern WV Animal League responsible for errors provided in the information about this pet. The adopter understands that any rescue only knows information left by a previous owner, and very little in the case of stray animals, and that Southern WV Animal League has done its best to disclose any known information about the animal, it's temperament and health status during it's time at the rescue or known health status before arriving at the rescue.

By signing, I agree that I have read, understand, and agreed to the above agreement.

Name of Adopter (Please Print)

Signature of Adopter & Date

THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING FROM SOUTHERN WV ANIMAL LEAGUE!