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## **Animal General Adoption Contract**

In order to ensure the best homes for Animal General's animals, all adopters must read through, understand, and agree to abide by all the following policies and procedures.

### **Adopter Information**

- You, the Adopter, will live with the animal in a place that permits the type of/number of animals you are adopting.
- You have permission from all family members or roommates to adopt the animal, and all members of the household agree to abide by the policies set forth by Animal General.
- You have never been subject to legal action for cruelty to or neglect of animals. You further confirm that you have never owned an animal that has been confiscated by animal control or a humane organization for violations of state or local regulations or laws.

### **Home Care**

- You, the Adopter, will provide the animal with a permanent home for life. You will not abandon the animal or allow it to be used for research, scientific, or experimental purposes. In the event you are unable to keep the animal, you will make every effort to find it a loving home or you will surrender the animal to Animal General.
- You will provide the animal with fresh water, wholesome food, clean living conditions, adequate exercise, and affection daily. The animal will be treated as a companion and family member.
- You agree to have the animal registered/licensed in your city, if applicable. We require that all animals are microchipped and registered before leaving Animal General. This service is provided by Animal General prior to adoption and the registration fee is included in the adoption fee. After the animal leaves our facility, it will be your responsibility to keep your contact information updated with the microchip service. If the animal should become lost, you will make every effort to find the animal including notifying local shelters, animal control, police, and veterinarians.

### **Veterinary Care**

- You, the Adopter, agree to provide the proper veterinary care for the lifetime of the animal.
- You will provide prompt veterinary care to the animal if illness or injury should occur, and you will keep all the animal's vaccinations current including rabies and DHLPP vaccines for dogs, and rabies and FVRCP vaccines for cats.
- You agree that the animal will be spayed/neutered. This service is provided by Animal General on all animals prior to adoption unless it is unsafe due to age or medical condition, in which case an appointment will be scheduled at the time of adoption for you to bring the animal to our clinic. A deposit of \$50 is required, in addition to the \$100 adoption fee, if an animal leaves the hospital unaltered, which will be credited to your account towards of the cost of the future spay/neuter.
- Veterinary care at Animal General will be covered complimentary for 30 days from the date of adoption. This does not include spaying/neutering or sickness or injury due to the owner's negligence or abuse.

## **Animal General's Rights**

- You, the Adopter, will permit a representative of Animal General to do follow-up phone calls, e-mails, or home visits after the adoption.
- You understand that there are no refunds of the adoption fee.
- You understand that while Animal General does everything possible to assess the physical and mental condition of an animal, it was either surrendered or a stray, and Animal General cannot offer any guarantee or warranty of any kind on the health, age, temperament, mental disposition, or personality of the animal.
- You agree to release and hold harmless Animal General and its owner, administrator, doctors, staff, volunteers, and members from any and all liability or responsibility in connection with the animal. Furthermore, you release Animal General from any and all liability for damage or injury hereafter caused by the animal.

## **Animal Uncertainties the Adopter must be Aware Of**

- Animal reactions to various stimuli such as human actions and other animals are often unpredictable and should be observed carefully.
- An animal's behavior may change after it leaves the shelter and accustoms itself to a new environment.
- Animals need to be introduced into homes with other animals cautiously, with the method based on the temperament of all of the animals. You should consult with your veterinarian on the appropriate way to introduce your new animal into your multi-animal home for proper adjustment and the lowest risk of incident.
- Puppies and kittens require extra training, medical care, and attention. Make sure you have enough free time and the finances available before adopting a puppy or kitten.

Additional information on these topics, common pet issues, and more can be found on our website at [www.animalgeneral.com](http://www.animalgeneral.com) and specific questions can be answered via e-mail at [adoptions@animalgeneral.com](mailto:adoptions@animalgeneral.com) or phone at 212-501-9600.

## **Adoption Day Checklist:**

- A leash/collar for a dog, or a carrier for a cat**
- Have a litter box, if applicable, food, and water ready at home**
- This form - "The Animal General Adoption Contract" - after you have read and understood it thoroughly.**
- \$100 adoption fee in the form of cash, check, or credit card.**
- \$50 deposit if the animal will not be spayed/neutered to the time of adoption.**
- Valid driver's license or other state issued photo ID.**

I, the Adopter, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have received a copy

Print Adopter Name

of the Animal General Adoption Contract, I have thoroughly read through it, and I understand all of my rights and obligations to Animal General and the animal(s) that I am adopting.

**Signature of Adopter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The original copy of this form will be kept at Animal General. You will receive a photocopy of the signed form for your records.**