

ADOPTION AGREEMENT

I hereby acknowledge receipt from the Avery County Humane Society (ACHS) animal number # _____. I agree to the following conditions of adoption:

1. To give this animal daily care: proper food, fresh water, exercise, and a clean, safe, living environment.
2. To provide this animal veterinary care at my own expense both on a regular basis and if the animal becomes ill or injured.
3. To keep this animal as a pet and companion at all times. This animal is not being adopted to serve primarily as a guard dog or if a cat, to serve primarily as a mouser.
4. **This animal will not be chained outside or tied in any other location at any time. This animal is adopted to be an inside pet unless ACHS agrees otherwise.**
5. This animal needs to be groomed at a minimum of every 6 to 8 weeks. I agree to either do this myself or go to a groomer. Initial _____
6. I agree never to give this animal away to any third party including other family members without first notifying the ACHS and obtaining its permission to do so. I understand that such third parties may be interviewed by ACHS representatives to ensure that this animal's safety and welfare will be properly maintained by the prospective new owner(s).
7. I agree to properly and patiently introduce this animal to existing pets and family members, which may include separate and safe housing for a limited time.
8. I agree that ACHS has the right to follow up regarding welfare of this animal including but not limited to unscheduled home visits and or phone calls at reasonable hours.
9. I agree that ACHS makes NO WARRANTY either expressed or implied as to the animal and I further release ACHS, its employees, volunteers and board members and all others associated in some manner with ACHS from any and all liability that may be associated with my adoption, ownership and possession of this animal.
10. I understand that if this animal is returned to the ACHS for health reasons it may be exchanged for another ONLY if the return is made within 10 days after adoption. THERE WILL BE NO CASH REFUND. Pets will NOT be exchanged for reasons other than health.
11. I understand that this animal may be returned to the ACHS at any time but NO REFUND WILL BE MADE.
12. I agree to allow an employee or representative of ACHS to remove the animal permanently from my home, office, or other premises if I fail to comply with any of the terms in this adoption contract or if in the opinion of the ACHS I fail to properly and reasonably care for this animal. If this occurs, I further agree that my current or past veterinarians may release any and all medical records regarding the past and current condition of this animal including but not limited to all treatment, diagnosis and other information regarding this animal.
I also agree to be responsible for any and all financial costs, including all attorney fees and court costs, incurred by ACHS or its representatives in the course of any disputes with me/us (including the payment of all hourly wages for the time ACHS employees must spend regarding the dispute) and for the removal efforts and for all post-removal feeding, all medical related costs including medicines and veterinarian charges, housing and related costs incurred until such time the animal has recovered from any injuries or illnesses and has been re-adopted by an appropriate individual or family.
13. This animal is adopted before all vaccinations have been given. I agree to go to my own veterinarian on the following dates for my dog/cat to receive the remainder of those vaccinations. Dates for remainder of vaccinations: _____
14. I understand that this animal may be reclaimed by the ACHS if vaccinations for this animal ARE NOT kept current. I also understand that this animal may be reclaimed by the ACHS if any item in this contract is not adhered to.
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By signing this contract I agree to all terms listed.

Signature _____ print _____

Signature _____ print _____

ACHS Employee's Signature _____ print _____