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# Adoption Contract

New Owner Name:	Date:
Address:	Email:
City/State/Zip	Employer:
Home phone: Cell phone:	Work Phone:
CAT'S NAME:	Age _____ Male ___ Female ___ Altered? _____
Breed/Color:	Nonrefundable Adoption Fee:
Health or Behavioral Issues:	

### Terms of Adoption

1. The cat's known background and medical history have been discussed with the new owner and copies of any medical records supplied. **RappCats is not responsible for any medical or behavioral issues that may arise after the adoption date.**
2. **RappCats is not responsible for any expense (veterinary or other) incurred after the adoption date.**
3. New Owner will take the cat to a licensed veterinarian as appropriate per discussion noted above, as documented in the cat's medical history (i.e., rabies vaccination due date). New Owner will provide all veterinary care, including routine examinations and vaccinations. New Owner understands that cat care may average approximately \$400 annually, not including emergency veterinary care.
4. If not already altered, New Owner will have the cat altered as per the Virginia Comprehensive Animals Laws : Section 3.2-65-74, as explained further under item # 10, below.
5. The cat is being adopted for companionship purposes only.
6. New Owner will not sell, trade or abandon this cat. New Owner will not surrender this cat to any animal control facility. If New Owner is unable or unwilling to continue to care for this cat, the cat will be returned to RappCats.
7. The adoption fee is not refundable in any part.
8. RappCats may inquire about the cat at any time after the adoption.
9. Failure to comply with any of the above terms of adoption may result in being asked to return the cat to RappCats.
10. **Process for sterilization of unaltered cats:**

The following animal(s) adopted from RappCats, on \_\_\_\_\_ were not sterilized at the time of adoption:  
Description:

Name:

Age:

Sex:

As per the Virginia Comprehensive Animals Laws : Section 3.2-65-74:

A. Every new owner of a dog or cat adopted from a releasing agency [RappCats] shall cause to be sterilized the dog or cat pursuant to the agreement required by subdivision 2 of subsection B of this article.

B. A cat shall not be released for adoption from a releasing agency unless:

1. The animal has already been sterilized; or
2. The individual adopting the animal signs an agreement to have the animal sterilized by a licensed veterinarian: (i) within 30 days of the adoption, if the animal is sexually mature; or (ii) within 30 days after the animal reaches six months of age, if the animal is not sexually mature at the time of adoption.

C. A releasing agency [RappCats] may extend for 30 days the date by which a cat must be sterilized on presentation of a written report from a veterinarian stating that the life or health of the adopted animal may be jeopardized by sterilization. In cases involving extenuating circumstances, the veterinarian and the releasing agency [RappCats] may negotiate the terms of an extension of the date by which the animal must be sterilized.

D. Nothing in this section shall preclude the sterilization of a sexually immature cat upon the written agreement of the veterinarian, the releasing agency [RappCats], and the new owner.

E. Upon the petition of an animal control officer, humane investigator, the State Veterinarian or a State Veterinarian's representative to the district court of the county or city where a violation of this article occurs, the court may order the new owner to take any steps necessary to comply with the requirements of this article. This remedy shall be exclusive of and in addition to any civil penalty that may be imposed under this article.

F. Any person who violates subsection A or B of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$50

The above described animals must be sterilized by: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ and a copy of the sterilization certificate shall be returned to RappCats at the above address within 14 days of sterilization.

### **Cat Care Pledge**

As the New Owner of the above-named cat, I promise to:

- Treat the cat with love and affection and do my best to ensure the cat's safety and well being.
- Feed on a regular schedule and provide fresh water and clean litter at all times.
- Provide reasonable and appropriate veterinarian and medical care
- Give the cat access to the inside of my home at all times and not let the cat outside unsupervised unless specifically agreed to in advance with RappCats, as an exception to general policy.
- Never physically or emotionally abuse the cat or allow anyone else to do so.

I have read and agree to all of the above statements and terms of adoptions.

New Owner Signature:

Date