



Adoption Contract for HHCR (Hungry & Homeless Cat Rescue)

<http://www.hungryandhomelesscatrescue.com/>

Adopter's Information

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| Name | |
| Street Name & Number | |
| City | |
| Province | |
| Postal Code | |
| Phone Number | |
| Email Address | |

Veterinarian: _____ Phone Number: _____

Occupation/Employer/ Retired? _____

Number of people in the home: _____ Number of children and their ages: _____

Is anyone in your household allergic to cats? _____

If someone becomes allergic to the cat, how will this affect the future of the cat? _____

Who will be responsible for the cat's daily care? _____

Do you currently have pets? _____ Yes _____ No If yes:

Name/type: _____

Age: _____

Sterilized? _____ Yes _____ No

Name/type: _____

Age: _____

Sterilized? _____ Yes _____ No

If you have no pets then please answer the following questions. Have you had pets in the past? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, where are they now? _____

Have you fostered animals in the past? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, for whom _____

If you have a cat, has it been declawed _____ Yes _____ No If Yes Please explain reasons: _____

Where will the animal be kept during day and night? _____

Will there be other people responsible for caring for the animal? _____ Yes _____ No

If so who and what age? _____

Primary reason for adopting? _____

What type of dwelling do you live in – Apartment? House? Other? If you rent, does your landlord permit cat(s)?

If you are pregnant or get pregnant, how will this affect the future of the cat? _____

How much will you budget / year: for basic veterinarian care? _____ To equip your cat with litter boxes / toys / beds / scratching posts / food / treats / etc? _____ For food & litter per month? _____

What arrangements have you made for the cat's care when you go away for a weekend / holiday / emergency?

Are you prepared to commit to this cat for its entire lifetime? _____

How much time & thought have you put into adopting this cat? _____

HHCR (Hungry and Homeless Cat Rescue) Will:

- Provide the adopter with the animal described as: _____
- Ensure that the animal has been checked by a veterinarian for signs of:
 - Infectious conditions
 - skin irritations i.e., rash/missing fur
 - Parasitic infestation
 - Severe depression or behavioural problems.
- Animals with serious medical conditions will not knowingly be placed for adoption;
- Ensure that mature animals have been spayed/neutered and undertake to have kittens sterilized at a vet selected by the time they reach about 6 months of age;
- Ensure that an animal over 16 weeks of age has had its initial vaccinations unless contraindicated. Kittens will be vaccinated at 16 to 20 weeks old if robust, and spayed/neutered at about 6 months of age at the **HHCR** expense. The adopter will be responsible for the boosters;
- Ensure that the adopter is informed of any minor medical conditions the **HHCR** is aware of and provide the adopter with any medication the animal is currently receiving (eye ointment, antibiotics etc) but will not be responsible for any ongoing treatment or medication once the animal has been placed with the adopter.

The **HHCR** will not be responsible for any veterinary fees incurred without their written permission. If the animal requires medical care up to 10 days following the adoption, the animal can be returned to **HHCR** for a full refund. The **HHCR** cannot undertake to pay the veterinary fees of owned animals.

Spay/Neuter Arrangement:

The cost of spaying and neutering an animal is extremely volatile in Ottawa Carleton at this time and rescues can no longer rely on a fixed rate for the surgery. Prices to some rescues have increased markedly without prior notification. As a result, the **HHCR** can no longer guarantee complete coverage of the sterilization fee.

The adopter must phone the **HHCR** coordinator, **Valerie Froud**, at (613) 231-6839 before the animal is to be spayed/neutered and she will verify the cost with our vet.

The **HHCR** will try to continue to include the spay/neuter at no charge to the adopter but, if our vets have increase their fees in the interval between the adoption and the surgery, the adopter must pay for the procedure at the vet's rates and the **HHCR** will reimburse the adopter \$42 upon proof of sterilization.

The **HHCR** will retain ownership of the animal until it has been sterilized, at which time the ownership automatically transfers to the adopter. If the adopter undertakes to have the animal altered by a veterinarian other than the person selected by the **HHCR**, then **HHCR** will only pay for the sterilization if the vet agrees to accept the **HHCR** schedule of fees. Otherwise, the adopter will have to pay for the procedure and the **HHCR** will reimburse the adopter \$42 towards sterilization. In this case proof of sterilization must be provided.

Date: _____
Adopter

Signature

Date: _____

HHCR Signature

Adopter Will:

- Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50 per cat which will be applied towards the adoption fee, if Adopter wishes **HHCR** to hold a cat;
- Allow the **HHCR** to do a pre and post adoption visit if requested or otherwise contact Adopter to follow up on the cat/kittens health;
- Allow **HHCR** to check with their veterinarian for references prior to adoption;
- Pay \$150 towards the medical treatment of the cat. Cheques payable to **Hungry and Homeless Cat Rescue**;
- Not declaw or otherwise mutilate the cat/kitten, and will return the cat/kitten to the **HHCR** rather than declaw it;
- Provide regular updates to **HHCR** (including photos) on the animal's well being by email and/or phone, and accept occasional visits from **HHCR**;

- Ensure that the animal is sterilized within 6 months from the date of adoption. If Adopter delays having the animal altered and there is a surcharge by the veterinarian for an animal in oestrus (heat) or pregnant, the surcharge is Adopter's responsibility.
- Agree to abide by all local animal ordinances and anti cruelty laws.
- Have the cat/kitten seen by a veterinarian at least once a year to ensure its continued good health. Vaccinations are required at least every three years.
- Pay for any veterinarian treatments above and beyond the yearly check-up that may occur, including surgeries. Adopter will contact a veterinarian when Adopter notices his/her cat/kitten behaving abnormally.
- Keep the cat/kitten in a clean, comfortable, safe environment. Provide for daily exercise and access to a window. Provide my cat/kitten with proper cat/kitten food, along with constant fresh water daily. Groom the cat/kitten regularly. "Cat/kitten -proof" the home and any area that the cat/kitten is allowed to play in so that the cat/kitten does not get lost or injured. Properly supervise the cats/kittens while around children and strangers for the safety of the animal and people.
- Notify the **HHCR** if Adopter can no longer keep the cat/kitten; and agree that the cat/kitten shall **NOT** be sold, given to, or adopted to anyone else, nor shall there be any transfer of ownership. The **HHCR** must be given the option to reclaim the cat/kitten if for any reason Adopter can no longer keep it. Adopter is adopting the cat/kitten for Self and will not sell or give the cat/kitten away to anyone else. If the cat/kitten can no longer be kept, Adopter will return it to the **HHCR** for no compensation.
- Agree that the **HHCR** retains superior title to said cat/kitten: limited to and for the express purpose of assuring the well-being of the cat/kitten. This includes **NOT** declawing the cat. The **HHCR** will only exercise its superior claim in the event that it appears to the **HHCR** that the proper and humane care as specified above is not being afforded to the cat/kitten.
- Agree that the **HHCR** has the right to reclaim physical possession of the cat if the **HHCR** learns that proper and humane care as specified above is not being afforded to the cat/kitten.

The Adopter Understands That:

- The **HHCR** cannot and does not make any representations or guarantees, either expressed or implied, as to the temperament, habits, or background of the cat/kitten described below. Therefore, in consideration of receiving the cat/kitten, I hereby release the **HHCR** from any and all claims of liability for the actions of the cat/kitten being adopted.
- The **HHCR** makes every effort to place only healthy cats/kittens but cannot guarantee the extended health of any cat/kitten adopted from us, or be responsible for any post adoption medical expenses that may be incurred. The **HHCR** limits its warranty to a ten (10) day refund or exchange policy. Any other expenses, including medical treatment, if needed, are the responsibility of the adoptive parent(s).
- The adoption fee is to help the **HHCR** defray the medical expenses for this cat/kitten, and is not refundable after the ten (10) day grace period. The adoption fee includes spaying or neutering, first vaccination and any surgeries or other medical treatments that were needed while the cat/kitten was under the care of the **HHCR**.
- A ten (10) day grace period is allowed to determine the compatibility to other animals in the household and/or the health of the adopted cat/kitten and/or to allow for any undetermined pre-existing medical conditions of the cat. After this time, no refunds or exchanges will be made.
- If the cat is returned at any time within the ten (10) day grace period for any reason other than stated above, **HHCR** will refund all but \$50 of the adoption fee. **HHCR** will take the animal back but not refund the adoption fee after the 10 day grace period.

Certification and Signatures - I certify that I am 18 years of age or older. By signing this document, both parties agree to the terms listed above and that all information is true and accurate.

Date: _____
Adopter

Signature

Date: _____
HHCR Signature
