

SAFE HAVEN FOR ANIMALS



Adoption Contract

Medical records given: _____

Pet's name: _____

Color and Description: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____

Microchip #: _____

Adopter's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Safe Haven for Animals (Safe Haven), an Arizona non-profit corporation and the undersigned (Adopter) in consideration of the mutual promises in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, intending to be legally bound by this Agreement, agree to the following: (Initialed AFTER each paragraph was been read)

_____ **1. Return Policy.** Adopter agrees that if he or she is unable to care for the animal for its entire lifetime, he or she will contact Safe Haven and return it to a location specified by Safe Haven. Adopter understands that he or she is responsible for the care of the animal until he or she has delivered it into the proper hands, and will do everything within his or her power to safely return the animal. He or she agrees that in the event he or she finds a suitable alternative home for the animal, he or she will contact Safe Haven with the name, address and phone number of the proposed new adopter.

_____ **2. Adoption Donation.** Adopter agrees to pay a non-refundable adoption donation of \$_____ to help defray Safe Haven's expenses for food, sheltering and veterinary care. Additional donations are welcome.

_____ **3. Veterinary Care.** Adopter agrees to provide the animal with the necessary vaccinations as advised by his or her veterinarian. Adopter agrees to obtain immediate veterinary care should the animal become sick or injured, and to take full financial responsibility for such veterinary expenses.

_____ **4. Care of the Animal.** Adopter understands that the animal he or she is adopting is an **indoor** pet, and agrees to allow it full access to his or her home. Adopter agrees to provide the animal with fresh water, wholesome food, adequate exercise and affection

_____ **5. Declawing.** If the animal is a cat, Adopter agrees NOT to declaw the cat, understanding that declawing is the painful amputation of the first knuckle, which renders the animal defenseless and inflicts unnecessary pain.

_____ **6. No Representations.** Adopter understands that Safe Haven does not guarantee the health, temperament, or training of the above described animal, and Adopter hereby holds Safe Haven, its agents and employees, harmless from any claim, cause of action or liability for any injury or damage to persons or property in connection with the adoption or ownership of the animal. If a health problem with the animal develops, Adopter agrees to notify Safe Haven to discuss the matter.

_____ **7. Change of Address.** In the event that Adopter moves, he or she agrees to contact Safe Haven with change of address information, so that all records can be updated.

_____ **8. Safe Haven for Animals makes a lifetime commitment to any animal that comes into our care. Realizing that on the rare occasion, Safe Haven may have to reclaim the adopted animal, there is a procedure that would be followed:**

Safe Haven will notify Adopter by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the reclamation and ask that the animal be returned. The notice shall state clearly the circumstances under which Safe Haven is acting and state a date when Adopter may meet with agents of Safe Haven to discuss the situation.

After seven days from the posting of this notice, if Adopter has not notified Safe Haven, or has not accepted the notice, legal action will be taken by Safe Haven to retrieve the animal.

If the animal is in such an extreme circumstance as to endanger its life, Safe Haven may call animal control in Adopter's locality to recover the animal on behalf of Safe Haven.

In the event either of the foregoing situations occurs, or if for any reason the animal is returned to Safe Haven, Adopter may request a meeting to discuss the matter within ten days after the animal is reclaimed.

Any decision of Safe Haven is final as to whether the animal shall be returned to the Adopter.

_____ **9. Adopter agrees to an in home facility inspection prior to the completion of any adoption. In addition, adopter agrees to periodic phone calls or in person wellness checks. Twenty four hours notice will be given prior to an in home inspection.**

THIS AGREEMENT is the entire agreement between Safe Haven and Adopter, and any prior understandings between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. No modification of this Agreement will be valid unless in writing and duly signed by Safe Haven and the Adopter. This Agreement is binding upon the heirs, assigns, successors, personal representatives and executors of both parties.

Adopter: _____ Date: _____

Safe Haven for Animals Agent: _____ Date: _____

Donation received: _____