

## C.A.R.E. Pet Adoption Application & Contract

***Thank you for considering a C.A.R.E. shelter animal for your new life-long best friend!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

***To better help you adopt the type of animal with a temperament that suits your personal situation, please share with us the following information:***

- Who will be the owner of the pet (you, family member, other?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Will the pet be living with children and, if so, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_
- Will the pet be living with anyone who has pet-related allergies? \_\_\_\_\_
- Will the pet be alone during the day while the owner works? \_\_\_\_\_
- Will the pet be the only pet you have and, if not, what other animals will your new pet need to be able to live with, and who is your current vet?
  - Other animals? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Current vet? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you rent, are you **positive** that your landlord or community association allows you to have pets (taking number, type, and weight into consideration)? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord Contact (Name / Phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

- How will your pet get exercise and play time? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- As a precaution, if something were to happen to you that you were unable to continue caring for your pet, have you thought about who would assume responsibility? \_\_\_\_\_

Who (Name / Relationship): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info (Phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

- A Just-in-Case Planning Guide for your pet's forever care is available; would you like a copy? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Adoption Contract:

This agreement is made between C.A.R.E. and the adopter. By signing and initialing below, you are acknowledging receipt from C.A.R.E. the animal described within the application. An adopter must be 21 years of age or older and agree to be bound by and comply with the following terms and conditions:

| Initial | Term & Condition  |
|---------|---|
|         | I will provide proper and adequate food, water, housing, exercise, grooming and humane treatment at all times.  |
|         | I will have this animal seen by a licensed Veterinarian of my choice, at my expense, within one (1) week from the date of this contract. Thereafter, I will have the animal examined at least once a year by a Vet, immunized as recommended, administer heartworm preventive (dogs only) and flea treatment (dogs and cats) as appropriate, at my expense. |
|         | I will seek appropriate Vet care and/or treatment for this pet if s/he should become sick or injured.   |
|         | I agree to obey local licensing and animal enforcement laws.  |
|         | I will not permit the animal to run at large or to become a public nuisance, and will always keep means of identification on him/her at all time. If s/he gets loose and is picked up by a public or private facility, I will immediately retrieve this animal, when notified.  |
|         | This animal will never be staked out or chained.  |
|         | I have been told of the animal's history and traits. I understand C.A.R.E. may not have much or any information given the animals origins.  |
|         | I agree to keep this animal as a pet and companion animal only. I will not use, sell or donate my pet for research, fighting or breeding purposes.  |
|         | This animal will not be transported in an open pickup truck or car.   |
|         | I intend to care for this animal for the rest of his/her life, and if for any reason I am unable to do so, I will contact C.A.R.E. for assistance or find another suitable, loving home for this animal and let C.A.R.E. know. I understand C.A.R.E. may not be able to take the animal due to space.   |

### Acknowledgement:

| Initial | Acknowledgement   |
|---------|---|
|         | I accept the animal as it is at the time of adoption and understand that C.A.R.E. is not responsible for any medical condition not readily detected or detectable prior to or at the time of this adoption or discovered after such adoption. |
|         | I have been informed that all animals can, from time-to-time, carry and transmit diseases (e.g., ringworm) and that these diseases may be undetectable in what appears to be a healthy animal at adoption time.                               |

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|         | I am aware that pets may exhibit normal but potentially undesirable behaviors including, but not limited to, aggression; house soiling; biting; scratching (people, furniture and woodwork); barking; digging; urine marking (dogs); urine spraying (cats); and that these behavior patterns may be difficult to manage. No one at C.A.R.E. has told me that this pet will not engage in any of these behavior patterns.   |
|         | I am aware that it usually costs between \$250 and \$750 per year to feed, house, train and provide Vet care for a pet. I am financially able to meet these expenses for my adopted pet.   |
|         | I understand that an animal can be unpredictable and that C.A.R.E. cannot anticipate or insure against unexpected conduct of an animal adopted from C.A.R.E. I acknowledge that C.A.R.E. has not made, through its staff or volunteers, any warranties regarding the future condition, temperament or conduct of this animal.  |
|         | I hereby accept this animal as is, assume all risks and responsibilities associated with ownership of this animal, including bites. I hereby fully and completely release, indemnify and hold harmless C.A.R.E., it's Directors, volunteers and agents from any claim, cause of action or liability of any sort or nature, whether known or unknown, directly arising out of, or in connection with, the adoption, care or ownership, maintenance, retention, temperament, conduct or condition of the animal. |
|         | Taking into consideration the life span of a healthy animal, I will make necessary arrangements to have my pet cared for in the event that I am not able to do so myself (e.g., mental and/or physical decline or death).  |
|         | Because C.A.R.E. is a non-profit and the <b>cost</b> invested in each animal's adoption cannot be recovered, there are <b>no refunds</b> of adoption fees.   |

### Monthly Medications:

Dogs (Heartworm and Flea Prevention) – I understand that the dog I am adopting is currently on heartworm and flea prevention. I also understand that both medications are given on a monthly basis and that it is my responsibility to purchase and administer the preventative medication. I also understand that my new dog may require additional vaccines at my expense.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Adopter Signature)

Cats (Flea Prevention) – I understand that the cat I am adopting is currently on flea prevention. I also understand that the prevention is given on a monthly basis and that it is my responsibility to purchase and administer the preventative medication. I also understand that my new cat may require additional vaccines at my expense.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Adopter Signature)

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Pet Description (Staff will Assist with this Section):

I acknowledge receiving from C.A.R.E. Animal Shelter a:

Puppy     Dog     Kitten     Cat    Named: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (estimated by Staff): \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip #: \_\_\_\_\_

Male     Male / Neutered     Female     Female / Spayed

The adoption fee includes spaying / neutering. If the animal is not yet spayed / neutered at the time of adoption, you will be contacted for an appointment to return with the animal for same-day surgery. Spaying / neutering is required for all C.A.R.E. animals.

Membership & Payment:

Would you like to become a member of C.A.R.E.?  No     Yes, Cost is \$30 / Year  
This also entitles you to receive the C.A.R.E. newsletter.

Signature of Adopter(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by C.A.R.E.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Collected: \$\_\_\_\_\_  Cash     Check     Credit Card

Includes Membership:  No     Yes

**THANK YOU FOR COMING TO C.A.R.E.!!!**