



## ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This is a legally binding agreement made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by and between **Laurel Cats, Inc.**, a Maryland nonprofit corporation, and the undersigned as adoptive guardian(s) of a cat or cats being placed for adoption.

The name(s) of the cat(s) being adopted): \_\_\_\_\_

The adopter (or adoption family) are identified below, and agree to the following terms:

1. The cat will live in a private residence or business as a companion animal and will be provided with fresh food and water daily, as well as its own clean litter box.
2. We will never strike or harm the cat in any way, nor allow anyone else to do so.
3. We will not have the cat declawed. We will not allow anyone else to have him declawed. We understand that doing so may result in legal action being taken.
4. We will provide future vaccinations and also veterinary care upon disease or injury. We will take him/her to the vet for checkups as recommended by our veterinarian (usually every year). We will do whatever it takes to keep our cat living a good quality of life. We will not euthanize him or her unless he/she is suffering and there is no other recourse.
5. We will never use, sell, give or transfer the cat for purposes of research or experimentation, for fighting, for consumption or use in products. We will never transfer guardianship of the cat without notifying Laurel Cats, Inc.
6. We agree to relinquish the aforementioned cat to Laurel Cats, Inc., if in good faith Laurel Cats, Inc., believes that the cat is not being cared for according to the conditions delineated in this agreement.
7. We agree never to bring the cat to another shelter or animal control facility for any reason. Should we need to surrender the cat in the future, we will contact Laurel Cats, Inc. We will not relinquish the cat to any person or organization other than Laurel Cats, Inc., without permission of Laurel Cats, Inc.
8. We understand that having a cat is a privilege and not a right. We understand that a cat is a member of the family who deserves proper treatment and respect.

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9. We agree to allow Laurel Cats, Inc. to perform a pre-adoption home inspection if so requested.
  
10. We certify that the responsible party or head of family is 21 years or older, of sound mind, and fully understands the ramifications of entering into a binding contract.
  
11. We certify that we are not prohibited from having one or more cats at our place of residence. We certify that no one in this household objects to adoption of a cat.
  
12. We understand that by entering into this agreement, Laurel Cats, Inc. has retained certain enumerated rights regarding our maintenance of the cat. However, Laurel Cats, Inc., has incurred no continuing obligation to us for maintenance or supervision of the cat, for its health or safety, or otherwise.

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Signature Date

Adopter's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Laurel Cats, Inc. reserves the right to not adopt any cat or kitten to any person for any reason.**