



AUSTIN ANIMAL CENTER PET ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This Austin Animal Center Pet Adoption Agreement is between the Austin Animal Center and the individual adopter of an animal from Austin Animal Center. Austin Animal Center will be herein referred to as “the Shelter” or “AAC.”

I, the adopter, agree to comply with the following requirements:

Section 1. General Requirements

- I (we) declare that I (we) have not been convicted of a charge related to cruelty, neglect, or abandonment to animals and that no such charge against me is currently pending.
- I understand the Shelter may refuse an adoption at any time for any reason.
- I understand that I am assuming all financial responsibility, and I will not expect financial reimbursement for any expenses incurred, including veterinary services.
- I understand that Texas state law requires all animals adopted from a shelter be altered (Chapter 828, Texas Health and Safety Code). I understand that all pets adopted from the Shelter will be spayed or neutered. If my animal cannot be altered in the Shelter due to medical reasons, I agree to have my animal sterilized by the specific due date in the Spay/Neuter Adoption Agreement. I understand that violation of Chapter 828 subjects me to a civil penalty and that I may be compelled to comply with the provisions of the article above.
- I understand that although the Shelter records behavior information on pets while they are at the Shelter, **the Shelter makes no guarantees about the behavior or temperament of any animal.**
- I agree to meet the physical and behavioral needs of this animal daily and to provide preventative veterinary treatment and other medical care as needed.
- I will make sure my pet is always wearing a collar and identification tags.
- I agree to abide by all state and local laws regarding pets where I live, including requirements for rabies vaccinations and pet registration or licensing, as well as any “leash laws,” or tethering, Shelter, or noise- prevention rules.
- I may bring the pet back to AAC within 90 days after the adoption. If I cannot keep him or her, or find a responsible, caring new home and to alert the Shelter I have found this animal a new home.
- I understand that if it has been over 90 days from the date of the adoption, and I live outside the Austin/Travis County area, I will no longer be able to access AAC resources and must use the resources in my local area. (Examples: local municipal animal shelters, rescue groups, humane societies.)
- **Adoption fees are non-refundable.**
- I understand that while AAC carefully monitors all animals, AAC may have limited knowledge of their behavioral and medical backgrounds. **AAC makes no warranties or representations regarding the animal’s health, behavior, temperament, age, or breed.** I further understand that environmental changes may affect and change the temperament of the above-named animal and that AAC has no liability or responsibility of any nature regarding defects with the animal, or injuries or damage to any person or property which may be caused by the animal. I, the adopter, agree to indemnify and hold harmless AAC, its members, officers, directors,



agents, and their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and representatives against all claims, known or unknown, nor or hereafter in connection with this animal.

Section 2. Medical Care

- I understand that AAC will provide me with an email summarizing the medical care this pet has received while at AAC and a timeline of the pet's upcoming vaccines and treatments.
- I understand this does not guarantee that this animal is free from, or that it will not develop, a contagious disease or other medical or behavioral problems.
- I understand the Shelter does not know the medical, vaccination, or genetic history of the animals. A pet may have been exposed to disease or have genetic problems that the Shelter is unable to detect.
- I understand that the Shelter makes no guarantees about the health of adopted pets.
- I understand this pet may or may not have been seen by an Animal Center Veterinarian.
- I understand that after adoption, all medical care for this animal must be provided by me and my veterinarian, at my expense. I also understand that my veterinarian may recommend additional vaccinations, testing, and/or treatments.
- I agree to take the pet to my veterinarian as soon as possible, no later than ten days after adoption (within five days if the pet recently had surgery), and obtain, at my expense, the evaluation and treatment needed by the pet.
- If the problems are more extensive or unmanageable than previously diagnosed, I agree to either:
 - Return the pet to the Shelter, along with any medical or training records for the pet, if it has been less than 90 days from the date of adoption or I live in the Austin/Travis County area, or
 - Keep the pet and provide, at my expense, the veterinary care or training/management recommended by a professional to address the medical or behavioral issue.
- I understand that I have been provided medical/behavioral records that disclose issue(s) that may be contagious or present a risk to other pets and/or people. I will do my best to prevent others from being impacted by my new pet's issue(s) and take responsibility for any veterinary or medical care that may be needed by a third party because of my causing or allowing this issue to impact someone else or their pet (examples: contagious disease, aggression, or bites).
- I understand that the medical/behavioral records may not include all health or behavior problems that are present or may develop in this animal, only those that have come to the attention of AAC staff.
- I agree and understand that I am receiving a medical care agreement, that is unique to the animal I am adopting, separate from this Agreement and the medical care provisions within. I agree to abide by all the information that is provided in that document.

I, the adopter, have read the adoption rules and conditions set forth and understand each of them and agree to abide by them.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Full Name _____