

Humane Society of Bay County ADOPTION CONTRACT

Please read and initial beside each statement:

I affirm and accept that my new pet is to be a life long companion and that I have adequate means, economic and otherwise, to provide for the needs of my new pet for its entire life. _____

I declare that I have spent adequate time with this animal to know that it will be a welcomed addition to my home. I also acknowledge that there may be a period of adjustment required for my new pet to adapt to its new environment and that it may take up to three months or longer. _____

I affirm that I and my immediate family have no allergies that would interfere with the adoption of my new pet. _____

I am willing to work with the Humane Society of Bay County in a cooperative effort to find acceptable solutions to any behavioral problems I may encounter with my new pet. If I can not keep my pet for any reason, I agree to return it to the HSBC. _____

I understand that the HSBC can not guarantee the health, temperament or training of this pet and I hereby agree to release the HSBC from all liability once the animal is in my possession. _____

I agree not to allow my pet to be used for medical or other experimental purposes. _____

I will not permit my new pet to run at large and will keep means of identification on my new pet at all times. If my pet becomes lost, I will make every reasonable effort to relocate and claim the animal.

I agree to take my new pet to a veterinarian for a general health check up with 5 days of the adoption, at my expense. _____

I agree to have my pet sterilized and vaccinated against rabies by the certificate forfeit date noted at the bottom of this contract. If I should fail to do this, I understand and agree that this will constitute a default under this contract and the HSBC shall be entitled to repossess the adopted pet. I understand and agree that no refunds shall be given if I default this contract and my pet is confiscated. _____

I understand that there will no refunds of adoption fees paid if the animal is returned for any reason other than health as stated in the refund and health policy. _____

I understand that this is a legal binding contract and I agree that the HSBC has the right to reclaim my pet if they determine that I have violated the terms of this contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

REFUND AND HEALTH POLICY

It is never the intention of the Humane Society to adopt an unhealthy animal out to the public. We are not a veterinarian and cannot always judge if the animal you are adopting has any illness or disease. The

contract you sign when adopting requires you to take the animal to the veterinarian for a health check-up within five (5) working days.

If the animal should become sick before that time, you must bring the animal to the Humane Society of Bay County or your veterinarian to confirm that the animal is sick to either exchange for another animal or to receive a refund.

In the extreme case that the animal should die before the required time for a health check-up, you must bring the body of the animal to the HSBC or your veterinarian. You must do one of these to receive a refund or exchange.

If you fail to take the animal to a veterinarian for a check-up after five (5) days and the animal should become sick or possibly die, then we will assume the animal contracted the disease or sickness from your neighborhood or home and no refund or exchange will be given and we are not liable. It is in the best interest of the animal to get all vaccinations current and to be checked for parasites or diseases such as heart worms, feline leukemia, etc. It is also in your best interest to follow the contract rules to receive a refund or exchange.

Note: If your veterinarian cannot see you within the allowed time, you must have them call the HSBC to confirm that an appointment has been made.

It is a Florida law chapter 823 that a deposit is made in order to ensure your animal is spayed/neutered. You must pay a \$50.00 deposit to the Humane Society if the animal is **not** spayed or neutered. We will hold your deposit for 30 days unless you adopt a puppy or kitten. Once you show proof that your animal has been spayed or neutered then please come to the Humane Society and we will return your deposit back to you. If after the 30 days you have **not** spayed or neutered your animal the \$50.00 deposit will be given to the Humane Society of Bay County.

I understand and agree to the terms stated on this form.

Signature

Date

HSBC Staff Initials