

ADOPTION & SPAY OR NEUTER CONTRACT

DO NOT MISPLACE THIS CONTRACT

Failure to have this certificate completed violates your adoption contract and the animal may be repossessed, with no refund of monies collected.

Name of Adopter	Home Telephone	Work Telephone	
Address	City	State	Zip
Adoption Fees Collected:	Spay/ Neuter	Donation	Total
Species/ Breed of Animal	Sex	Weight	
Color/ Description	Date of Adoption	Age at Adoption	
		Spay or Neuter to be completed by: / /	

To be completed by Veterinarian

Name of Clinic	Address	Telephone
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This is to certify that on the date indicated below, the animal described herein was SPAYED or NEUTERED.

(Circle One)

 Printed name of Veterinarian

 Date of Spay/ Neuter

 Signature of Veterinarian

TERMS OF ADOPTION

It is understood by the undersigned that:

- A. Animals are different from human beings in their response to human actions and that the actions of animals are often unpredictable.
- B. The Prince William County Animal Control Bureau makes no claims or representations as to the behavior or temperament of animals put up for adoption.
- C. The pet I am adopting from the Prince William County Animal Shelter has not been examined by a licensed veterinarian and its health and health history is unknown.
- D. The adopter agrees to comply with the following requirements for adoption of the animal:
 - 1. I (WE) agree to have the animal taken to a licensed veterinarian:
 - a. When spay or neuter is required, there will be no charge for the initial veterinary office visit and health examination, providing the animal is taken to a participating veterinarian within 10 days of the adoption. (Treatment, medications, vaccinations, or tests administered will be at the expense of the adopter.) If the animal is taken to a participating veterinarian after the 10-day period, the veterinarian may charge up to \$25 for this visit and examination.
 - b. **for spaying or neutering to be completed by _____;**
 - c. to surrender copy 3 of this contract to the veterinarian at the time of spay or neuter;
 - d. **to pay the veterinarian \$ _____, the remaining half of the total spay or neuter fee.**
 - e. to pay the veterinarian an additional \$15 if the animal is found to be pregnant, excessively overweight, or in heat at the time of the spay or neuter, and to sign a waiver of liability if so required by the veterinarian.
- E. **STERILIZATION OF THIS ANIMAL IS REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 1, SECTION 3.1-796.126:2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO CIVIL PENALTY. THE NEW OWNER MAY BE COMPELLED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.**
 - 2. Fees paid to the county will be refunded if the animal dies due to illness within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this contract.
 - 3. Upon a veterinarian's recommendation, fees paid to the county will be refunded if the animal becomes sick and is returned to the Prince William County Animal Shelter within twenty-one (21) days of the date of adoption.
 - a. If the adopter chooses to have a veterinarian treat the animal for the illness, EXPENSES INCURRED WILL BE BORNE ENTIRELY BY THE ADOPTER.
 - 4. I (WE) agree, in accordance with the law, to have the animal, if it is a DOG, vaccinated against rabies at the age of four (4) months; to purchase the appropriate dog license tag for the county or city of residence, and to attach the dog tag to the collar that the dog must wear at all times.
 - 5. I (WE) agree, in accordance with the law, to have the animal, if it is a CAT, inoculated against rabies at the age of four (4) months.
 - 6. I (WE) agree to feed the animal each day, have drinking water available at all times, and furnish a weather-proof animal house or adequate animal in my (our) home. I (WE) agree to keep the animal on my (our) property within my (our) control at all times. I (WE) agree to allow agents of Prince William County to investigate the animal's home at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice.
 - 7. I (WE) agree not to sell, trade, or give away the animal. If at any time I (WE) can no longer care for or keep the animal, I (WE) agree to return it to the Prince William County Animal Shelter. ANIMALS CANNOT BE ADOPTED AS GIFTS.
 - 8. I (WE) agree not to use the animal for research purposes.
 - 9. Each adopter states that he (she) has not been convicted of a charge of or related to cruelty to animals and that no such charge against him (her) is currently pending.
 - 10. I (WE) declare that there are no restrictions regarding pet ownership at my (our) place of residence that would prohibit the keeping of the above-described animal at said residence.
 - 11. I (WE) acknowledge that if the spay or neuter procedure is not accomplished by the above stated date, the spay/neuter fee paid to the Prince William County Animal Shelter will be forfeited to Prince William County.
 - 12. The Prince William County Animal Shelter reserves the right to repossess the animal in the event of misrepresentation of any facts given by the adopter to the animal shelter; if the animal's home is found to be injurious to the health, safety or welfare of the animal; or the adopter fails to comply with any of the provisions of this contract.
 - 13. I (WE) hereby accept possession and title of this animal at my (our) own risk, and hereby release and waive any right against Prince William County Animal Control Bureau and all its employees and Prince William County, which I may have now or in the future, for any damages to person or property caused by said animal and to any health problem the animal may have now or in the future.

 Signature of Adopter

 Date

 Witness

 Date