



Cat Foster-to-Adopt Contract

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CAT NAME(S): _____ DESCRIPTION(S): _____

GENDER(S): _____ ESTIMATED AGE(S) OR DOB: _____ SPAYED/NEUTERED? ___ Yes ___ No

- I am taking possession of the Pets Bring Joy (hereinafter "PBJ") cat(s) described above (hereinafter "the cat(s)") on a trial foster-to-adopt basis. While they are with me as fosters, they will remain the property of PBJ.
- Within two (2) weeks of the date on which this contract is signed, I will communicate my desires to PBJ as to whether I wish to:
 - Finalize their adoption** by paying the adoption fee noted below, at which time ownership of the cat(s) will be considered transferred to me;
 - Continue to foster** the cat(s) while PBJ seeks an alternative adopter (I understand that I have first right of refusal to adopt them myself as their foster);
 - Return the cat(s) to PBJ.**

FOR PBJ USE: Final Outcome: ___ Adopted ___ Fostered Only ___ Returned Date _____

- I will treat the cat(s) as **family member(s), giving them loving care and attention.** I acknowledge that a healthy, indoor-only cat can live 20 years or more, and that if I adopt them, **I am committed to caring for the cat(s) for their full lifetimes.**
- The cat(s) **will live indoor-only,** as I recognize the many risks posed to a cat if allowed outdoors. This includes keeping cats off of balconies, porches, etc. and ensuring that windows/doors have secure screens in place. If children are in the home, I will educate them on the importance of being careful when entering/exiting the home, and on keeping doors closed otherwise.
- If ever the cat(s) should go missing,** I will contact PBJ immediately for their assistance in searching for/recovering the cat(s).
- Microchipping:** PBJ provides courtesy microchipping for all cats placed through our organization. Cats are initially registered to PBJ; should you wish to transfer their microchip registration to yourself upon adoption, please email us at microchips@pbj.org.
- Veterinary Care:** While I am fostering the cat(s) for PBJ, I will notify PBJ immediately if any illness or injury arises so that PBJ may make the appropriate arrangements for them to be seen by a PBJ veterinarian. If I officially adopt them, I will take the cat(s) to a licensed veterinarian **when vaccination updates are next due** (see vet records) or sooner if illness or injury occurs, and for **annual wellness exams every year** thereafter.
- I agree not to have the cat(s) declawed.** If I have any concerns about destructive scratching or any other behavioral problems, I will contact PBJ and will work with them to correct the problem; **as a last resort, I will return the cat(s) to PBJ rather than declawing them.**
- I understand that PBJ does not place in any home any animal that is known to be sick or injured unless the condition is fully disclosed to the foster/potential adopter. Despite the best efforts of PBJ to screen for medical conditions, I acknowledge that the cat(s) I am receiving may have illness, injury, disability or other conditions that PBJ is unaware of, including illness/parasites/conditions that could be transmissible to humans or other pets. **I agree to take this risk on behalf of myself, my family, my pets, and anyone else who comes in contact with the cat(s) in order to help PBJ save lives.**
- I will not sell or give the cat(s) away, nor will I abandon the cat(s) or surrender them to a shelter or rescue other than PBJ. **If at any time I can no longer care for the cat(s), I agree to contact PBJ immediately to arrange for their return.**
- If I adopt the cats(s), I agree to have the cat(s) spayed/neutered and rabies vaccinated with proof sent to PBJ by _____ at the address above or via email to my rescue coordinator. (date)
- I agree to permit a PBJ representative to examine or make an inquiry about the above conditions and requirements at any time after I take possession of the cat(s). This includes scheduling a visit to my home and/or contacting my veterinarian.
- I am accepting possession of the cat(s) at my own risk, and release PBJ from any and all liability arising out of possession of the cat(s) both while fostering and after adoption.
- I understand that failure to comply with the above provisions will result in forfeiture of the cat(s) to PBJ.

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____