



The Northern Ontario Animal Welfare Society  
**PET ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

FOR  BY   
*(adoptee)* *(adopter)*

**\*Note to adopter:** Our adoption Agreement is designed with one purpose - to protect the animals that have come into our care. In a perfect world, these types of agreements would not be necessary, but we do not yet live in a perfect world, and so we use the agreement below to protect all animals that we place in adoptive homes. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the agreement.

This Adoption Agreement is entered into this (date) , between the Northern Ontario Animal Welfare Society (NOAWS) and  (hereinafter referred to as *(Name)* "Adopter") of  *(Address and telephone number)*.

The Adopter agrees to adopt the following pet from NOAWS:

Name:   Cat  Indoor Only  Outdoor Cat  Dog  
 Age:  Color:  Sex:  M  Neutered  F  Spayed

**Terms of Adoption**

**As the adopter(s), I (we) agree to the following:**

1. That I (We) have never been charged with cruelty to animals.
2. That I (we) will not abuse or neglect the pet, and I (we) authorize NOAWS as its sole discretion to determine whether or not the pet has been abused or neglected.
3. To provide adequate fresh food and water, clean and dry shelter and daily exercise.
4. To obey all applicable laws governing the control and custody of pets, including requirements for microchipping and/or municipal tags.
5. To provide a safe collar with a rabies tag and an i.d. tag with the Adopter's address and telephone number.
6. ***If not pet is not already altered:*** To prevent pet offspring by spaying/neutering the pet by  (date). I (we) understand that the adoption is conditional and not final until the pet described is spayed/neutered.



7. To provide all medical care and treatment needed by the pet. This includes medical checkups, routine vaccinations as well as care during illness or injury.
8. To adopt the pet only as a personal pet and companion, and not as a gift, working pet or chained guard dog, and not ever to be used for research purposes.
9. To allow a representative from NOAWS to visit my premises to ensure that the terms of this agreement have been honored on a mutually agreed upon date.
10. To return the pet to NOAWS rather than abandon or sell it. I (We) agree to give NOAWS a minimum of three (3) weeks notice to take the pet back into the NOAWS Foster Program.
11. To pay the adoption donation in full. I (we) agree that the adoption donation of \$  helps cover NOAWS current expense of veterinary care and raising and caring for the animal, and is non-refundable after the end of the agreed upon trial period (see 12 below).
12. That I (We) will have the pet for an agreed upon trial period and that I (We) may return the pet within the trial period, if I (we) so chose, and receive a full refund. The trial period is agreed to end  (date).
13. That I (We) will make serious efforts to find the pet if it becomes lost, by immediately filing a lost report with the local animal control authorities and veterinarians and by posting lost pet signs and contacting NOAWS for additional advice.

**Dogs:**

14. That I (we) will not allow my dog to ride in the open bed of a pickup truck.
15. That I (we) will consider the dog as a household companion, not as an only outside pet, and to provide him/her with humane care and treatment, including proper exercise.

**Cats:**

16. To **not de-claw my cat**, which would render it defenseless.
17. That my cat will live in the house with my family. If I am unable, for any reason, to continue to keep the cat inside, I (we) will return it to NOAWS with three (3) weeks notice.
18. If the cat is specified by a NOAWS representative to be an outdoor cat, I (We) will provide it with adequate shelter to protect it from weather and predators.



**Acknowledgement of Terms and Indemnification**

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\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) understand that this pet may have been previously unwanted or lost, and may have been rescued by NOAWS from a dangerous, unhealthy and/or cruel situation. This could have long lasting effects on the pet, and I (we) agree that NOAWS makes no representations or warranties, expressed or implied, about the above mentioned animal's temperament or condition or personality of the pet, and that NOAWS is hereby absolved from any liability for future damages or injuries caused by said animal. I (we) also understand and agree that NOAWS further gives no guarantees, expressed or implied, of the suitability of the animal to the adopter.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) understand that this pet has received the following vet care:

checked (date): \_\_\_\_\_  vaccinated (date): \_\_\_\_\_ and

spayed/neutered (date): \_\_\_\_\_

at the Iroquois Falls Animal Hospital, and that his/her state of health is accurately represented to the best knowledge of NOAWS.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) acknowledge that NOAWS has stated the following regarding the health and behaviour of this pet:

A. Health History, treatments administered and ongoing required medications:

B. Behaviour history, problems in certain situations, treatments/training administered and ongoing training requirements:



Initial here \_\_\_\_\_ I (we) agree to have the pet examined by a licensed veterinarian within **14 days** of adoption. If upon such examination it is determined that the health of the animal is not satisfactory, I may return the pet only to NOAWS and will receive a refund of my adoption donation. I (we) understand that, after 14 days from the date of this adoption, I (we) am (are) fully responsible for the veterinary care and costs associated with these, of my pet.

Initial here \_\_\_\_\_ I (we) further understand that no representations are made as to the temperamental or mental disposition of the pet. Accordingly, **I hereby adopt the pet at my own risk.**

Initial here \_\_\_\_\_ I (we) certify that all of the statements made by me on this adoption agreement are true and correct. I (we) agree that NOAWS has the right to reclaim the above described animal in the event that any of the above statements made by me are found to be false and/or my check for the adoption donation is returned for insufficient funds.

By my (our) signature(s) below, I (we) acknowledge that I (we) have carefully read the entire Adoption Agreement and understand and agree to the release, indemnification and other terms of the agreements. This contract constitutes the full agreement of both parties. Wherefore, the above named adopted has executed the foregoing contract of adoption on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

Adopter\* (1): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Adopter (2): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

NOAWS Adoption Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Would you be interested in finding out about our volunteer programs?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Adopter must be greater than 18 yrs of age, or have signed parental consent