

# Ruts Rescue Cat - Adoption Contract

Adopter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rent  Own If Rent, Landlord/Complex: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

This ADOPTION CONTRACT is entered into this date, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Ruts Rescue, an Indiana non-profit corporation and the applicant and co-applicant (if appropriate) identified above in the adoption contract, hereinafter the ADOPTER, for the adoption of the below identified pets.

Pet's Name (according to Ruts Rescue files): \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M or F

Microchip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Adopter's Acknowledgment of Terms:**

The Adopter(s) hereby acknowledges receipt of the above described animal and therefore agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. The adopter agrees to pay RUTS RESCUE an adoption donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The adopter understands that the adoption donation for the pet is immediately spent on saving another pet's life and therefore if the pet is returned for any reason the adoption donation is non-refundable after 30 days.
2. The adopter agrees to pay all transportation cost, if applicable. The transportation cost is non-refundable.
3. The adopter agrees this pet will be examined by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year and will receive adequate vaccinations and treatments to ensure good health. The adopter agrees to have the pet on flea, tick, and heartworm preventative.

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4. Pet has been spayed or neutered.
5. The Adopter agrees that the pet will be treated as a family member with loving care, affection and respect. The adopter agrees that the cat will be an INDOOR cat ONLY, that the pet shall not be allowed to roam at will. The cat may be leash-walked and the pet is to wear a collar or harness with an identification tag in the unlikely event he becomes lost. When transported in any vehicle the cat will be properly restrained, preferably using a secured crate.
6. Unless directed by a licensed veterinarian for reasons related to the health and welfare of the cat, the Adopter agrees that they will NOT have the cat/kitten declawed.
7. The adopter agrees to provide the pet with a good and safe home with proper care and attention, which includes a healthy diet, fresh water and shelter at all times. The adopter understands that pets can be very long-lived and have made or will make the appropriate arrangements should their pets out live the adopter or the adopter can no longer care for the pet.
8. In the event RUTS RESCUE discovers the inhumane treatment of this pet or breach of this Contract, it is agreed RUTS RESCUE has the right to immediately take possession of the pet without notice to the adopter. It is understood and accepted by the adopter that any time during the entire life of the pet home visits may be conducted by a person representing RUTS RESCUE to check on the welfare of the above-named pet. The pet will not be used for any illegal purpose, if this clause is broken, the adopter understands that the pet will be immediately confiscated by RUTS RESCUE, and all law enforcement agencies will be notified.
9. RUTS RESCUE makes no warranties or statements regarding the pet's health, medical status or temperament. Adopter understands that the pet may have been rescued from an animal shelter and may have been exposed to communicable disease(s) and that it is critical that the pet be examined promptly by a veterinarian PRIOR TO EXPOSURE TO OTHER PETS.
10. It is further agreed that environmental changes may effect and change the temperament of the above-named pet and that RUTS RESCUE has no liability or responsibility of any nature regarding later defects with the pet, or injuries or damage to any person or property which may be caused by the pet.
11. The adopter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless RUTS RESCUE and its members or representatives against any and all claims for any injury or property damage to the adopter or anyone else. The adopter understands that with domesticated pets that modifying certain behaviors may require training, expert advice and/or patience. The adopter agrees to work with the pet to modify any such undesirable behavior without the use of negative

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reinforcement or other methods which may cause harm to the pet. The adopter understands that certain behaviors may never be entirely eradicated.

12. In the event it is determined by either an RUTS RESCUE representative or the adopter that the pet should not remain with the adopter, it is agreed the pet shall be returned to RUTS RESCUE by the adopter. No refund will be given after 30 days of receiving the pet. The adopter is to pay any and all return transportation cost, if applicable.
13. The pet may not be transferred to another owner; the pet may not be sold, given away or placed in another home or organization, without express written consent of RUTS RESCUE.
14. If euthanasia becomes necessary, it is agreed RUTS RESCUE will be contacted prior to euthanasia. Additionally, the pet will not be turned over to a humane society or animal shelter for this service. RUTS RESCUE is available for consultation, advice, and assistance in this and all other areas pertaining to the health, training, compatibility, etc. of the adopted pet. RUTS RESCUE must be contacted prior to euthanasia

**ADOPTER UNDERSTANDS THAT RUTS RESCUE HAS INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF FINANCIAL AND PERSONAL RESOURCES INTO THE CARE, TREATMENT AND PLACEMENT OF THE PET, THAT RUTS RESCUE MAKES A COMMITMENT TO THE PET FOR LIFE AND THAT THE ACTUAL DAMAGES ACCRUING TO RUTS RESCUE IN THE EVENT ADOPTER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE RETURN PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROVE WITH CERTAINTY. ACCORDINGLY, THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT, ADOPTER SHALL PAY LIQUIDATED DAMAGES TO RUTS RESCUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00, NOT AS A PENALTY, BUT AS A REASONABLE ESTIMATE BY THE PARTIES AS TO THE DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE BREACH OF THIS PROVISION.**

Return Policy: If the Adopter decides not to keep the pet, the Adopter hereby agrees to return the pet to RUTS RESCUE. Importantly, the Adopter agrees to give RUTS RESCUE up to two weeks to secure a proper foster home or facility to board the pet, and the Adopter will provide safe and loving care of the pet until it is returned to RUTS RESCUE. \_\_\_\_ (Adopter Initial). The Adopter agrees to safely transport or provide safe transport of the pet to the determined home or facility, and will return any/all paperwork and supplies provided by RUTS RESCUE at that time. \_\_\_\_ (Adopter Initial).

15. The adopter agrees to notify RUTS RESCUE if the adopter has a change of telephone number or address. The adopter agrees to notify RUTS RESCUE of any incident involving animal control and/or complaints arising from said

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ownership of the pet. If the pet becomes lost or stolen, the adopter agrees to notify RUTS RESCUE immediately.

16. It is agreed and understood by the adopter and RUTS RESCUE that this Contract sets forth all promises, agreements, conditions, and understandings between them, oral or written and that both parties have fully read and understand the entire Contract.
17. This Contract shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the adopter and RUTS RESCUE and their successors or beneficiaries.
18. In the event of the employment of an attorney by RUTS RESCUE on account of any violation of this Contract, it is agreed the adopter shall pay RUTS RESCUE's reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs.

Current Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Vet. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Clinic (If different): \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Clinic Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, you authorize a RUTS RESCUE representative to contact your current veterinarian and/or vaccine clinic to verify care of existing animals in your home.

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**Other Animals (Current or Previous):**

| Name | Breed | M / F | Spayed/<br>Neutered? | Age | Yrs<br>Had | Alive/ Deceased  | Reason no longer<br>with? |
|------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----|------------|------------------|---------------------------|
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |
|      |       | M / F | Yes / No             |     |            | Alive / Deceased |                           |

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by RUTS RESCUE Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

RUTS RESCUE Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_