



GUARDIANSHIP CONTRACT

By adopting an animal from ARC I accept responsibility for his/her lifetime and agree to the following commitments, by:

- Providing proper and ample food, water, shelter and compassionate care for my pet at all times.
- Having this pet immunized and examined by a licensed veterinarian annually at my own expense, and will obtain medical aid at once if this animal becomes injured or unhealthy.
- Keeping current identification on this pet at all times.
- By not selling, giving away, or abandoning this pet at any future time. If at any time I am no longer able to provide care for this animal, I will contact ARC and return for re-adoption.
- In the event my pet becomes lost, I will notify the nearest animal control agency/shelter immediately for their assistance. I will make every reasonable effort to locate and claim my pet including retrieving him/her from a shelter or impound facility. I will place a lost ad in the local paper..
- I understand and agree to abide by the laws protecting my new pet such as licensing, rabies vaccinations, and leashing when in public.
- I understand that I will abide by all state and local ordinances with regard to safety and care of the pet. Failure to comply with said ordinances will give ARC the right to take possession of the animal.
- I understand all adoption fees paid to ARC are fees for services and medical care and are applied to the organization's work in caring for animals, and are not refundable.
- I agree to have the adopted animal under my control when he/she is not within the confines of my property
- I agree to not physically alter the adopted animal. For dogs: No ear cropping, tail docking.
For cats: No declawing (onychectomy)
- For Cats: I agree to keep the adopted animal as an indoor-only pet
- For Dogs: I will not allow unattended tethering.
- I understand that like humans, animals learn behaviors according to how they are treated or mistreated. Since ARC cannot guarantee how previous humans treated this animal, ARC makes no claims or representations as to its behavior or temperament. Furthermore, I understand that a third party may have provided information on this animal and that ARC does not warrant the accuracy of such information. Therefore, I agree that I will at no time assert any claims, charge, or demand of any kind against ARC and its volunteers for any charges incurred by me in connection with this animal. In addition, I accept this pet as is and assume all risks of ownership, and fully and completely release ARC, its agents, volunteers and associates from any claim, cause of action or liability arising out of and in connection with this adoption and pet.
- This contract may be specifically enforced by ARC through judicial proceedings. I hereby agree that in the event I breach this contract and ARC files suit to enforce this contract to defend any claims under this contract, that I will pay any applicable court costs or attorney's fees incurred by ARC and its volunteers.

I have read the guardianship contract Initials

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED
BY ADOPTER AND SIGNED BY A.R.C.
REPRESENTATIVE**

ADOPTER'S NAME _____

ADOPTER'S ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DRIVER LICENSE # _____ STATE _____

Animals Name _____ Breed _____ Color _____

Sex _____ Approximate age _____

ADOPTION CONTRIBUTION \$ _____ PAYMENT METHOD _____

ANIMAL RESCUE CONNECTION, INC.

REPRESENTATIVE _____

By signing below, I certify that the above information I am providing in this application is truthful and accurate. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this adoption agreement and will fulfill my part of the contract. I authorize Animal Rescue Connection, INC to verify any information necessary to complete this adoption. I understand inaccurate or misrepresented information will void this adoption.

Adopter's signature

Date

Animal Rescue Connection, INC
Witness

Date