

## Suzie's Cat Refuge Adoption Agreement

This is an agreement between (name of applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter referred to as "Adopter"), and Suzie's Cat Refuge (a Minnesota-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit), for the adoption of (cat's name) \_\_\_\_\_, a (breed/color) \_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_, (hereafter referred to as "Cat").

**BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT AND TAKING POSSESSION OF THE ABOVE-NAMED CAT, ADOPTER CERTIFIES TO HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

1) Adopter agrees to pay an adoption fee in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_, payable to Suzie's Cat Refuge. Adopter understands that the Cat may be returned to Suzie's Cat Refuge for a full refund of this fee within 60 days of the signing of this agreement, provided that the Adopter notifies Suzie's Cat Refuge within 30 days that he or she may not be keeping the cat. Thereafter, no refund shall be given in the event that the cat is returned.

2) Adopter agrees to never abandon the Cat, sell the Cat for a profit, or give the Cat to a pet store, research facility, other shelter or rescue group, or any third party without first consulting Suzie's Cat Refuge. If, for any reason, the Adopter is ever unable to keep the Cat, the Adopter will contact Suzie's Cat Refuge so that proper placement can be arranged.

3) Adopter agrees to provide the Cat with nutritious, feline-appropriate food, fresh water, shelter, and loving attention at all times, and treat the Cat like a treasured member of the Adopter's family.

4) Adopter agrees never to have the Cat declawed. Suzie's Cat Refuge will be available indefinitely, to assist the Adopter in resolving any issues related to scratching, or other undesirable behaviors.

5) Adopter agrees to take the Cat to a licensed veterinarian in the event that the Cat is injured or develops a health condition, and fully comply with all vet-recommended treatments. Adopter agrees not to euthanize the Cat, unless recommended by a veterinarian due to suffering because of a terminal illness, or injury with a poor prognosis.

6) Adopter understands that with domesticated animals such as cats, modifying certain behaviors may require training, as well as expert advice and patience. Adopter agrees to work with the Cat to modify any undesirable behaviors, which may include aggression, antisocial or shy behavior, house soiling, biting, or scratching (people, furniture, etc.), without the use of methods which

may cause psychological trauma or bodily harm to the Cat. Adopter also understands that certain behaviors may never be entirely eradicated. No one representing Suzie's Cat Refuge has told the Adopter that this Cat will not engage in any of these (or other) undesirable behaviors.

7) Adopter agrees that any time within one year from the signing of this agreement, Suzie's Cat Refuge reserves the right to follow up with the Adopter by requesting photographs of the Cat, making telephone inquiries, and/or by visiting the Adopter's home (by appointment) to investigate the welfare of the Cat, and to ensure compliance with this agreement. If any of the terms of this agreement are not satisfactorily met, Suzie's Cat Refuge reserves the right to reclaim the cat, irrespective of any donation, or other expenses that the Adopter has incurred. If, within one year, the terms and conditions of this agreement are not upheld by the Adopter, and/or any misrepresentations have been made by the Adopter, the Adopter will agree to allow a representative of Suzie's Cat Refuge to reclaim the Cat without notice or refund.

Special Requirements (for use by Suzie's Cat Refuge only):

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The undersigned agree that this is a legal and binding contract. Suzie's Cat Refuge makes no representations, warranties or guarantees and assumes no liability for the health, age, sex, temperament, behavior, or condition of the Cat. If any problems or questions arise as to the behavior or care of the Cat, Suzie's Cat Refuge welcomes and encourages any and all inquiries by the Adopter. Adopter hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Suzie's Cat Refuge, and its representatives, for any and all liabilities related to the Cat, including attorney fees.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS:

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

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

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

Adopter's Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Suzie's Cat Refuge Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_