



# SANTA PAULA ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER ADOPTION CONTRACT

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

**THIS IS A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN:**

Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center                      and  
705 E. Santa Barbara St  
Santa Paula, CA 93060  
(805) 525-8609  
[info@santapaulaarc.org](mailto:info@santapaulaarc.org)  
[www.santapaulaarc.org](http://www.santapaulaarc.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal Information:**

SPARC Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Species: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_

ID #A \_\_\_\_\_  
Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Microchip#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chip Co.: \_\_\_\_\_



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- The animal, listed above, is being transferred to me, the adopting owner, with the understanding that I am taking possession of the animal to treat and to be responsible for it as my own animal.
- I agree to pay a non-refundable adoption fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help defray the expenses incurred by SPARC for food, sheltering, spaying or neutering, vaccinations and veterinary care. Additional donations are always welcomed!
- The animal will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the animal's safety and well-being.
- I will feed the animal at least twice a day and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.
- The animal will live inside my home and will not be isolated from the family. I will walk my animal on a leash or exercise my animal in a fenced yard. I will never let my animal run loose or roam, keep my animal chained or tied up, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen, or leave my animal outdoors, even in a fenced yard when no one is at home.
- [CAT ADOPTION ONLY]  
I understand that the adopted cat is an indoor pet and agree to allow it full access to the home. I agree to provide the cat with fresh water, wholesome food, adequate exercise and loving attention on a daily basis.
- [CAT ADOPTION ONLY]  
I agree to NOT DECLAW the cat and understand that declawing is the painful amputation of the first knuckle, which renders the cat defenseless and inflicts unnecessary pain.
- I will **not** have the animal attack-trained nor will I use it for any purpose other than companionship. I will not have the animal's ears cropped nor will I have its tail docked. I will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the animal.
- I will take the animal to a licensed veterinarian when shots are due, but in no event later than one year from the last vet visit. I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including: rabies shots as required every one or three years; annual booster shots; annual fecal checks for internal parasites (worms); and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.
- I affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment etc.
- I will ensure proper licensing of the animal and will attach the appropriate license tags, rabies tag, and personal identification tag to a properly fitted, non-choke collar to be worn at all times. I agree to comply with all local and state statutes and ordinances.
- This animal has been microchipped for identification. The microchip has been registered under my name and I understand that I am to confirm registration through my email, where 24 Pet Watch has sent my registration and agreement to. I agree to keep this information up to date at all times, in the event the animal is ever found as a lost stray.
- [DOG ADOPTION ONLY]  
I will not use a choke-type collar at any time, except for training under the guidance of a qualified animal trainer.
- I am adopting the animal for myself and I agree to not give away, sell, or trade my animal. I will neither take the animal to a shelter nor abandon the animal. I understand that I must notify SPARC, without delay, if I can no longer care for or keep my animal and agree to give SPARC reasonable time to rehome my animal or place my animal in an approved foster home, if one is available.



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- I must notify SPARC of any behavioral problems that have occurred at any time before attempting to return my animal and I agree to pay for a professional trainer's evaluation in case of biting or aggression.
- I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the animal at my own risk and I release SPARC and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my animal. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for my pet effective immediately on the date of this contract. SPARC and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the animal.
- In the event the animal becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify SPARC. I will also immediately notify SPARC of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address).
- If the animal shall, for any reason, be picked up by local law enforcement or animal control, I will make immediate arrangements to reclaim the animal. Under **NO** circumstances will I agree to or allow the euthanasia of this animal prior to informing SPARC. I further agree that SPARC may claim a continuing and superior right to possession of the animal in order to save the animal from euthanasia.
- This animal's known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that SPARC has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the animal.
- I agree to care for this animal for its entire lifetime. If I ever change my mind, I will contact SPARC immediately and return the animal. I understand that I am responsible for the care of the animal until I deliver it to SPARC. I will do everything in my power to safely return the animal, without injury or harm.
- I agree to permit SPARC to make inquiries about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after the adoption. This can include visits to my home and making contact with my veterinarian.
- I, my spouse, heirs, and executor agree never to bring a claim or suit against Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center. I release SPARC, their board members, officers, agents, staff and volunteers, from any and all liability arising from the adoption or behavior or actions of the animal.
- I understand that this agreement discharges SPARC, board members, officers, agents, staff and volunteers from any liability to myself, my spouse, heirs and executives with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other loss that may result from the adoption or behavior or activities of the animal.
- I have read this Release Agreement and fully understand that I will relinquish all claims or actions whether now known or discovered in the future against Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center, as well as their respective board members, founders, officers, agents, staff and volunteers.
- I, and my spouse, heirs, executors, personal representatives, agree to indemnify and hold Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center harmless for all bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other losses, including attorney's fees and costs of litigation, that result to any third party because of my own negligence or liability. This includes lone acts or omissions, as well as the combined acts of myself with others.
- I am of legal age and legally competent to sign this Agreement. I am signing this agreement on my own free will. It is expressly understood and agreed that I am hereby waiving and surrendering my rights pursuant to Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California, which provides as follows: : "A general release does not extend to claims which a creditor does not know or materially affected his settlement with the debtor."



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- I hereby expressly agree that the release and indemnity agreement are intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by California law. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this agreement. This is the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any other verbal or written statements, representations or promises. This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any disputes under this agreement will be resolved in Ventura County, California.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH **ANY** OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE FORFEITURE OF THE ANIMAL TO SPARC.
- I understand that once I adopt an animal from SPARC, that animal becomes my personal responsibility. Remaining vaccines of a single series are included in the adoption fee. If I choose to bring my animal back to SPARC for vaccines and/or treatment, instead of my own veterinarian, and there is an adverse reaction to medication, reaction to medication, and/or any possible injury or occurrence while being treated at SPARC, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center, their officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries or illness, including death, damages and loss.

**Please notify SPARC IMMEDIATELY at (805)525-8609 should your new pet become ill during the first 7 days after adoption OR should you have to rehome your SPARC pet for any reason at ANY TIME!**

**After hours: VMSG (805)339-2290, EVC (805) 701-7664, Horizon (805) 856-0290**

**Please DO NOT rehome or euthanize your SPARC pet at any time without calling SPARC FIRST!**

I hereby declare that I, the named adopter, am legally competent to enter into this agreement, and this Agreement is binding upon the heirs, assigns, successors, personal representatives and executors of both parties.

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SPARC Adoption Coordinator

Date

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Adopter's Signature

Date