

BINDING CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Member of the Family. An indoor cat can live up to 20 years of age. You must be prepared to make a lifetime commitment to your cat. Your cat must be able to share your house with you and not be locked in a basement, cage or another small room separating the cat from the rest of the family except during the initial integration stage. You should expect some mess and inconvenience with any cat just as you would a small child.

Single Cat. Kittens under 10 months of age must be adopted in pairs unless there is another approved cat already in residence. Kittens will become lonely and depressed without additional feline companionship, which may lead to destructive behavior.

Cost of Care Yearly. A single cat will cost at least \$400 per year for food, litter, supplies and basic veterinary care. This does not include any health-related emergencies that may arise. Your cat will need an annual checkup and vaccinations. Arkansas State Law requires all cats to receive an annual rabies vaccination. You should expect and budget for occasional sickness that requires veterinary care, which may increase, as your cat gets older.

Children. If there are children under 6 years of age, you must adopt a cat age 6 months or older for the protection of both the child and the cat.

Indoor Cat. The cat must remain indoors at all times, unless the cat is leash trained and accompanied by an adult. The average life span of an indoor cat is 15-20 years but dramatically decreases to a 2-5 year life span when allowed outdoors unsupervised.

Declawing. You may at no time declaw the cat. Declawing is a cruel and inhumane surgery that amputates the last joint of a cat's toes. It is extremely painful and psychologically damaging to the cat. You may chose to clip your cat's nails or have a veterinarian clip the cat's nails instead. Declawing of your cat is cause for immediate removal of the cat from your home and breach of contract.

Surrendering Your Cat. If at any time, you feel you can no longer care for your cat you must return the cat to Community Cats of Central Arkansas at no charge. You may not take your cat to a shelter or rehome yourself at any time.

Home Visits. There will be a pre-adoption home check to make sure the home environment is compatible with the cat. You can expect occasional home visits or requests for updates on your cat to verify the health of your cat and it's environment.

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- All cats/kittens available for adoption have been updated on their vaccinations and have had veterinary care, however, you will need to make an appointment with your personal vet to start a program of preventative care as soon as possible. You and your veterinarian should be aware that your cat was a rescue animal and may have been exposed to a variety of diseases that have incubation periods of several weeks. You are responsible for any medical costs that occur after the time of adoption. _____ (Initial)
- I agree that I will have the cat/kitten spayed/neutered by 6 months of age unless other arrangements have been made by Community Cats of Central Arkansas. _____ (Initial)
- Cat/kitten will receive a yearly veterinarian check-up and vaccinations required by Arkansas State Law. _____ (Initial)
- I agree the cat/kitten is being adopted for myself and will not be sold or rehomed under any circumstances. Community Cats of Central Arkansas must be contacted for transfer or relinquishing of ownership with no fees requested. Failure to do so will be a breach in contract. _____ (Initial)
- I agree that the cat will not be allowed outdoors without harness restraint and adult supervision. _____ (Initial)
- I agree that I will not declaw the cat/kitten at any time. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of the cat/kitten to Community Cats of Central Arkansas. _____ (Initial)
- I give Community Cats of Central Arkansas the right to inspect my home and make home visits or requests at any time to assure that the cat/kitten is being properly cared for in a safe environment. _____ (Initial)
- I agree the cat/kitten may be removed from my home if conditions of the adoption contract have been violated or if the home environment is deemed unsafe by Community Cats of Central Arkansas. _____(Initial)
- I agree to keep Community Cats of Central Arkansas informed of my current home address and phone number. _____ (Initial)
- I understand and agree that Community Cats of Central Arkansas is not responsible for any costs incurred for or by the cat/kitten after sign date on the adoption contract. _____ (Initial)

I hereby acknowledge receipt from Community Cats of Central Arkansas of the cat/kitten named _____ and release Community Cats of Central Arkansas from any liability for costs, damages or injury hereafter caused by said cat/kitten. If needed, I agree to return said cat/kitten to Community Cats of Central Arkansas making no charges of any nature for licensing, care, medical services, food or supplies. I agree to pay reasonable attorney fees and court expenses if Community Cats of Central Arkansas must bring legal action against me to enforce this contract. I shall personally be responsible for the humane care and control of the cat/kitten. A representative of Community Cats of Central Arkansas shall be allowed to see the cat/kitten under the conditions set forth in this contract.

I have read and understand this adoption contract and agree to abide by all its terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

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