

**Ramona Humane Society** Animal ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ DL# \_\_\_\_\_

### **ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

The Ramona Humane Society shall allow me to adopt an animal as my own, subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

I, the adopting party, do agree as follows: (Initial that you understand and accept these terms)

\_\_\_\_ I agree that Ramona Humane Society makes no guarantees about the health or temperament of the animal, and any medical cost related to this animal become my responsibility.

\_\_\_\_ I understand I may return my pet within 30 days of taking possession of the animal and exchange the animal for another or receive a credit for a future adoption to expire within one year of issuance. **No refunds will be provided.** After 30 days, an owner surrender fee of \$125 will apply.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to assume full financial responsibility for the pet I have adopted. This will cover, but is not limited to vaccinations, all illnesses, de-worming and other veterinarian bills.

\_\_\_\_ I understand California State Law (Senator Haden Bill 1856) as of January 1, 2000, requires all pets to be spayed/neutered prior to transfer of ownership.

\_\_\_\_ The adoption and transfer of ownership is not complete until the animal has been sterilized and released by RHS and taken into possession by the adopter.

\_\_\_\_ If for any reason, I cannot keep this pet in the future; I will notify Ramona Humane Society of the new owner and contact information.

\_\_\_\_ I understand there are no refunds for pets returned, lost, stolen, runaway, or given away.

\_\_\_\_ I will provide the animal with all necessary inoculations at intervals directed by my veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that city and county ordinances require the licensing of all dogs over (4) four months and that the city/county will charge a penalty if my dog is not licensed within 30 days of the rabies vaccination. **San Jacinto and Hemet residents will be required to obtain a dog license at the time of adoption. San Jacinto and County residents are required to microchip their pets per law.**

\_\_\_\_ I authorize Ramona Humane Society personnel the right to visit and check on the welfare of this pet for a period of one year from the adoption date.

\_\_\_\_ Failure by me to fulfill any requirements of this Agreement constitutes a material breach of the Agreement. In this event Ramona Humane Society as its option, but without limitation, may reclaim the animal from me or any of my family whom may be in possession of it. I agree to any and all medical or related expenses necessary at the time of reclamation or as a result thereof.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to pay and costs as may be awarded by the court for any legal action required to enforce this Agreement in addition to all costs incurred by Ramona Humane Society as a result of any legal enforcement of this Agreement.

\_\_\_\_ I understand the adoption may be at any time while RHS has custody of the animal cancelled and any adoption fees refunded.

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

RHS Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RHS Adoption Fee Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Disclosure of Non-Guarantee as to Health, Temperament, and/or Training**

**ATTENTION: The staff of the volunteers of the Ramona Humane Society cannot guarantee the health, temperament or training of any animal.**

HEALTH: Due to the fact that 80% to 90% of the animals received by the Ramona Humane Society are strays, we have absolutely no idea what diseases or parasites the animals may have been exposed to before entering the shelter. In addition, we have little control of the public visiting our facility, which might pet an animal without disinfecting their hands first (disinfectants located throughout the shelter). Animals that appear healthy today can very easily be sick tomorrow. They can harbor the disease without the symptoms for up to fourteen days. All puppies are given "Pyrantel" for internal parasites when they arrive at this shelter. This medication is effective for some internal parasites. We recommend that a fecal sample be taken to your veterinarian to see if a follow-up deworming may be necessary. All dogs and puppies receive an intra-nasal "Bordatella" vaccine upon intake. All animals are given their first vaccines upon adoption. We also recommend you finish the puppy/kitten vaccination series and give adults their booster vaccines.

TEMPERAMENT: Consistent with all stray animals, it is impossible to determine how an animal is going to react with children, adults, other pets or livestock. Animals are different from humans in their responses to any action. Their actions of animals are often sudden and unpredictable and therefore interacting with children or other pets should be closely supervised. The animal's behavior may also change after it leaves the shelter and becomes accustomed to its new environment. TIME and PATIENCE is needed.

TRAINING: Any animal brought to the shelter by its previous owner has some "known" information as provided by the previous owner. The information cannot be held as 100% valid. People believe that when they say a pet is trained, housebroken and loves all creatures, great and small, it will have a better opportunity to be adopted. A dog that is actually housebroken may need some retraining when it first enters its new home. It was trained for another house and person. Also, having been in a confined kennel area with no access to going outdoors can cause the animal to have a lapse in training. It is not recommended to leave the animal home for a long period of time until you know the extent of training.

Observe your pet very closely for the first ten (10) days. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice any sneezing, loss of appetite, listlessness, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, blood in the stool, green or yellow matter in the eyes or nose and/or temperature of 103 degrees or more (rectal). Any animal that comes in contact with other animals may be exposed to disease.

Check with your veterinarian for yearly vaccinations.

**I understand that the educated opinions of the Ramona Animal Shelter staff or its volunteers does not constitute any claim or guarantee as to the health, temperament or training of any animal available for adoption.**

**Adopting Party Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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