



## ADOPTION CONTRACT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of feline being adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color/Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

NoCo Kitties, a Colorado 501c3 non-profit corporation, and the undersigned (Adopter) in consideration of the mutual promises in this agreement and other good and valuable consideration, intending to be legally bound by this agreement, agree to the following:

**Please initial each line to acknowledge your agreement:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to pay a nonrefundable adoption donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the feline.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to contact NoCo Kitties immediately if the adopted feline becomes sick within 48 hours of adoption. NoCo Kitties will work with the adopter to provide care/medicine as needed to the kitten.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to keep the pet current on vaccines and provide all necessary medical treatment as advised by your veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands that the cat you are adopting is an INDOOR cat. Adopter agrees to provide the cat with kind and loving care, shelter, fresh water, quality food and adequate exercise.

\_\_\_\_\_ **NoCo Kitties believes that declawing is cruel and unnecessary; Adopter agrees to not declaw this cat at any time during his/her life.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to comply with local Animal Control and state rabies laws and will not allow pet to roam or be at large.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands that NoCo Kitties does not guarantee the health, temperament, or training of the cat, and adopter hereby holds the NoCo Kitties employees and volunteers harmless of claims, cause of action, or liability for any injury or damage to persons or property in connection with the adoption or guardianship of the pet. If a health problem with the pet develops 48 hours after adoption, adopter agrees to be responsible for all veterinary costs. If adopters currently owned pet(s) become ill or injured after the adoption of the new, pet adopter will be responsible for all veterinary costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter understands that adoption is a lifetime commitment to the pet and will do everything within adopter's power to care for the pet to ensure its optimum health, safety and happiness. If he or she is unable to care for the pet for its entire life, HE OR SHE WILL RETURN THE PET TO NOCO KITTIES FOR ANY REASON.

\_\_\_\_\_ NoCo Kitties will be allowed to visit the adopted pet in its new home (a scheduled visit).

\_\_\_\_\_ NoCo Kitties is available to assist with recommendations for behavioral training, veterinary referrals and other resources. Adopter will be responsible for any associated costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ NoCo Kitties requires all pets be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. If adopter obtains a kitten before it is spayed or neutered, it still legally belongs to NoCo Kitties and you have no rights to this animal until surgery is completed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopter agrees to pay reasonable attorney fees and court expenses if NoCo Kitties must bring legal action against adopter to enforce this adoption contract. (Adopted animals remain under the protection of NoCo Kitties. NoCo Kitties reserves the right to reclaim this animal for failure to comply with the terms listed in this contract.

This agreement is the entire agreement between NoCo Kitties and the adopter and supersedes any prior agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this agreement. No modifications of this agreement will be valid unless in writing and duly signed by NoCo Kitties and the adopter. This agreement is binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, and executors of both parties. I have completed this application truthfully. **I understand the NoCo Kitties adoption process and will comply with this agreement henceforth:**

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Adopter's Signature

Printed Name

Date

Would you like to make a tax-deductible donation to NoCo Kitties?

Yes! I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_

No, thank you



(THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE FOR YOUR RECORDS)

## MICROCHIP & VACCINATIONS

### Microchip

1. If your kitty has a **new** Microchip, PLEASE REGISTER your chip at [www.freepetchipregistry.com](http://www.freepetchipregistry.com)

Name:	Chip #:
Name:	Chip #:

2. If your kitty **was previously chipped** with a Pet Link Chip, PLEASE CHANGE the owner's name and contact info as soon as possible at [www.petlink.net](http://www.petlink.net)

### Vaccinations

Below is a suggested feline vaccination schedule, but your veterinarian may alter this schedule for various medical reasons – please follow their advice.

Treatment	Ages 10-12 weeks	Ages 14-16 weeks	Annually
FVRCP (feline distemper)	Kitten booster Date Due:	Kitten booster Date Due:	Annual adult booster Date Due:
Rabies		First vaccine Date Due:	First Annual booster Date Due:
Deworm			2 times per year

### FVRCP

Your cat or kitten will have received at least one FVRCP (Panleukopenia, Rhinotracheitis, and Calicivirus) vaccination while in the care of NoCo Kitties. The dates will be recorded on the medical history.

Kittens will need:

1. A booster every 3-4 weeks until 16 weeks of age.
2. A yearly booster or as recommended by your veterinarian.

Adult Cats will need:

1. A yearly booster or as recommended by your veterinarian.

### Rabies

State law requires cats and kittens 16 weeks of age and older be vaccinated against rabies. If your kitty was old enough at the time of adoption, a rabies vaccine will have been administered. The date will be recorded on the medical history.

Cats and Kittens will need:

1. A rabies booster 1 year after the 1st initial vaccination.
2. Every year or 3 years thereafter (depending on the type of rabies vaccination you choose).

## **FeLV/FIV**

Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) are viral infections. They are among the most common infectious diseases of cats and are transmissible from cat to cat. Your kitty will have been tested for both viruses prior to adoption. Indoor cats have a very low susceptibility to either disease.

## **Administering Vaccines & Vaccine Clinics**

We encourage having your vet administer vaccines or you are welcome to stop by one of the Fort Collins Cat Rescue (FCCR) vaccine clinics at Hank's Pet food Market in Loveland. For more information call FCCR at 970-484-8516 or Hank's Pet Food Market at 970-685-8621.

## **Preventative Health Care**

1. Regular physical exams and vaccine boosters through middle age are essential to your cat's long-term health.
2. Teeth and gum health is important to maintain with a healthy diet and periodic teeth cleaning – periodontal disease can significantly shorten feline lifespans.
3. Elderly cats should be seen by a vet more often for routine bloodwork to monitor healthy aging.

Consult your veterinarian at the first sign of behavior problems or health issues. Underlying medical issues may be responsible for your cat's undesirable behavior.

## **Preventing Damage from Claws**

Declawing is a very painful and unnecessary procedure that is no longer accepted in the animal medical community as a humane practice. Here are some effective alternatives to prevent damage from the normal claw sharpening behavior exhibited by all cats and kittens.

## **Give your kitty a manicure!**

You can start when they are kittens to get them comfortable with the process. You'll need a pair of cat claw clippers. Holding your cat firmly but gently in your lap, press each paw pad to extend the claws and trim the sharp end of the nail – at least 1/10th of an inch in front of the quick (soft tissue inside the claw that will bleed if clipped). Work quickly, but safely, until all nails are done. Repeat as needed to maintain dull nails.

## **Provide scratch posts & training.**

You can buy or make your own scratching posts. Material should be rough and coarse (sisal – a scratchy hemp product is a good choice, or a carpeted wooden post is also popular). When your cat starts to scratch undesirable home furnishings, pull it away and place its front paws on the scratching post. Keep the post in an easily accessible area of the home or their favorite spot in the house until it becomes a habit for them to use.

## **For persistent furniture scratching**

1. Spray your kitty with warm water from a water bottle while saying a firm and sharp, "NO". Then take the kitty to the post.
2. Attach a scented bath oil -soaked cotton ball on the area of the furniture the kitty scratches – it should repel the cat as long as the scent remains.