

**Eastern Montana Humane Society, Inc.**  
**PO Box 1286**  
**Baker, MT 59313**

**Cat Terms of Adoption Contract**

This ADOPTION AGREEMENT is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between Eastern Montana Humane Society, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as EMHS) and \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred to as "Adopter").

1. **INDOORS:** My pet will be kept securely indoors at all times. Reason: Indoor cats have a longer life span because of a lower risk of disease, injury, abuse and death by automobile.
2. **NO DECLAWING:** I will not have my cat declawed. I will use alternative methods such as nail trimming, appropriate scratching posts or Soft Paws plastic nail covers. Reason: Declawing is no guarantee claws won't grow back, often leads to behavioral problems, and causes great pain through amputation of bones, as well as tissue.
3. **LOST PET:** Should my pet become lost, I will call EMHS immediately at 406-778-2436 or 406-778-3898. In addition to contacting EMHS, I will also contact Animal Control (406-778-2151). To help prevent my pet becoming lost, I agree to provide a safe collar with a rabies tag and an ID tag with my name and phone number.
4. **PERMANENT FAMILY MEMBER:** I am adopting this animal as a permanent member of my family and if for any reason I cannot keep my pet, I will return my cat to EMHS. I will not relinquish my pet to any shelter, society or person other than EMHS. Adopter expressly covenants and agrees that they will not euthanasia the pet without prior approval from EMHS.
5. **CARE OF PET:** I agree to provide my pet with a safe, clean and comfortable living environment, with adequate water, food, ventilation and affection at all times. I agree to feed only high quality food, preferably Science Diet. Reason: Low quality food can cause diarrhea as well as increased risk of weight gain, and kidney, live, and heart diseases. Because EMHS is concerned for the welfare of adopted animals and the adopters, I agree to follow-up visits and/or calls from an authorized EMHS representative.
6. **VETERINARY CARE:** I will provide veterinary care for my pet, including yearly vaccinations/checkups, and treatment for any illnesses. Should my cat become ill, I understand its medical and dental care will be my financial obligation. I understand that EMHS has provided all age-appropriate vaccinations and found no health problems through veterinary examination, unless noted on health record. I understand that in spite of efforts to ensure optimal health ,it is impossible to guarantee "perfect health" in an animal.
7. **SPAY/NEUTER:** I agree to prevent offspring by spaying/neutering the pet by \_\_\_\_\_, I understand that the adoption is conditional and not final until the pet is spayed/neutered. I will send a copy of my receipt to EMHS as soon as surgery is performed.
8. **BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS:** Because adjustment to a new home and family can be difficult for my cat, I will call EMHS immediately if I see any behavioral problems develop. By getting help quickly, I have a better chance of deterring unwanted behavior.
9. **HONOR CONTRACT:** I hereby bind myself to the fulfillment of the above clauses and realize that failure to comply with these clauses may result in repossession of the cat and legal action. I attest that the information I've provided to EMHS on this contract is truthful and accurate.
10. **Adopter will notify EMHS at least 1 week prior to any change of address, phone number, etc., of the adopter.**

**LIMITED DAMAGES:** I agree to pay EMHS the sum of \$200 as liquidated damages in the event the terms of the contract are beached. This liquidated damaged value is agree to for the purpose of establishing value of the animal and does not bar EMHS from seeking return of the animal by judicial process or other legal means.

**ATTORNEY'S FEES/COURT COSTS:** I hereby accept possession of title to ( subject to the conditions of this contract), and responsibility for the animal named below and hereby release and discharge EMHS from liability for any injury or damages to any person or property caused in the future by said animal, and from any causes of action, claims, suits or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damages. I agree to be governed by the laws of Montana in all matters relating to this animal and release, hold harmless, and agree to indemnify EMHS from any liability for injury/damage caused by this animal. This is the entire agreement between EMHS and me.

ADOPTEE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

The Adopter agrees to adopt the following cat from EMHS:

Sex: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Age(aproximately) \_\_\_\_\_

Name or ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADOPTER (Print)

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ADOPTER (Signature)

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EMHS REP

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DATE