

Adoption Agreement & Contract

TAILS does not place pets on a “first come, first serve” basis. TAILS provides the following info to provoke thought into choosing a lifestyle compatible pet, ensuring a forever relationship. TAILS reserves the right to perform a home inspection prior to adoption and to approve or deny any adoption for any reason.

To apply, you must:

- ◆ Be 21 years of age or older.
- ◆ Have approval of your landlord if you rent.

Things to consider before adopting, please read through information below:

General:

- ★ Your dog or cat is not property. It is a companion animal and should be treated like family.
- ★ Dog/cat food and veterinary care is not free, please take into consideration financial responsibility for your pet before adoption.
- ★ Dog or cat lifespans are between 10-20 years depending on size and breed. Always have a backup plan for who will take care of your companion in the case of death or disability.
- ★ Different dog breeds have different personality traits and needs. For example: a 90lb pitbull will have different needs than a chihuahua. If you are not familiar with a particular breed, our adoption volunteers are more than happy to go over different traits with you.
- ★ Discuss the adoption with family members, you may think your dog/cat adoption is the greatest thing ever, your spouse may disagree. We don't want to be the instigators of divorce. Please check with your loved ones before adopting!

For Dogs:

- ★ Dogs love routine. They may like their breakfast promptly at 8am, 10 am if it's a chihuahua, and a well thought out exercise plan. Are you able to provide routine for your dog?
- ★ Know yourself. If you're looking at a high energy dog and you know that you're most likely going to want to sit on the couch, find a dog that will want to just sit on the couch with you. Alternatively, if you're an avid hiker/biker/skydiver, adopt one of the more outgoing energetic dogs and not the couch potato. Please don't assume that your dog will get you “out and about” more or all of a sudden make you into the mall walking champion. It would be fantastic if it did but it won't, and then you'll have an energetic dog that gets destructive from lack of activity and eats your couch.
- ★ Dogs within Delta City limits must be registered with the city. This can be completed at the Delta Police Department for \$25.00 with proof of Rabies Vaccine. [Address:](#) 215 W 5th St, Delta, CO 81416 [Phone:](#) (970) 874-7676

For Cats:

- ★ Cats are cute little floof monsters that can do no wrong! Obviously...but also incorrect. Cats need appropriate toys and areas to scratch (this helps them remove their claw sheaths and is necessary for cats) along with a litter box in a quiet place that they can do their business. Don't put it right next to the washing machine or the air compressor unless you want some unpleasant surprises around your house.
- ★ Cats are obligate carnivores. They need the meat (kibble still counts as meat)! Please don't try to turn your cat vegan, for it will soon be dead.
- ★ Have more than one cat? Then you also need more than one litter box.
- ★ Don't want your cat to spray? Well, keep it indoors. Spraying is a territorial marker and not only for males. If your cat is always in its territory with no reason to think someone is intruding, it won't spray. If it is indoor/outdoor and the neighboring tom cat is getting fresh, prepare to start scrubbing your walls.

ID & Name:	Predominate Breed:	Age:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Altered: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Weight:
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Name:	Phone:
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Address:	City:	Zip:
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Email Address:

1. I will not sell the pet or give it to an unsuitable home.	<i>Initial</i>
2. I agree to return the pet to TAILS if, at any time, I am unable or unwilling to care for it and TAILS has space for the animal at that time. The adoption fee will not be refunded after 7 days from adoption date.	<i>Initial</i>
3. I agree to care for the pet humanely, including but not limited to providing daily fresh water, appropriate food, good shelter and exercise appropriate for the size of the animal.	<i>Initial</i>
4. TAILS adoptable pets have been quarantined and determined to be healthy while in our care. There may be history with the pet that is unknown to TAILS, TAILS will not be held liable for any damage or costs (veterinary or other) incurred by the pet.. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility (veterinary or other) as of the date of this contract.	<i>Initial</i>
5. I have received a copy of the Rabies Brochure.	<i>Initial</i>
6. I have received a copy of my pet's medical records.	<i>Initial</i>

I declare that all the information presented here is true and correct; and that I have not knowingly omitted pertinent information.

Signature - Adopter

Date

Signature - TAILS Representative

Date

Staff Use

Adoption Fee: _____ Cash Check Credit Card

