

**Richland Animal Rescue & Equine Shelter (RARES)**  
**Home to Home - Animal Adoption & Liability Release Agreement**

It is agreed that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (Adoption Date),  
\_\_\_\_\_, herein referred to as Adopter, is adopting from

\_\_\_\_\_ (private owner) a canine/feline rescue dog/cat described

as follows: Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's Name: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Sex: Male/Female, Spayed/Nuetered: yes/no Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: approx. \_\_\_\_\_ pounds.

Unique or distinguishing markings:

\_\_\_\_\_

Micro chip # \_\_\_\_\_ (manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_)

**INSERT PHOTOS OF PET HERE**

**Adoption fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Form of payment: cash/check # \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter agrees to provide a responsible and loving home that is humane and meets all of the needs of the pet being adopted – physically, mentally and emotionally. No medically unnecessary cosmetic surgery (cropped ears, tail docking, etc) will be done to the dog by anyone in possession of the pet.

Periodic updates are appreciated. It is understood that the owner adopting the pet or a representative of Richland Animal Rescue & Equine Shelter (RARES), may make inquiries about the animal at any time to ensure the animal's welfare. Adopter agrees to respond to all inquiries in a timely manner (within 72 hours).

All transportation of the animal shall be in a secure, safe, and proper way. Animal shall not be transported in the open bed of a truck at any time. Cats shall be securely transported in a carry kennel while in a vehicle.

If the animal is no longer wanted or cannot be kept by Adopter, the Adopter will immediately notify and return the animal to the previous owner as soon as possible. If the Adopter has someone in mind to adopt the animal, it is agreed and understood that the previous owner and/or RARES will be a part of the adoption process to ensure proper placement of the pet into a good home.

Every attempt has been made to place a healthy sound animal. Adopter understands that there is no health or temperament guarantee expressed or implied by this contract, by any individual or organization. Medical records for the pet are to be provided by owner to adopter. Any medical expenses and/or damages incurred from the date of adoption are the sole responsibility of the Adopter. If a condition arises or is discovered after the adoption date, the Adopter may return the animal to the previous owner.

Adopter agrees to provide and pay for an annual veterinary exam and vaccines and any emergency care for the animal if a condition is apparent (or should be apparent). Anything attached to the dog – collar/harness -- shall be regularly inspected by Adopter (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month) for a proper fit and comfort. License and/or id tags of ownership shall be used by Adopter on the dog at all times. If this animal is ever lost or stolen, Adopter shall make every effort to find the animal and file official reports through law enforcement and the county animal control.

Adopter has been told of animal's known temperament and behavior by the owner adopting the pet and understands that a dog or cat is an animal with its own mind and that there are inherent risks with the ownership of any animal and will hold harmless and shall indemnify any individual person/organization associated with the animal's adoption, and agree to not hold the same liable or responsible in any way for anything that happens on and/or after the adoption date. The adopter agrees to

limit its sole legal remedy for any damages whatsoever against any individual and/or Richland Animal Rescue to the fee paid for this adoption.

This pet shall be under adult supervision at all times. It is agreed that extra care and responsibility shall be taken to ensure a harmonious and safe environment for both the pet and anyone that comes into contact with the pet at any time -- especially when allowing the dog or cat outside (pet theft) and introducing or allowing this pet to interact with people, children of any age, dogs, other animals, etc.

If any disagreements arise as a result of this adoption, the Court of Jurisdiction shall be in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of Michigan. If any portion of this agreement is found to be invalid by federal, state, or local laws, the remaining portions of the agreement shall remain in full force as allowed by law.

This agreement is the sole agreement between the parties. Any other representation whether oral or written that are not contained within this agreement are null and void.

**Adopter understands and agrees to comply with all of the above terms and conditions of this adoption agreement and I promise and agree to be solely responsible for this animal as of the adoption date. This Release of Liability and Indemnification shall apply to all known, unknown, and unanticipated damages resulting from my adoption, ownership, and control of the animal.**

Adoption Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Releasing Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for adopting a rescue pet!

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Owner contact info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ MI Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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