

# Mittenstar Ragdolls

Companion Ragdoll Kitten Contract - 01/01/2025

## Section 1.

This agreement is entered into to ensure the health and well-being of the cat and outline the responsibilities of the parties:

Hereinafter referred to as the **Breeder**: Loraine Rupinski - Mittenstar Ragdolls

Hereinafter referred to as the **Buyer**: NAME

**Phone Number**: 123-456-7890 **Email**: 123@123.com

**Address**: 1234 Street STATE Zip

**Description** of the Ragdoll Cat (hereinafter referred to as the "cat" or "kitten"):

**ID Name** (while under the care of the Breeder): NAME

**Color**: X Pointed

**Pattern**: White Mitted/Blaze/Bicolor/Other

**Sex**: Female / Male

**Sire**: NAME

**Dam**: NAME

**Date of Birth**: 01/01/2025

### Adoption Terms:

Non-Refundable Security Deposit: 500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars)

Total Purchase Price: XXXX.00 (XXXX Thousand Dollars)

**To be Paid In Full By**: 16 weeks old - 01/01/2025

*The Breeder's total liability, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be strictly limited to the original purchase price of the cat. This amount shall serve as the Buyer's sole and exclusive remedy at law or in equity, and is agreed upon as liquidated damages. It does not include any additional costs or expenses claimed by the Buyer.*

**Compliance with the terms of this Agreement is a condition of all health warranties and refund provisions.**

*Failure to meet these requirements may void any warranty or refund eligibility.*

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**We thank you for welcoming a Mittenstar Kitten into your family.**

Each kitten is raised with **love, dedication, and careful planning** to ensure the healthiest and happiest start in life. As raising a living animal involves occasional unpredictability, this agreement clearly outlines the responsibilities of all parties, balancing the fairness of commitment and care between the Buyer and the Breeder, prioritizing the best life possible for the cat.

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## Section 2.

### Kitten Information

**This cat has been raised with loving care by the Breeder and is, to the best of the Breeder's knowledge, in sound health and free from communicable diseases at the time of transfer to the Buyer.** The cat will have been examined by a licensed veterinarian at least twice to confirm good health as outlined below. Upon pickup, the Breeder will provide the Buyer with the cat's medical records, the results of parental DNA testing, and the kitten's purebred registration papers.

**By twelve (12) weeks of age, the kitten will have received the following veterinary care:**

Two (2) veterinary examinations for health assessment and sterilization surgery;

Two (2) 3-way FVRCP vaccinations administered by the veterinarian, spaced between 6 and 14 weeks of age;

Deworming treatments administered by the Breeder, including pyrantel pamoate (every 3–4 weeks),

praziquantel (once by 10 weeks), and fenbendazole (by 12 weeks).

*(The 3-way FVRCP is a single vaccination protecting against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia.)*

The cat will be surgically sterilized (spayed or neutered) prior to placement.

*While the Buyer is welcome to show the cat as an alter, the Breeder can make no guarantee regarding competition outcomes, even if the cat is considered show-quality.*

### Sale Agreements

**The security deposit of 500.00 is a non-refundable commitment** to retain the kitten from other potential adopters and will be applied toward the total purchase price. *If the Buyer cancels, the deposit remains non-refundable and the kitten may be immediately offered to other applicants. The Breeder reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to pickup; if so, all payments made by the Buyer will be refunded in full.*

The total balance **must** be paid in full before the Buyer may take possession of the cat. The Breeder accepts checks only if paid at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled pickup date; otherwise, cash may be used for the final balance.

**The kitten will be available for pickup between twelve (12) and sixteen (16) weeks of age, depending on sterilization recovery. The kitten must be paid for and picked up by sixteen (16) weeks of age, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing. If payment and pickup are not completed by that time without prior written agreement, the Buyer's reservation will be considered canceled, and the kitten may be offered to the next suitable home. In such cases, the deposit shall be retained by the Breeder as liquidated damages (not as a penalty) to cover continuing care and rehoming costs.**

The Buyer acknowledges that, as a living animal, the kitten's personality, appearance, and temperament may develop in ways that cannot be fully predicted. Final temperament and behavior will largely depend on the care, socialization, and conditioning provided during the first four to six months of life, for which the Buyer is primarily responsible. **Mittenstar Ragdolls has provided the Buyer with documents outlining recommended care practices to assist in the healthy integration of the kitten into their new home and to support the kitten's development into a well-adjusted adult personality.** The Buyer agrees to read the provided materials in full.

**Upon taking possession of the cat, the Buyer acknowledges that they assume full responsibility for all veterinary care and expenses.** The Breeder is not responsible for any veterinary costs incurred after transfer, including those related to a covered health warranty issue. Any refunds provided under this Agreement will be issued directly to the Buyer by the Breeder. The Buyer agrees that this sale is final. No refunds or replacements will be provided except as explicitly outlined within this agreement.

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## Section 3.

### Care Agreements

The Buyer agrees to provide the cat with **strictly indoor** housing, and to provide appropriate enrichment and care, including designated scratching areas, toys for physical and mental stimulation, high-quality nutrition with daily fresh food, water, and treats, regular parasite control, required vaccinations, and prompt veterinary care as needed for the life of the cat. The cat shall not be confined to live in a cage (with reasonable exceptions for travel, medical care, or emergency situations).

**The Buyer agrees never to declaw the cat.** Declawing is a surgical procedure that removes the claws and first joints of each toe, causing permanent pain, behavioral problems, and disability. **Any act of declawing will immediately void all warranties under this agreement.**

### Quarantine and Introductions

**The Buyer agrees to keep the kitten in a safe, cat-proofed, sanitized room,** isolated from other pets and from the dwelling at large, for a minimum of seven (7) to fourteen (14) days until the kitten acclimates to its new surroundings and to the Buyer. **Any exploration of the home after this initial period must be directly supervised during the first sixty (60) days.** No individuals outside the Buyer's immediate household may handle, interact with, or expose the kitten until all core vaccinations have been completed by twenty (20) weeks of age.

### Indoor Only Agreement

The Buyer acknowledges that outdoor exposure carries significant medical risks, including pathogens, parasites, and contaminants, and agrees not to take the kitten to any store, park, or outdoor location, except the veterinarian's office, until all core vaccinations are completed by twenty (20) weeks of age. **Any outdoor exposure before full vaccination will void any health warranties under this agreement.**

**The Buyer further acknowledges that the cat, being a Ragdoll, has been bred for trusting behavior and low self-preservation instincts, and agrees never to allow the cat to roam outdoors at any time.** After vaccination, the Buyer may take the cat on car rides in a secure carrier or allow *supervised* outdoor time using appropriate controls (i.e., providing an outdoor enclosure, a harness and leash, a pet stroller, or a secure carrier). *A collar alone is not sufficient, even when attached to a leash.*

## Allergies

It is the Buyer's responsibility to consider household sensitivities before bringing a cat home. However, the seventy-two (72) hour return window allows time for initial interaction, bonding, and ensuring the placement is a good fit. If anyone in the Buyer's household develops unexpected allergy symptoms, the Breeder must be notified within seventy-two (72) hours of taking possession. Please refer to the Return Policy section for more details.

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## Section 4.

### Vaccination Requirements

**The health warranties outlined in this agreement apply only if all vaccines are given individually, spaced by at least four (4) full weeks from any other vaccination, throughout the cat's life.**

As the owner of the cat, the Buyer is responsible for managing all future vaccinations and ensuring their veterinarian adheres to the **safest vaccine schedule** possible.

**The Buyer agrees to vaccinate the cat on the schedule outlined below with the 3-way FVRCP vaccine.**

*\* (FVRCP refers to a single vaccine protecting against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia.)*

**Safe Vaccination Schedule - Following AVMA guidelines:**

- One (1) FVRCP booster between **16–20 weeks** of age
- One (1) FVRCP booster between **12–18 months** of age
- One (1) FVRCP booster every **3 years** thereafter

**\* Rabies vaccinations may also be given when legally required but must be spaced at least four (4) weeks apart from any other vaccination.**

Example: if the FVRCP booster is administered at 16 weeks, Rabies vaccination should be administered at 20 weeks or later.

## Why Timing Matters

Vaccination is **controlled, direct exposure to a disease** in modified form to help build protective immunity.

**This process places significant physiological stress on the cat's immune system.**

**Adequate time must be allowed between each immune stimulation event to prevent vaccination injury.**

Accordingly, the Buyer acknowledges that improper vaccination timing may result in serious health consequences. The Buyer accepts full liability for any outcomes arising from deviation from the vaccination protocols outlined herein, including but not limited to:

- **Anaphylactic shock**
- **Chronic illness** due to immune suppression
- **Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)** triggered by vaccine-related immune response
- **Death**

**These risks are well-documented medical concerns - and are the reason many veterinarians require clients to sign vaccination injury waivers.**

The Buyer is encouraged to make vaccination decisions in consultation with a licensed veterinarian, with the cat's long-term health and safety as the highest priority. The Breeder's health warranty remains in effect when the vaccination protocol outlined in this agreement is followed. If any non-core vaccines are administered — including, but not limited to, feline leukemia virus (FeLV), chlamydia, bordetella bronchiseptica, or feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) — the Breeder is not liable for any resulting health complications, and the Buyer assumes full responsibility.

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## Section 5.

### A. Initial 3 Day / 72 Hour Health Warranty

The Breeder guarantees the kitten's health for seventy-two (72) hours after placement. **There is no requirement to visit a veterinarian for this warranty to be effective.** Once the kitten leaves the Breeder's care, their environment and potential exposure to disease can no longer be controlled. **The Buyer agrees to take the kitten directly home after pickup to reduce risk of exposure. If the Buyer chooses to visit a veterinarian during the**

**warranty period without a specific health concern, they accept the increased risk of disease exposure in clinical environments.** The Buyer is responsible for minimizing this risk by disinfecting carriers, keeping the kitten off all floors and surfaces, and avoiding contact with other animals.

During the seventy-two (72) hour warranty period, the Buyer agrees to monitor the kitten closely.

**If any signs of illness, injury, or abnormal behavior arise within the seventy-two (72) hour period, the Buyer agrees to seek prompt evaluation by a licensed veterinarian, initiate any recommended care, and notify the Breeder.**

The Breeder will work with the Buyer to determine the most appropriate course of action, depending on whether the Buyer wishes to pursue veterinary care and retain ownership, or return the kitten under the terms outlined in the Return Policy section. If the Buyer chooses to continue treatment and keep the kitten, a partial refund may be discussed at the Breeder's discretion. *This health warranty does not cover issues arising from abuse, neglect, accidents, ingestion of foreign objects, heatstroke, poisoning, runaway pets, injury from another animal or person in the Buyer's home, or any other illnesses or injury not attributable to the Breeder.*

## **B. 5 Year Health Guarantee**

The Breeder guarantees that the cat's parents have been genetically tested and are free from life-threatening genetic conditions, specifically Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) and Feline Polycystic Kidney Disease (FPKD). As a result, the cat is also guaranteed to be free of these conditions for five (5) years from its date of birth.

The cat is also guaranteed to be free from any fatal or serious congenital defects for five (5) years from the date of birth. If the cat is diagnosed with such a condition within this period, the Breeder will offer a replacement kitten within one (1) year. If no replacement is available within eighteen (18) months, the original purchase price will be refunded. The Breeder reserves the right to request a second opinion from a licensed veterinarian of their choosing.

In the event of sudden death or euthanasia during the warranty period, the Buyer must provide a necropsy report from a licensed veterinarian confirming that the death resulted from a congenital defect. The Buyer is responsible for obtaining the report, and must submit it to the Breeder within fourteen (14) days of the cat's death.

*For purposes of this agreement, "serious" is defined as a congenital defect that requires extensive care and / or results in a significantly shortened or severely compromised quality of life for the cat.*

## **C. Veterinary Care and Medical Returns**

The Buyer agrees to seek prompt veterinary care and provide necessary treatment should the cat become ill, injured, or is diagnosed with any chronic, congenital, or genetic condition.

If a significant illness or injury occurs during the five (5) year health guarantee, **the Buyer must notify the Breeder as soon as possible, or within 48 hours**, even if veterinary care has not yet begun. Early communication helps prevent delays, misdiagnoses, and missed care opportunities. Support from the Breeder is available at any time, even beyond the warranty period, and is intended to assist - not to control veterinary decisions - and to give each cat the best chance for a long, healthy life.

If a qualifying condition arises under the 5-year guarantee, a partial or full refund may be considered. However, the Buyer remains responsible for all veterinary expenses and is expected to pursue appropriate treatment if it is likely to maintain a good quality of life for the cat. If the Buyer is unwilling or unable to provide such care when effective and reasonable treatment is available, they must first offer to return the cat to the Breeder. The Breeder, at their sole discretion, may accept the cat, provide necessary care, and rehome the cat. In such cases, all rights to a refund or replacement are forfeited, although a rehoming payment may be negotiated following adoption and a review of veterinary costs.

A licensed veterinarian may determine that euthanasia is the only humane option — for example, in an emergency, when prognosis is poor, or when treatment would require unsustainable medical care. In such cases, the Buyer agrees to follow the post-mortem documentation guidelines in this Agreement.

*This clause reflects the Breeder's commitment to ethical care and emergency support, while helping avoid irreversible decisions when effective and affordable treatment (e.g., for FIP or common infections) is available.*

## D. Documentation Requirements

**All diagnoses must be made by a licensed veterinarian and supported by appropriate documentation to be considered valid under the warranties in this Agreement. In some cases, evaluation or grading by a board-certified specialist may be required.**

The Buyer agrees to provide the Breeder with full and timely access to all veterinary records, diagnostics, and related health documentation, especially in cases of illness, injury, or death.

Complete and unaltered records must be submitted within five (5) calendar days of the relevant event, diagnosis, or death, unless otherwise stated in this Agreement. Required records may include diagnoses, treatment plans, lab results, medical history, or necropsy reports, as applicable.

The Breeder reserves the right to communicate directly with any veterinarian involved in the cat's care, to request additional records or clarification, and to seek a second opinion from a licensed veterinarian of their choosing. **Health warranties, refunds, and replacement eligibility are contingent upon the Buyer's timely submission of accurate and complete documentation.**

## E. Feline Infectious Peritonitis

Feline Coronaviruses (FCoVs) are ubiquitous in the cat population, and cannot currently be prevented or vaccinated against. In rare and unpredictable cases, FCoV may mutate into Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), for which there is no available screening. **FIP is a serious and fast-moving disease, but treatment has a reported 98% success rate when initiated promptly.** Most successfully treated cats go on to live full and healthy lives. *As FIP is now a treatable condition, a diagnosis of FIP does not automatically qualify for a full refund or replacement unless the cat passes away despite timely and appropriate treatment.*

In the event of a diagnosis of FIP, the Buyer agrees to either begin antiviral treatment or return the cat to the Breeder **within twenty-four (24) hours** to initiate treatment. Prompt action is critical to a successful outcome, and the Breeder is available to assist the Buyer in navigating treatment options and resources.

**To support the Buyer through the treatment process, the Breeder agrees, as a limited exception to the general medical cost policy, to offer reimbursement for approved antiviral medications (including GS-441524, or other recognized antivirals for FIP treatment, if agreed upon in writing between the Buyer and the Breeder), subject to the following conditions:**

If the Buyer carries pet insurance, the Breeder will reimburse out-of-pocket antiviral medication costs not covered by insurance. If the Buyer does not carry pet insurance, the Breeder will reimburse up to fifty percent (50%) of the antiviral medication cost.

*Reimbursement is limited to the amount actually paid by the Buyer for approved antiviral medications and shall not exceed the original purchase price of the cat. The Buyer must submit proof of payment (invoice and receipt) within thirty (30) days of incurring the cost, along with all required veterinary records and supporting documentation as outlined in the Documentation Requirements section of this Agreement.*

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## Section 6.

### Return Policies

**The Breeder's priority is always the kitten's well-being.** While ownership of the cat transfers to the Buyer upon final payment and pickup of the kitten, the Breeder will accept the kitten back, for any reason, **within seventy-two (72) hours after pickup.** A refund of the purchase price, minus the non-refundable deposit, will be issued. The security deposit shall be retained by the Breeder as liquidated damages to offset costs associated with quarantine, veterinary care, and rehoming efforts. *Exception: If returned due to a veterinarian-diagnosed issue under the 72-hour health warranty, a full refund including the deposit will be provided.*

The Buyer is solely responsible for return transport and must return the cat to the Breeder within 72 hours of notifying the Breeder, or the refund is forfeited. **If no health concerns are documented by a licensed veterinarian and the Buyer does not initiate a return within the initial seventy-two (72) hours of transfer, the cat shall be deemed healthy, properly placed, and the sale will be considered final. Registration paperwork will be released to the Buyer at this time.**

After the initial seventy-two (72) hour period, no refunds will be provided for any return.

However, the Breeder will assist the Buyer in finding a suitable new home for the cat, **or will accept the cat back**

**at any time during its lifetime.** The Breeder is not a boarding service; returns for convenience or travel will not be accepted. A rehoming fee may be negotiated between the Buyer and the next adopter. If the cat is returned to the Breeder, this fee may be adjusted at the Breeder's sole discretion to reflect any medical, housing, or care costs incurred. *If the cat is subject to abuse, neglect, or if the Buyer threatens or intends to surrender the cat to a shelter, the Breeder reserves the right to reclaim the cat. The Breeder may involve animal control or legal assistance to ensure the cat's safety and enforce the terms of this agreement.*

### Transfer of Ownership

The Buyer may rehome the cat **to an appropriate pet home** with the Breeder's prior approval and by facilitating direct communication between the Breeder and the prospective new owner. The Buyer may set a rehoming fee; however, under no circumstances may the cat be sold or rehomed for an amount greater than the original purchase price paid by the Buyer.

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## Section 7.

### Normal Conditions

The Buyer acknowledges that the following conditions are considered normal in live animals, common within the breed, or typical during the adjustment period following rehoming. These conditions do not qualify the cat for refund, replacement, or warranty claims under this Agreement:

**Mild Respiratory Illness:** Sneezing, coughing, watery or red eyes, and nasal discharge are common in young animals due to developing immune systems and may also occur in response to vaccination with modified live viruses, and may require veterinary care. Environmental triggers such as dust, dander, or allergens encountered during the transition to a new home may cause similar symptoms.

**Gastrointestinal Parasites:** Routine deworming may be necessary beyond what the Breeder has provided. Young animals are particularly susceptible to parasites and minor digestive disturbances.

**Innocent (Physiologic) Heart Murmurs:** Mild heart murmurs may be detected due to stress or excitement during veterinary examinations. Official grading or diagnosis of any cardiac condition must be performed by a board-certified veterinary cardiologist.

**Ringworm (Dermatophytosis):** Although the cat is guaranteed to be free of active lesions at the time of transfer, kittens are highly susceptible to ringworm due to immature immune systems. Ringworm spores are ubiquitous in the environment and can persist indoors for over eighteen (18) months. The Buyer is responsible for minimizing exposure through proper hygiene and caution, particularly following contact with other animals or outdoor environments.

**Nystagmus and Strabismus:** Mild eye quivering (*nystagmus*) and crossed eyes (*strabismus*) are normal traits associated with the colorpoint gene present in Ragdoll cats, and may occur even when neither parent exhibits these traits. These are cosmetic in nature, do not typically affect vision, and are not considered signs of illness or neurological disorder within this breed.

**Test Results:** The Breeder cannot guarantee negative test results for common viruses, bacteria, parasites, or protozoa. A positive result may reflect harmless organisms, antibody responses without clinical illness, and/or reactions to recent vaccination with modified live virus (MLV) vaccines. **The Buyer acknowledges that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) does not recommend treatment based solely on positive antibody results when a cat is otherwise clinically healthy, as unnecessary treatment may contribute to the development of treatment-resistant infections.** *It is normal for healthy young animals to carry low levels of microorganisms or to possess antibodies to environmental exposures, even with proper vaccination and deworming.*

### Household Hazards

The Buyer acknowledges that many common household items and substances can pose serious health risks to cats and kittens. Hazards may include, but are not limited to, string-like materials, toys with small or detachable parts, open flames, essential oils, toxic plants (such as lilies), cleaning products, human foods, medications, and pet products intended for other species.

This list is not exhaustive. It is the Buyer's sole responsibility to research, identify, and minimize potential hazards to create a safe living environment for the cat.

The Breeder is not liable for any injury, illness, or death resulting from preventable exposure to dangerous or toxic substances, negligence, or failure to provide a safe environment.

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## Section 8.

### Resolution and Legal Agreements

**The Breeder will honor all guarantees and obligations as outlined in this Agreement.**

Any dispute arising between the parties shall be governed solely by the laws of Michigan. Unless otherwise required by law, the venue shall lie in the Breeder's home county at the time of the dispute.

The Buyer will be liable to the Breeder for any costs incurred, including court costs and attorney fees, associated with enforcing the terms of this contract. The Buyer agrees to waive, release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Breeder and her agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, expenses, or causes of action arising out of or related to the adoption and ownership of the cat after execution of this Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees, court costs, judgments, settlements, penalties, and any claims under applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances.

**The Breeder is committed to raising healthy, well-socialized kittens and working in good faith with the Buyer.**

In return, **the Buyer agrees to communicate in good faith** and allow the Breeder up to seven (7) calendar days to respond to any concerns, complaints, or disputes before initiating public complaints, refund requests, or financial chargebacks.

**The Buyer further agrees not to make or disseminate any defamatory, slanderous, libelous, or knowingly false statements about the Breeder** (Loraine Rupinski, Mittenstar Ragdolls, or any affiliated business or employer), whether written, verbal, or posted online. *As a hobby cattery, the Breeder's reputation is essential to building client trust and supporting future adoptions.* In recognition that reputational harm is difficult to quantify, verified violations of this provision shall result in liquidated damages of \$500.00 per instance, recoverable by the Breeder, and not as a penalty. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to prevent the Buyer from sharing honest opinions or reviews that are truthful and non-defamatory.

The Breeder maintains compliance with all state regulations and operates a clean and healthy cattery environment. False or extortionate threats made for the purpose of coercing financial compensation shall result in additional liquidated damages equal to twice the purchase price of the cat, plus court costs and attorney's fees if enforcement is required.

These obligations apply to any statements made by the Buyer or by any person acting on the Buyer's behalf.

*If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.*

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### Acknowledgment of Agreement:

**By signing below, the Buyer acknowledges that they have carefully read, fully understood, and voluntarily agreed to all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. The Buyer further acknowledges that they had the opportunity to ask questions and seek independent advice prior to signing. Digital signatures and typed names shall have the same force and effect as handwritten signatures.**

Signature of Seller: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 01/01/2025  
Loraine Rupinski - Mittenstar Ragdolls - - mittenstarragdolls@gmail.com

Signature of Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: NAME PRINTED