



Feline Adoption Contract

In adopting an animal from Peace Ridge Sanctuary (PRS) I understand that I am being held to a commitment and standard of care outlined by the following and I agree, totally and completely, to act in accordance to the following contract terms:

1. I acknowledge that care taking for an animal is a daily, long-term effort which must be routine and taken as a priority each and every day. By adopting an animal from PRS I agree to maintain a strict regimen of care for the animal that absolutely provides for the animal's physical, psychological and emotional needs, and well-being. I also agree that it is the job of the adult in my family (when applicable) to take primary responsibility for this animal - animal care will not be fully delegated to a child.
2. I agree to have the animal spayed and/or neutered (if applicable) during or before their sixth month of life, or at the earliest reasonable age according to my veterinarian and to provide proof of the completion of surgery to PRS promptly afterward.
3. I agree to PRS's indoor-only home policy for cats and will not allow my cat to have access to the outdoors, with the exception of safe enclosures like "catios" that keep cats safely contained without risking harm to wildlife or to themselves.
4. I will work to maintain a positive long-term relationship with the animal and will avoid using punishment techniques that inflict confusion, pain or isolation.
5. I guarantee that myself, my family, and/or any other associates will not be allowed to engage in negative interactions with this animal, or teach the animal behaviors that would potentially put in jeopardy the animal's place in my home and/or in society. If there is a child in the environment, the child will not be allowed to roughhouse, hug, corner, tease, sit or lay on, hurt, or otherwise put the cat's best interest in jeopardy. I will not engage in behaviors or allow others to engage in behaviors that compromise the health of the adoptee, including smoking (any substances).
6. I will have the animal vetted by a licensed veterinarian annually at minimum and whenever health concerns are apparent, without fail. I will not withhold veterinary care, including emergency care, for any reason. If for any reason I am not able to provide this care, I will contact PRS immediately. I will have the animal vaccinated and licensed as applicable and according to the laws of the state of my permanent residence. I will provide routine preventative care.

7. I agree that I will not have the animal de-vocalized, declawed, or otherwise aesthetically manipulated (tattooed or branded).
8. The animal will be fed a high-quality food that fits their needs throughout the span of its life (for example- growth, maintenance, senior). The animal's nutritional requirements will be taken seriously and adjusted to fit the needs of the animal if an issue should arise or I am advised to do so by my veterinarian. (For example- high quality means NOT Friskies, Purina, or generic brands, etc.- because of the potential health problems from these low-quality foods)
9. I will not have the animal euthanized for any other reason than for terminal illness which inflicts pain and/or severe discomfort to the animal, in the case of an accident where the animal will not recover, or when age or sickness has levied extremely poor quality of life for which there is no treatment. I acknowledge and agree that an animal should not be euthanized for behavioral reasons or because of my own "lifestyle choices."
10. I agree not to board the animal in a kennel. I will reach out for information about house sitters, home type boarding facilities, etc. if needed, and will line up quality, no stress care for my animal prior to needing it.
11. I agree that if I am no longer able to care for or home the animal, I will return the animal promptly to PRS. I also agree by signing this contract that I am not able to pass the animal along, or relinquish the animal to anyone but PRS if there comes a time where I am no longer able to care for the animal.
12. We attest that I/we understand that PRS makes no guarantees or statements regarding any animal's age, breed, health, or temperament. While PRS has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of animals, PRS is not able to guarantee any cat's medical status or history, behavior or disposition. I/We hereby release PRS and its employees, directors, members, and all representatives of any and all possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by any animal adopted by me/us to any person or property or relating to the health or temperament of the animal, including any expenses related thereto.

By signing this contractual agreement I promise that all information given in the adoption application is true, and I have not withheld or falsified any information I have given. I

understand and agree that if at any time PRS finds that I have falsified application information or broken the contractual agreement, that I may have to return the animal to the custody of PRS.

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____ **Dated:** _____

If there are two adopters, please both fill out.

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____ **Dated:** _____