

# ADOPTION AGREEMENT

## WASHINGTON HUMANE SOCIETY

### THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY

1201 NEW YORK AVE. N.E./WASHINGTON D.C. 20002

#### Animal Control Agency Adoption Rules

Please give careful consideration to adopting a pet. Animals are *not* toys or short term commitments. Make sure your lifestyle allows the time, patience and expense this animal will need *over the next 10 years or more*. Animals for adoption are placed with adoptors with full consideration given to the specific needs of each animal.

1. Animals are placed to live with the adoptor in a private residence only.
2. No animal, dog or cat, may be kept chained up or allowed to roam off the owner's property.
3. All animals *must* be sterilized (spayed or neutered). Adult animals will be sterilized prior to release. Immature animals must be sterilized by the adoptor no later than the date specified by the Animal Control Agency at the time of adoption.
4. Sterilization deposits must be made before adoption:  
Dogs: \$25.-\$45., depending on size.  
Cats: Males \$15., Females \$25.  
(Prices subject to change)
5. The adoptor must provide the animal with necessary veterinary care upon sickness, disease or injury. In addition, animals must be taken to a veterinarian once a year for routine vaccinations, etc.
6. Adopted animals must be kept inside at night and in inclement weather.
7. The adoptor must provide a sufficient quantity of wholesome, nutritious food to the animal each day and clean water must be available to the animal at all times.
8. The adoptor must provide a fully fenced yard or other humane means of exercise approved by the Animal Control Agency prior to adoption.
9. Persons living in apartments must have permission from the rental agent or the property owner.
10. Cats must not be declawed.
11. Animals must not be given away, sold or exchanged without the prior permission of authorized agents of the Animal Control Agency. If, for any reason, an adopted animal cannot be kept by the adoptor, it must be returned to the Animal Control Agency.
12. The Animal Control Agency reserves the right to investigate into the living conditions of any animal adopted from it and may reclaim any such animal being kept in violation of the rules and requirements of this Adoption Agreement.

#### Sterilization Requirements—District of Columbia Code, Title 6, Section 1007 of the Animal Control Act:

##### 6-1007 Adoption.

(a) The Mayor shall not release a dog for adoption unless the person adopting the dog obtains a license as provided in section 6-1004.

(b)(1) The Mayor shall not release a female animal over the age of six (6) months for adoption unless (A) the animal has been spayed and (B) the person adopting the animal has paid the expense of spaying.

(2) The Mayor shall not release a female animal under the age of six (6) months for adoption unless the person adopting the animal has paid the expense of spaying the animal. The person adopting the animal shall have it spayed before it becomes six (6) months of age.

(3) The Mayor shall not release a male animal over the age of ten (10) months for adoption unless (A) the animal has been neutered and (B) the person adopting the animal has paid the expense of neutering.

(4) The Mayor shall not release a male animal under the age of ten (10) months for adoption unless the person adopting the animal has paid the expense of neutering the animal. The person adopting the animal shall have it neutered before it becomes ten (10) months of age.

(5) The Mayor shall refund any money collected for the purpose of spaying or neutering an animal upon proof that the animal has been spayed or neutered by a private veterinarian.

I, Mary June Gordon/Ed Terry, the adoptor, have read and understand the Adoption Agreement and agree to abide by each of the twelve Adoption Rules and the requirements of Title 6, Section 1007 of the D.C. Code, set forth above.

The adoptor acknowledges receiving this day from the D.C. Animal Control Agency an animal described as

OSA Kim Kelly (m), Case # 71744, and agrees to have said animal neutered by 6-15-85.

The D.C. Animal Control Agency acknowledges receipt this day, from the adoptor, of \$ N/A adoption fee,

\$ 15- sterilization fee, and \$ N/A licensing fee.

The adoptor agrees to surrender to an agent of the D.C. Animal Control Agency any animal adopted from the same, should the animal be maintained in violation of the rules and requirements set forth in this Adoption Agreement.

C. Bell  
For the Animal Control Agency

11-2-84  
Date

Mary June Gordon  
Adoptor