

By Signing Below I hereby acknowledge that I am entering into a contract with the Kingston Humane Society and that the terms below are only a summary of the KHS Adoption Policies. I acknowledge that I was presented with, and given the opportunity to read, the KHS Adoption Policy at the time of adoption and I have read and understand the entire KHS Adoption Policy, and that I agree to abide by its complete terms.

1. Sterilization
 - i) **All animals must be sterilized either a) before the adoption or b) within 60 days of adoption, or by 8 months of age, whichever occurs last.**
 - ii) If the animal is not sterilized at the time of adoption, the owner must make the appointment for sterilization, and notify the Society of the details within 10 business days of the adoption date.
 - iii) The owner of the animal grants permission for the veterinary clinic to release details that will allow the Society to confirm the appointment details, and that the surgery took place on the stated date.
 - iv) Failure to have the animal sterilized within the period stated in paragraph 1.i. can, at the humane society's discretion, either, i) declare the adopter in breach of contract, which hereinafter means; this adoption is rendered null and void and the owner must immediately turn over ownership and possession of the the animal to the Society, or ii) the owner may be allowed to keep the animal after paying the Society a deposit of \$100.00 within 15 days of a written request for such deposit. This amount will be refunded to the adopter if the animal is subsequently sterilized within 60 days after the date on said written notice, failure to sterilize the animal in this new 60 day period, or to provide the deposit within the 15 days, will be deemed a breach of contract, or iii) the owner may be allowed to keep the animal without a deposit if a mutually agreeable arrangement is made. Failure to meet the conditions of this new arrangement will be deemed a breach of contract.
 - v) Unaltered animals may be given a discount voucher that can only be used at participating clinics, towards the cost of a spay or neuter surgery.
 - vi) Only a letter from a licensed veterinarian, stating that it is not medically advisable to sterilize this animal, will allow the adopter to forgo meeting these conditions.
2. The adopter will adhere to all laws and by-laws concerning the animal.
3. The above described animal shall be kept in the possession of the adopter's immediate family for a minimum of one year and be humanely treated for the animals life. The adopter will not permit the animal to be used for any experimental or vivisection purposes whatsoever.
4. No adoptions of animals to people under 18 years of age.
5. The Society reserves the right to conduct a home visit within 90 days of the adoption or as a pre-qualification to adoption. This visit may, or may not be required, and is at the discretion of the Executive Director.
6. **Once the animal is in your possession, and the adoption agreement has been signed, you are solely responsible for the care, welfare and medical costs incurred as a result of owning this animal.**
7. It is strongly recommended that you take your animal to a veterinarian for a complete check-up upon completion of the adoption, and sign up for any free pet insurance trials that may be offered to you as a result of this adoption.
8. If you must return your animal, you have 30 days from adoption to do so. The Society does not give refunds, but you will be given a credit for the original adoption fee paid, and will have 1 year in which to apply for adoption of another animal or the credit is forfeited.
9. If any of the Terms of Section 1. Sterilization, are not met, or the Society deems the health or well-being of the adopted animal is in immediate danger, the owner agrees to turn over ownership and possession of the animal to the Kingston Humane Society, pending a full investigation. The Society may, at it's discretion return the animal to the adopter after such investigation, and may or may not require the adopter to pay any and all reasonable fees associated with caring for/treating said animal.
10. THE ADOPTER ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND LIABILITIES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH ADOPTING AND CARING FOR THIS ANIMAL. THE ADOPTER, OR THE ADOPTOR'S AGENT, OR HEIRS, AGREES TO HOLD THE SOCIETY HARMLESS FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF INJURY AS A RESULT OF ADOPTING/OWNING/CARING FOR THIS ANIMAL.
11. Specifically the adopter agrees that he/she has been notified about the following known issues with this animal (this list is not meant to offer advice or care instructions and is for reference only):
