

**ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEERS OF TEXAS (ASVT)
ADOPTION INFORMATION AND RECEIPT**

Thank you for adopting a rescue animal. This document will serve as your receipt.

You should receive a copy of your new pet's kennel card along with this receipt. The kennel card provides you with your pet's medical records as well as his/her Animal ID number.

It is a good idea to **take your new pet to your regular veterinarian within 72 hours of adoption**. Please show your veterinarian the kennel card so that he/she will know what immunizations and treatments have been done. Many local veterinarians will waive the first exam fee for recently adopted rescue animals.

The full adoption fee for your pet includes spay/neuter surgery, microchip, pain medication, appropriate vaccinations and heartworm test (for dogs over six months of age) or FIV/FelV Combo test (for cats over six months of age). If you have adopted a puppy or kitten, they will have received at least their first two rounds of vaccinations.

Puppies should receive a series of three parvovirus/distemper vaccines, one Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccine and, at four months of age, a rabies vaccination. The kennel card will indicate what vaccines your puppy has received thus far. We recommend that rescue puppies receive their series of three parvovirus/distemper vaccines two to three weeks apart. You will need to go to your veterinarian or a veterinary clinic for those vaccinations. **Not included in the adoption fee are: any additional vaccines and an e-collar (used to prevent the pet from licking or chewing on surgery site), if your pet is to have spay/neuter surgery.**

Kittens should receive a series of three FVRCP vaccinations and, at four months of age, a rabies vaccination. The kennel card will indicate what vaccines your kitten has received thus far. We recommend that rescue kittens receive their series of three FVRCP vaccines two to three weeks apart. You will need to go to your veterinarian for these vaccinations. **Not included in the adoption fee are: any additional vaccines and an e-collar (used to prevent the pet from licking or chewing on surgery site), if your pet is to have spay/neuter surgery.**

Puppies and kittens, will be given their rabies vaccination and microchip (included in your adoption fee) when they are spayed or neutered, if the surgery is completed by ASVTs preferred veterinary clinic, Texas Litter Control. You will be called by an ASVT volunteer to schedule your surgery appointment date. Please remember that you are **REQUIRED BY LAW** to have your new pet altered. All pets remain the property of the ASVT until alteration surgery is complete and your adoption is finalized. **Please remember that all animals must be fully vaccinated before surgery.**

It is your responsibility to register your pet's microchip online, by phone, or by mail. You will receive a form when your pet is microchipped. **YOUR PET IS NOT REGISTERED UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.**

Care of your new pet is your personal and financial responsibility. If however, your pet shows signs of illness within 10 days of adoption, please call Kathy Joslyn at 936-537-5768 to arrange for evaluation and treatment by a veterinarian at no cost to you. Please be aware that our resources are somewhat limited – your best option for pet care is always with your private veterinarian.

Thank you again for adopting a rescued animal!

Received from: _____ (Owner)

The sum of \$ _____ cash/check/PayPal (circle one) as adoption fee for Animal ID# _____

Date: _____ Adoption Coordinator: _____

Animal Shelter Volunteers of Texas (ASVT)

Conditional Adoption Contract

I, the undersigned Adopter, understand and agree to the following terms of this contract in order to adopt the dog / cat further described within this document. I understand that non-compliance with the terms of this agreement gives the Animal Shelter Volunteers of Texas (ASVT) the right to reclaim this animal without refund of the adoption fee or other compensation. The contract shall remain in effect for the life of the animal, or until the return of the animal to ASVT. **The contract is conditional unless or until the animal is altered.**

Description of Dog / Cat:

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age _____ DOB: _____

Sex: _____ Spay/Neuter: _____ Color/Description: _____

Animal ID# _____ Microchip Number: _____

Spay/Neuter Surgery Date/Location: _____

Terms and Conditions of the Adoption Contract:

_____ An adoption fee of _____ will be collected from the adopter at the time of adoption. This amount includes / does not include a refundable deposit of _____.

_____ **I agree that I will keep and care for this animal in a safe and humane manner, and as a family pet and companion. The animal will have appropriate food, water, shelter, compassionate treatment and medical care for the duration of its life.**

_____ I agree not to sell or allow the animal to be used for purposes of vivisection, experimentation, dog fighting or any criminal activity that abuses, neglects or injures this animal.

_____ I agree to abide by all state and local animal control and leash laws. I understand it is my responsibility to become familiar with these laws and to license the animal according to all regulations.

_____ I will not permit the animal to run at large or to become a public nuisance. I will keep means of identification on the animal at all times. I will immediately retrieve the animal from any public or private shelter when notified the animal is being held at any such locations. In the event the animal becomes lost, I will make every reasonable effort and attempt to locate and claim the animal.

_____ **I shall inform ASVT if I am no longer able to care for this animal and with sufficient time for ASVT to exercise their retained Right of First Refusal and to reclaim the animal.**

_____ I agree to provide ASVT the name and contact information of a person who has agreed to take responsibility for this pet in the event I can no longer care for it. ASVT agrees to keep this information with the pet's record

_____ I understand that the information provided to me about this animal may have been received by ASVT from third parties and that ASVT does not warrant the accuracy or correctness of such information.

_____ I understand that ASVT, its volunteers, agents, servants or representatives make no guarantees or warranties regarding the health or temperament of this animal. I agree to be fully and solely responsible for this animal, and for any damages that may result from its actions. ASVT, its directors, officers, volunteers, agents, servants or representatives, shall not be held liable for the behavior of this animal or any damages it may cause.

_____ If the animal is not altered at the time of release pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Health and Safety Code §828.002, I agree and commit to having the animal sterilized within 30 days from the date of this contract. I further agree to provide proof of sterilization to ASVT within 7 days of such procedure. I understand that failure to do so will result in the issuance of a citation for a violation of the Texas Health and Safety Code §828.002.

_____ I understand ASVT reserves the right to terminate this contract and I MUST return the animal immediately if the animal is not altered within the prescribed time above.

_____ I understand that my refundable deposit will be returned after I submit proof of spay/neuter surgery. Acceptable proof is a copy of the invoice or a certificate of spay/neuter.

_____ I am aware of and will be responsible for providing the (2nd / 3rd) set of puppy/kitten vaccines (DAPPv / Bordetella / FVRCP) on _____ (date) as well as all future vaccinations.

I enter into this contract of my own free will and understand that this is a binding contract enforceable by civil law. I am 21 years of age or older.

Adopter's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Adopter's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

The person who has agreed to care for this pet in the event I am no longer able to is: _____

To the best of my knowledge, this companion animal has no defects which make it unsuitable as a family pet and all information contained in this contract is true and correct. I certify that this companion animal has never bitten or injured any human.

ASVT Signature: _____ Date: _____

ASVT Representative: _____

Foster's Name and Contact Information: _____

Brand of Food and Daily Amount: _____



ASVT Spay/Neuter Policy and Procedures

- All pets adopted from ASVT **MUST** be spayed or neutered
 - If not spayed/neutered prior to adoption, surgery must be scheduled ASAP
- ASVT uses Texas Litter Control (TLC) for the majority of surgeries
 - Other local veterinarians may be used for special circumstances (age or health of pet)
 - Texas Litter Control has three locations:
 - Spring - near Rayford/Sawdust exit on I-45
 - Magnolia - near intersection of Hwy 249 and FM 2920
 - Humble - near intersection of I-69 and FM 1960
 - Visit <https://www.texaslittercontrol.org> for more information about the services provided by TLC.
- If your pet has not been spayed or neutered, an ASVT volunteer will email you to schedule an appointment at TLC
 - The adoption fee includes the surgery, microchip insertion, pain medication for two days and, if needed, rabies vaccine and DAPPv (Distemper/Parvo vaccine) for dogs, FVRCP (feline rhinovirus vaccine) for cats.
 - If age appropriate, a heartworm test (dogs) or FIV/FelV Combo test (cats) is also included in the adoption fee.
 - The adoption fee does not include: e-collars (to prevent your pet from bothering the surgery site), or any preventatives (flea, heartworm, dewormers)
 - If these are desired, they may be purchased at check-in for surgery
- You may have your pet spayed or neutered by your family's veterinarian
 - When the ASVT volunteer contacts you about scheduling surgery, please let them know you intend to have the surgery done at your family's veterinarian and the approximate date of surgery
 - Upon submittal of proof of surgery to ASVT, your \$100.00 (dogs)/\$50.00 (cats) deposit will be returned to you
 - ASVT will also return \$85.00 for dogs, \$35.00 for cats of the adoption fee, which is ASVTs average cost of the spay/neuter surgery.
- Please send any questions or concerns to ASVTexas@gmail.com, ATTN: Spay/Neuter Coordinator

Microchip Registration

A microchip can help them get back home to you, IF you have registered the microchip with your contact information.

- You should receive information about registering the microchip from ASVT or Texas Litter Control (if their services are used).
 - If this information is not included in the paperwork you've received, please contact ASVT at ASVTexas@gmail.com, Attn: Microchip Registration
- All microchip suppliers (Found Animals, Home Again, 911PetChip, etc) have online or telephone registries
 - Some of the suppliers also offer paid services when you register the microchip
 - You are not limited to registering the microchip with only the supplier
 - You may choose to register the microchip with one or more free microchip registries. A couple of free registries are:
 - Free Pet Chip Registry, <https://www.freepetchipregistry.com>
 - Michelson Found Animals Foundation, Inc. <https://www.foundanimals.org>.

If your pet is ever lost, one of your first steps should be to contact the microchip company/registry. Make sure your contact information is up to date.

- If your pet is taken to a shelter, veterinarian office or pet supply store, they will be checked for a microchip and you will be contacted.
- For more information on steps to take if your pet is lost, please visit our website, www.ASVTexas.org, <Educate <Lost and Found

What Do I Need to Do/Know Now?

NOW that you have adopted your pet:

- **It is recommended that you take your pet to a veterinarian within the first few days of adoption.** In most cases we don't know your new pet's entire medical history. Your veterinarian is the best source of information for your pet's health.
- **The sooner you spay or neuter your pet, the better your pet's health will be in the future.** As long as a kitten or puppy weighs more than four (4) pounds and is at least eight (8) weeks old, they can be spayed or neutered. The longer a female goes unspayed, the greater the likelihood of developing mammary tumors or ovarian or uterine cancers.
- The majority of the animals adopted from ASVT have been in a foster home for two weeks or longer. Even so, some of the animals may have been exposed to illnesses and/or parasites. Some diseases have a long incubation period so the illness may not become apparent until after the animal has been adopted.
- **Parasites and worms are not uncommon** and can be easily (and inexpensively) treated by your veterinarian.
- **Kennel cough is a term loosely used to describe a complex of infections** – both viral and bacterial – that causes inflammation of a dog's voice box and windpipe. It is a form of bronchitis and is similar to a chest cold in humans.
- **Feline Upper Respiratory Infection (URI) is common in cats** that have been exposed to a lot of other cats such as in animal shelters. URI is similar to a common cold in humans. URI is rarely fatal and usually clears up within one to three weeks.
- **Your pet's feeding schedule and brand of food has changed.** This can cause gastric distress (diarrhea) in your animal. It may take several days for your pet to adjust to a new food. Any signs of blood, mucus or worms should be considered more of a concern and your pet should be taken to your family veterinarian.

Be patient and understanding.

- A new home is stressful. Your pet will need time to acclimate to their new home and family.
- Pay close attention to your pet's behavior. Maintaining a routine or schedule will help meet your and your pet's expectations.
- Introducing your new pet to your other pets: Move slowly during the introduction process to increase your success. A great resource for introduction guidelines;
 - For Dogs: http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/introducing_new_dog.html
 - For Cats: http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/cats/tips/introducing_new_cat.html

To Foster or Volunteer: Visit our website: www.ASVTexas.org

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To Donate via check: ASVT, PO Box 476, Montgomery TX 77356



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