

This Adoption Agreement (“Agreement”) is executed on the date written below between Carver Scott Humane Society (“CSHS”) and the individual(s) listed above as the Adopter(s) (whether singular or plural, “Adopter”). CSHS agrees to provide to Adopter the companion animal named above (“Animal”), and the Adopter agrees to adopt the Animal according to the terms and conditions below:

1. Adopter shall pay the Adoption Fee listed above at the time of executing this Agreement. Adopter shall fully reimburse CSHS for any applicable bank fees in the event Adopter’s check is returned NSF, plus a \$50 fee.
2. Adopter shall provide humane care for the Animal at all times including, without limitation, suitable housing, food, water, veterinary care, identification and loving attention. Adopter agrees to contact CSHS for advice and assistance if it has difficulty providing humane care for the Animal. In the event Adopter is unable to provide humane care for the Animal, Adopter agrees to give CSHS the first option to reclaim the Animal. CSHS will not refund the Adoption Fee.
3. Adopter is solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in caring for the Animal after the execution of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any costs incurred for care, food, shelter, veterinary care, licensing, or any other expenses associated with ownership of a companion animal. CSHS is not liable to Adopter for any costs and expenses incurred in caring for the Animal after the execution of this Agreement. **CSHS has given the Animal limited veterinary care due to COVID-19 pandemic and will make the Animal’s veterinary records in its possession available to the Adopter upon request.**

ADDENDUM:

Due to societal changes made necessary by COVID-19, certain veterinary procedures including (but not limited to) sterilization surgery (aka spay/neuter) have been deemed non-essential. If you are adopting an animal that has not yet been sterilized, you shall agree to one of the following options:

1. Work with CSHS, who will schedule and pay for the sterilization surgery at one of our participating veterinary partners at a time to be determined once the COVID-19 health crisis has passed; or
2. Have the surgery performed at your own veterinary clinic, **at your own expense**, once the COVID-19 health crisis has passed and veterinary clinics are again providing surgical services. The adoption fee, which covers part of the cost of sterilization, is not refundable. Your vet must email or fax CSHS a copy of the record stating that the surgery was performed.
3. You shall agree to keep your unsterilized animal away from other unsterilized animals of the opposite sex and same species. If this agreement is broken, CSHS may re-take possession of the animal.
4. Adopter is encouraged to consult his/her own veterinarian within seven (7) business days of adoption. A list of veterinarians in the community who offer health screenings is included in the adoption materials.
5. CSHS has limited knowledge of the Animal’s health, behavior, ownership, or environment prior to coming in to our care. CSHS makes no warranties concerning the Animal’s condition, health, prior ownership or history, inherent nature, disposition, behavior, or any other quality of the Animal. Adopter understands that animals are inherently unpredictable, and therefore agrees to assume any and all risks, known or unknown, associated with the ownership of the Animal.

6. Adopter agrees to pay all legal expenses incurred by CSHS in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs).
7. Adopter agrees to accept full responsibility for the Animal and its conduct. Adopter covenants that he/she will bring no claim or action against CSHS, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or agents related in any way to the Animal. Adopter shall indemnify and hold harmless CSHS, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents for any claims related in any way to this Agreement or the conduct of the Animal (including payment of CSHS's reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and any other legal expenses).

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT: