



ADOPTION CRITERIA AND CONTRACT

Once an animal is rescued, our job is not done until a permanent, loving home is found. PATA makes a lifetime commitment to each of the animals who fall under our care and for that reason we have certain criteria for adoption and require you to commit to certain terms and conditions. Because we are in the position to know (as much as one can know) the animals in our care, please trust us if we suggest a certain animal is not suited to you. We pride ourselves in facilitating happy owner-animal relationships and it is of utmost importance to us that you not only love your new pet, but that your new pet loves you!

ADOPTION CRITERIA

- 🐾 No animals will be adopted to students living in dorms.
- 🐾 No animal shall be adopted to an individual without approval of all adults at the residence.
- 🐾 Animals are not adopted as gifts. If the animal is a gift to someone, the recipient must be present at the adoption interview and sign the adoption papers. The home visit will be made to the recipient's home.
- 🐾 Except in special circumstances, dogs must have a fenced yard suitable to the size and breed of the dog. Animals will not be adopted in situations that would require the dog being chained, roped or leashed.
- 🐾 The pet will not be left unattended for a long period of time while confined.
- 🐾 All animals shall receive humane care, including but not limited to: adequate water, food, shelter, sanitation, exercise, personal attention and veterinary and dental care.
- 🐾 Adopting persons must commit to having the animal examined yearly by a licensed veterinarian and provide medical care, heartworm prevention for dogs and all required vaccinations, most importantly rabies vaccinations.
- 🐾 A home visit may be made prior to the adoption of every animal, as well as one after the adoption has occurred, at the discretion of PATA. No adoption will be considered final until all paperwork is finalized and PATA representatives are satisfied with the living conditions the adopted animal will be going to.
- 🐾 PATA asks that if due to unforeseen circumstances in the future, the adoptive family can no longer care for the adopted animal, that they return the animal to PATA.
- 🐾 In the event of adopting a puppy, the adopters are advised to attend puppy classes, the details of which will be given on adopting the puppy.
- 🐾 Adoption of any animal from PATA requires that you purchase (at least) a collar, lead, name tag, suitable bed and food and water bowls for the animal beforehand. PATA representatives have the right to ask to see these items before the adoption is finalized.
- 🐾 While we do strive to have all our animals spayed / neutered before adopting them out, sometimes this is not possible. If for some reason (as in the case of young animals) the animal has not been spayed / neutered, the adopting family is required to have the animals spayed / neutered at no later than 6 months of age. This applies to all animals. PATA does not condone the breeding of any animals, and should this condition be breached at any time, PATA has the right to confiscate the animal on a permanent basis.
- 🐾 PATA is against the practice of tail docking, ear clipping, de-clawing or any other procedure that physically alters the appearance of an animal. No PATA animal may have these procedures performed on them at any time. If any such a procedure does occur at any time without a valid medical reason, PATA has the right to confiscate the animal permanently. The animal will then be re-homed.

ADOPTION CONTRACT

I do hereby confirm and undertake that:

- 🐾 I am over eighteen (18) years of age.
- 🐾 I will not part with possession of the animal except to return it to PATA If for any reason I am unable to keep it. In the event that I fail to do so, I agree that I will be liable to pay to PATA all costs which they may incur in obtaining confirmation that the animal has been homed to a suitable person, with suitable premises. In the event that this is not the case, I also agree that I will be liable for all costs which PATA may incur, including all legal costs on an attorney and client scale, in recovering possession of the animal.
- 🐾 I will give the animal a fair chance to adjust to its new home and seek behavioral help if necessary.
- 🐾 I understand that donations are not refundable or transferable.
- 🐾 I will feed and house the animal to PATA's satisfaction.
- 🐾 I will not chain or cage the animal, and understand that if it is found chained or caged, it will be removed from my care immediately.
- 🐾 I can afford the services of a private veterinary practitioner.
- 🐾 I will ensure that vaccinations are kept up to date and in the case of injury or illness, professional veterinary treatment will be provided.
- 🐾 I will ensure that the animal is sterilized as stipulated by PATA, if not already done when adopted.
- 🐾 I will identify my dog with at least a collar and identification tag.
- 🐾 My property is adequately enclosed and at no time shall I knowingly allow my dog to roam the streets.
- 🐾 I will permit an authorized officer of PATA to visit my premises for up to 6 months after adoption, to be assured that the animal is being treated in accordance with this Policy, and I will allow PATA to repossess the animal, if the terms of this policy are not being reasonably adhered to.
- 🐾 I will not use or allow the animal to be used as a watchdog on any industrial or commercial premises.
- 🐾 I will not allow the animal to participate in any organized fights under any circumstances.

By signing this document I accept the Adoption Criteria and agree to abide by all terms, conditions and criteria of this contract. In the event of a breach of the adoption contract, PATA has the right to permanently remove the adopted animal from my care.

OWNER SIGNATURE

DATE