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ANIMAL ADOPTION CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO NEW GUARDIANS OF SHELTER ANIMALS

I, _____, HEREBY ADOPT _____
(applicant) (description/name of new pet)

FROM THE TOWN OF PRINCETON SHELTER AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY
CERTAIN PRINCIPLES OF RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNERSHIP, INCLUDING:

- **PROTECT:** Protect my new animal and my community.
- **CONTROL:** Keep my new animal in my possession and control at all times.
- **ABIDE:** Abide by applicable Massachusetts General Laws, Bylaws of the Town of Princeton (or the applicable bylaws or ordinances of my home municipality), and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder.
- **CARE:** Care for my new animal humanely.
- **REDUCE:** Have my new animal spayed/neutered to help reduce the number of unwanted animals in shelters.
- **RETURN:** There is no adoption trial period, but I will return my new animal to the Town of Princeton Shelter and not give it to anyone else if, within sixty (60) days, I wish to relinquish custody for any reason. I may be charged a surrender fee, at the discretion of the Town of Princeton Shelter, depending on my reasons for surrender, including medical and vaccination history, length of time I have owned the pet, and the condition of the pet when I surrender him or her.

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My initials next to each requirement below serve to show that I acknowledge each statement and agree to the terms of this adoption.

____ I am at least eighteen (18) years of age

____ I understand that I am not purchasing a pet but adopting and saving the life of an orphaned pet; therefore, any donation I make to the Town of Princeton Shelter is wholly voluntary and is not refundable for any reason.

____ I adopt this animal for myself and my family, and not as a gift or companion for anyone residing outside the home address below.

____ I am prepared to keep this pet for its entire life, and I am prepared for all aspects, including emotional and financial, of pet ownership.

____ I will treat my new pet as a member of my family and will not use him or her for experimental or breeding purposes.

____ My entire family is in agreement with this adoption. None of my family members has pet allergies that cannot be controlled with medication. I have considered the compatibility of my new pet with any other pets living in my household.

____ I assume all responsibility for providing proper shelter, food, water, exercise, medical care, and humane treatment at all times for my new pet.

____ If my new pet is not yet spayed/neutered, I have provided the Town of Princeton Shelter with a thirty dollar (\$30.00) deposit. I will have my new pet spayed/neutered within sixty (60) days of adoption or within sixty (60) days of when my new pet reaches six (6) months of age, whichever is later. Once I provide proof to the Town of Princeton Shelter that my new pet has been spayed/neutered in accordance with this Agreement, my deposit will be returned to me.

____ Either I own my own home and have provided the Town of Princeton Shelter with proof of home ownership, or I have provided the Town of Princeton Shelter with a copy of my lease or a letter from my landlord certifying that I am allowed to keep this pet in my apartment. If I rent an apartment, I have provided the Town of Princeton Shelter with a telephone number for my landlord and authorize the Town of Princeton Shelter to call my landlord to verify the pet policy.

____ I will abide by all pet licensing laws, leash laws, and other applicable laws of my home municipality, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the United States of America.

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_____ I agree to take my new pet to a veterinarian for a checkup within ten (10) days of adoption and to visit a veterinarian for all required vaccinations and other medical treatment.

_____ I understand that failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in confiscation of my new pet. I allow the Town of Princeton Shelter to contact me in the future for purposes of ensuring that the terms and conditions of this agreement have been upheld.

_____ I understand the Town of Princeton Shelter accepts no responsibility for the present or future condition or actions of my new pet. I hereby release the Town of Princeton Shelter from any and all liability associated with any illness of my new pet or any damage, accident, or injury caused by my new pet. I understand that the Town of Princeton Shelter is not responsible for the conduct or temperament of my new pet.

Signature

Date

Print Name

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