

# Adoption Terms and Conditions

## Please read the following conditions or terms:

- 🐾 I will abide by all Local, State and Federal laws that pertain to my new pet.
- 🐾 I will not allow my pet to become a public nuisance because of loud or frequent barking, biting or intimidating passersby, running loose or any other behavior that may infringe upon the rights of others.
- 🐾 I realize that I must *IMMEDIATELY* remove and properly dispose of any waste from my pet on any property.
- 🐾 I understand that any comment that an animal may be good with children or other animals or is housebroken is based upon information provided by the previous owner if previous owner is known.
- 🐾 I will have my pet spayed/neutered by the date specified in the Spay/Neuter agreement, if applicable.
- 🐾 I will provide proper and sufficient food and fresh water daily to my new pet.
- 🐾 I will have adequate facilities at my residence that will protect my new pet from the elements and provide a space that will allow him/her to move freely about and not be required to lie, sit or stand in his/her own excrement.
- 🐾 I will provide all veterinary treatment that my new pet may require throughout his/her lifetime.
- 🐾 I will return him/her to LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter if I am unable to properly care for my new pet.
- 🐾 I will not sell, give away or abandon my new pet without first contacting LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter.
- 🐾 I will not mistreat, abuse, fight or use my pet for experimental or medical research purposes OR allow anyone else to do so.
- 🐾 I will allow LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter to review my home at any reasonable time and to remove my pet if the home is unsuitable or if the officers determine that my pet is being neglected or mistreated in any way.
- 🐾 I will pay all reasonable costs, including court costs and attorney fees, incurred by LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter in enforcing this contract if I fail to comply with its terms

I understand that LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter makes no representations or guarantees about any animal's temperament or health and that a pet's behavior may change after it leaves the shelter and accustoms itself to a new home.

I understand that the County of LaPorte will not be liable for any future injury or damage which may be caused by my new pet.

I understand that the County of LaPorte makes every effort to adopt only healthy animals but makes no guarantee or representations about any animal's health and will not be liable for any future veterinary care or treatment the animal may need.

I understand that LaPorte County Animal Shelter will be contacting my veterinarian for vaccination and health histories for any pets that I have owned and authorize him/her to release that information to LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter. I am also aware that if my current pets are not up to date, the adoption may be delayed until they are vaccinated and acquire the immunity provided by the vaccines. Please be considerate of any delays. We are only trying to ensure that our pets are placed in the best possible homes.

LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter reserves the right to deny an application for any reason(s). These reasons may include but will not be limited to: misinformation given on this application, unvaccinated pets, inadequate facilities, past record of nuisance pets, recommendation of veterinarian or other animal welfare organization, history of animal abuse or neglect, or already at the maximum number of pets.

**\*\*\*Note: We strongly recommend that pets be closely supervised when they are with children\*\*\***