



Camden County Animal Shelter
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Camden County Animal Shelter Adoption Contract Information Form

In order to ensure the best homes for the Camden County Animal Shelter's animals, all adopters must read through, understand, and agree to abide by the following policies and procedures, which are included in the final contract.

Adopter Information

- You, the Adopter, will live with the animal in a place that permits the type of/number of animals you are adopting.
- You have permission from all family members to adopt the animal, and all family members agree to abide by the policies set forth by CCAS.
- You represent that you have never been subject to legal action for cruelty to or neglect of animals. You further represent that you have never owned an animal which has been confiscated by animal control or a humane organization for violations of state or local regulations or laws.

Home Care

- You, the Adopter, will provide the animal with a permanent home for life. You will not abandon the animal or allow it to be used for research, scientific, or experimental purposes. In the event you are unable to keep the animal, you will make every effort to find it a loving home, which you must have approved by CCAS, or you will surrender the animal to CCAS and pay the additional related fees. Refunds will NOT be given.
- You will provide the animal with fresh water, wholesome food, clean living conditions, adequate exercise, and affection daily. The animal will be treated as a companion and family member.
- You agree to have the animal registered/licensed in your township, and the animal will always wear a collar with proper identification. If the animal should become lost, you will make every effort to find the animal including notifying local shelters, animal control, police, and veterinarians.

Veterinary Care

- You, the Adopter, agree to provide the proper veterinary care for the lifetime of the animal, beginning with a well visit within 7 days of adoption. You will schedule this visit PRIOR to picking up the animal from the shelter and will supply the shelter with the veterinary office, date, and time of the well visit appointment.
- You agree, that at the mandatory well visit, your veterinarian will determine the health of your animal. If your veterinarian finds the animal has a serious medical condition, and you are unable to afford the additional unforeseen medical expenses, you may bring the animal AND the veterinary records detailing the condition to CCAS, and either receive a refund or choose another animal. Unfortunately, CCAS is not a fully staffed animal hospital, so every animal cannot receive every test to diagnose all non-symptomatic conditions, so they may go unfound prior to adoption. If you choose to keep the animal, CCAS cannot and will not be responsible for any medical expenses after adoption.
- You will provide prompt veterinary care to the animal if illness or injury should occur, and you will keep all the animal's vaccinations current including rabies and DHLPP vaccines for dogs, and rabies and FVRCP vaccines for cats.
- You agree the animal will be spayed/neutered. This service is provided by CCAS on all animals prior to adoption unless it is unsafe due to age or medical condition, in which case an appointment will be scheduled at the time of adoption for you to bring the animal to our clinic. Adopters wishing to have the animal spayed/neutered at their own veterinarian may do so at their own expense, but must provide CCAS with a certificate of spay/neuter afterwards. A CASH deposit of \$50 is required if an animal leaves the shelter unaltered, which will be returned upon arrival for the animal's spay/neuter surgery at CCAS or upon receipt of the certificate of spay/neuter from your veterinarian.

Camden County Animal Shelter's Rights

- You, the Adopter, will permit a representative of CCAS to do follow-up phone calls and/or e-mails after the adoption, as well as consent to CCAS inquiring with your veterinarian about the animal after adoption.
- You understand that there are NO REFUNDS of the adoption fee.
- In the event the Adoption Contract is breached by you, the Adopter, you agree to pay CCAS the sum of \$150.00 as liquidated damages. This liquidated damage does not bar CCAS from seeking the return of the animal by judicial process or other legal means if necessary. If legal action is instituted, you agree to pay all attorney's fees and court costs incurred by CCAS and/or their representatives.
- You understand that while CCAS does everything possible to assess the physical and mental condition of an animal, it was either surrendered or a stray, and CCAS cannot offer any guarantee or warranty of any kind on the health, age, temperament, mental disposition, or personality of the animal.
- You agree to release and hold harmless CCAS and its officers, directors, volunteers, staff, and members from any and all liability or responsibility in connection with the animal. Furthermore, you release CCAS from any and all liability for damage or injury hereafter caused by the animal.

Animal Uncertainties the Adopter Must be Aware Of

- Animal reactions to various stimuli such as human actions are often unpredictable and should be observed carefully.
- An animal's behavior may change after it leaves the shelter and accustoms itself to a new environment.
- Animals need to be introduced into homes with other animals cautiously, with the method based on the temperament of all of the animals. You should consult with your veterinarian on the appropriate way to introduce your new animal into your multi-animal home for proper adjustment and the lowest risk of incident.
- Puppies and kittens require extra training, medical care, and attention. Make sure you have enough free time and the finances if necessary, before adopting a puppy or kitten.

Additional information on these topics, common pet issues, and more can be found on our website at ccasnj.org, and specific questions can be answered via e-mail at camcoshelter@yahoo.com or phone at 856-401-1300.

Adoption Day Checklist:

- **A leash/collar for a dog, or a carrier for a cat (These are available for purchase if you don't bring your own.)**
- **This form - "The CCAS Adoption Contract Information Form" - after you have read and understood it thoroughly.**
- **Adoption payment in the form of cash, Visa, Mastercard, or Debit Card.**
- **\$50 CASH refundable deposit if the animal will not be spayed/neutered at or prior to the time of adoption.**
- **Valid driver's license or other state issued photo ID.**
- **Date, time, and location of scheduled veterinary well-visit appointment for within 7 days of the adoption date.**

I, the Adopter, _____ acknowledge that I have received a copy
Print Adopter Name

of the Camden County Animal Shelter Adoption Contract Information, I have thoroughly read through it, and I understand all of my rights and obligations to CCAS and the animal(s) that I am adopting.

Signature of Adopter: _____ **Date:** _____ **Case #:** _____

Wellness Visit Info: Vet Office: _____ **Date:** _____ **Time:** _____