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# ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION

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**Adoption Contract for \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Co-Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Did you know?

- That dogs are prohibited from running at large in Isle of Wight County, VA?  
*By Sec. 3.2-6538 of the Code of Virginia- It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog to allow such dog to run at large at any time within any area in the county other than those districts zoned Rural Agricultural Conservation. With the exception of when it is on a bona fide hunt, in the company of a licensed hunter or during field trials of training periods when accompanied by its owner or custodian; during designated hunting season.*
- That all dogs and cats are required to be licensed in the county of Isle of Wight, VA; to include feral colonies, hunters and breeders. Licenses can be purchased at IOWCAS facility or the IOWC Treasurers Department.  
*Isle of Wight Residents are required by Sec. 3.2-6524 of the Code of Virginia- It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a releasing agency that has registered as such annually with animal control, to own a dog or cat four months old or older unless such dog or cat is licensed as required by the provisions of this chapter.*
- That all dogs over 4 months of age require current rabies vaccinations?  
A valid rabies certificate is needed in order to purchase county licenses or kennel tags.  
IOWCAS offers multiple Low Cost Rabies and Microchip Clinic every year.
- Spaying and Neutering is required by County and State law to be completed within 30 days of adoption.  
*By 3.2-6574 -The individual adopting the animal signs an agreement to have the animal sterilized by a licensed veterinarian: (i) within 30 days of the adoption, if the animal is sexually mature; or (ii) within 30 days after the animal reaches six months of age, if the animal is not sexually mature at the time of adoption.*
- Isle of Wight County Animal Services offers owner surrenders to all residents of Isle of Wight, VA at no costs.  
*We ask that you call ahead to discuss surrendering terms with staff and that all surrenders are brought in before 3 pm during operation hours.*

### Things to keep in mind when adopting a shelter pet:

- These animals have been stripped of everything they once knew and housed in an unfamiliar environment for an extended amount of time. They will need time to decompress before showing their true personalities and potential. Typical behaviors may include hiding, chewing, and fearfulness of loud noises or new things.
- The shelter is limited on resources and has performed behavior evaluations on each pet to the best of their abilities. Given our environment is different than your home would be, results once in the home may vary greatly.
- You may need to spend additional time training/retraining your pet to fit into your routine. They will make mistakes but can only learn from them if you give them the chance and guidance to correct those behaviors.
- Be prepared for the worst. An emergency or natural disaster can leave families stuck with nothing. Make sure you take the proper measures to ensure your new pet has what they need in case of an emergency (i.e. Up to date microchip, id tags, pet emergency kits and up to date medical records)
- The average annual cost of a household pet is \$500 to \$800 including food, re-occurring medical, toy/treats, license, health insurance and other miscellaneous costs. There are services such as CareCredit and many local low cost pet clinics that will assist you with the financial costs associated with owning pets.
- While it is our goal to facilitate a quality, life-long adoption, we understand that unforeseen circumstances may require you to rehome your pet. Should that occur, please contact IOWCAS in regards to surrendering or rehoming your pet. If able, staff will assist you in hopes of preventing the animal from entering an unfamiliar/uncomfortable situation.

**I am agreeing to:**

- 1) Provide the animal with adequate sheltering/housing and nutrition daily including fresh water and food.
- 2) If kenneling is a must, provide the animal with a kennel big enough for proper exercise (size will be determined before adoption depending on animal being adopted) and give the animal attention daily.
- 3) Never house the animal outdoors, in a garage or any area uninhabitable by human; unless pre-established with IOWCAS staff prior to adoption.
- 4) Provide adequate veterinary care for the animal if he/she should become sick or injured for the life of said animal. In addition to furthering any treatment needed/started by IOWCAS prior to adoption.
- 5) The animal is not to be used for breeding, be used for testing or laboratory purposes, or be used neither for vivisection nor in any inhumane way.

**Please read and initial each of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have never been convicted of domestic violence, animal cruelty, neglect, and/or abandonment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to permit Isle of Wight Animal Services Division to conduct a safety inspection of my home and property to ensure that my pet will have adequate care.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, if applicable, I must have the pet inoculated for rabies and must purchase a county license within 30 days of adoption or within 30 days of the pet turning 4 months old.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, if applicable, I must return the pet to IOWCAS for sterilization within 30 days of adoption, sexually mature or within 30 days of the pet turning 6 months old.

\_\_\_\_\_ If chosen to complete sterilization by my primary vet, I understand that I assume all costs associated with that procedure and agree to provide IOWCAS with the proper documentation within 10 days of completion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that there is no guarantee on the health of any animal adopted from the Isle of Wight Animal Services Division. All animals should be seen by adopter's primary veterinarian to ensure a clean bill of health post adoption.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct: I authorize verification of all statements presented in this application; and I am at least 18 years of age.

\_\_\_\_\_ Should the animal be returned or seized by the Isle of Wight County Animal Services Division, according to the terms of this contract, I understand that the adoption fee is final and non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that at the time of the adoption this document becomes part of a legally binding contract, and that any false statements or breach of contract entitles the Isle of Wight Animal Services Division to reclaim the adopted pet and/or give the Isle of Wight Animal Services Division the full ability to prosecute for the performance of this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the challenge associated with integrating a new pet into my household. This includes keeping current identification on my pet in the event that he/she goes missing, medical costs, abiding by the state and local law, as well as attending to any grooming or other daily needs my new pet may have.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for adopting from IOWCAS! We sincerely thank you for your commitment to your new family member!**  
**Please send photo updates to our Facebook - Isle of Wight County Animal Services or email - [animalservices@isleofwightus.net](mailto:animalservices@isleofwightus.net)**

OFFICE USE ONLY: (staff initial once complete)

\_\_\_\_ Dog \$90    \_\_\_\_ Cat \$95    \_\_\_\_ Cat \$75    \_\_\_\_ Barn Cat \$50    \_\_\_\_ Sponsored    \_\_\_\_ Other