

# Benzie County Animal Control

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## ADOPTION AND STERILIZATION CONTRACT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVERS LICENSE OR STATE I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Dog / Cat Male / Female

BREED: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ LOG#: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADOPTION CONTRACT \*\* NOTICE \*\* READ BEFORE SIGNING

1. I accept responsibility for this animal and agree to provide adequate shelter, food, water, veterinary care and I will not allow the animal to run loose.
2. I agree to have the animal spayed or neutered during the month of \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* This is state law, not a choice.**

3. I agree to put down a spay and neuter deposit of \$25.00 that indicates my intention to have this animal altered within 4 weeks of adoption or the date specified above if animal is less than six months of age. I agree that if the animal is not altered within the required time, my deposit will be forfeited ***and the animal will be re-claimed by the Benzie County Animal Control Office.***

The deposit of \$25.00 will be refunded upon written certification from a Veterinarian that spay/neuter has been completed. The certificate shall include description of the animal and a signature of the Veterinarian who performed the alteration.

4. I agree to have the animal licensed and rabies vaccinated in accordance with state law and county ordinance.

5. I understand the adoption fee is **Not Refundable** I may return the pet if it fails to adjust to our household or if diagnosed as unhealthy with in 72 hours of the adoption date. After 72 hours, the Surrender Fee is \$25.00 for a dog and \$20.00 for a cat.
6. I understand that by signing this contract I take full financial responsibility for this animal. Any expenses incurred, including but not limited to veterinary care are my responsibility.
7. I fully understand that the adoption is conditional and that the Benzie County Animal Control Officer may examine and inquire about the animal and may immediately reclaim the animal if there has been any violation of any of the proceeding conditions of adoption.
8. You understand that this animal was previously unwanted or lost and may have been rescued by us from a dangerous, unhealthy, and/or cruel situation. This could have long-lasting effects on the animal. You agree that we are making no representations about the condition, personality, or temperament of the animal. I do hereby, and by these present, forever expressly release Benzie County Animal Control and its agents from all liability, which may occur as a result of the adoption of this animal.

*Sections #2 & #3 pertain to intact animals, disregard if animal has previously been sterilized*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: The sterilization certificate is a very valuable piece of paper. If it is lost there is a replacement fee of \$5.00 that is not refundable.**

MICHIGAN STATE LAW 287.338a (a section of this law is sited here)

An animal control shelter or animal protection shelter shall not permit a person to adopt a dog, cat or ferret that has not been altered, unless that person has entered into a contract for the alteration of the dog, cat, or ferret with the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.

**Any person who violates the provisions of this act or any rule of the department of agriculture promulgated under the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any Person who fails to sterilize their pet agrees to pay the liquidated damages of the greater of \$100 or the cost for the shelter to enforce the contract**