

CITY OF BIG SPRING ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT
RESCUE AND NON RESCUE ADOPTION CONTRACT

On _____, I _____ of _____
(Date) (First & Last Name) (Address)
_____, _____ phone: _____
(City) (State)

do agree to adopt the below described animal from the Big Spring Animal Control. I further agree to abide by the following adoption terms and understand that failure to comply with these terms shall result in the immediate revocation of this contract, at which time the animal shall be surrendered upon demand and the ownership of said animal shall revert back to the City of Big Spring.

ADOPTION TERMS:

I do understand that sterilization of the animal is required under Chapter 828, Health and Safety Code and that a violation of this chapter is a criminal offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor. The animal shall be neutered/spayed (sterilized) on or before: _____ (30 days from the date of adoption unless under age).

(Date)

Date estimated to be the date an adopted infant female animal becomes six (6) months old or an adopted infant male becomes eight (8) months old. The adoptee shall deliver to the Big Spring Animal Control a letter signed by the veterinarian who performed the sterilization in person or by mail not later than the seventh (7th) day on which the animal was sterilized. The animal shall be vaccinated annually for rabies and the vaccination tag shall be affixed to the animal's collar at all times. **The adoptee understands that the documentation on the proof of sterilization shall identify the adopted animal by the microchip identification number assigned to the animal.**

1. The animal shall be vaccinated for rabies and micro-chipped prior to leaving the shelter by the Big Spring Animal Control Division.
2. An animal Control Supervisor may require a visual inspection of any outside enclosure of the adoptee, to check the structural integrity of the enclosure prior to adoption being allowed.
3. *Adoptee has five (5) working days to receive a full refund with the exception of the cost of microchipping.*

Ownership of the animal shall be to the adoptee only, unless the adoptee is recognized as a member of a rescue organization and is in compliance with the Big Spring Animal Control Divisions and regulations. Adoptees from rescue organizations shall not transfer an adopted animal to a person when the transfer is done in a manner to circumvent procedures established by the Big Spring Police Department Animal Control Division. Adoptee's who are not members of a recognized rescue organization and in compliance with the Big Spring Animal Control Division may not transfer the adopted animal to any other person. If the owner finds that they are no longer able to keep the animal, the animal shall be reverted back to the Animal Control Division of the Big Spring Police Department.

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ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Canine Feline Breed: _____ Sex: M F

Color: _____ Markings: _____ Age: _____

Rabies/City Tag #: _____ Vaccination Date: _____ Microchip: _____

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By signing below, I hereby release the City of Big Spring, it's officials and employees from all liability of any nature whatsoever that may occur resulting from or arising out of my adoption of the above listed animal. I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, it's officials or employees from and against any claims, demands, suits, judgements, or damages of any kind asserted by any person because of or arising out of my adoption of the animal(s) referenced herein. **I further understand and agree that if I do not comply with the above regulations my privileges to adopt animals from the Big Spring Animal Control will be revoked. I understand that adopting this animal makes me solely responsible for the sterilization requirements outlined in Chapter 828 Health and safety Code.**

Adoptee Signature

Witness Signature

DL/ID #: _____
(Must be a picture DL or ID)

State: _____

Approved by: _____ Animal Control Supervisor

FEES CHARGED FOR THE ADOPTION ARE FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF HOUSING AND FEEDING ANIMALS.

Texas State Laws Concerning the Adoption of Shelter Animals

There are several laws that pertain to the requirement of dog and cat sterilization when adopted from a releasing agency. These laws are covered in the Health and Safety Code, Title 10, Chapter 828. As the applicant, you will need to read each of the laws and check the box provided that you do understand each law. You will then need to sign below.

____ Any violation of Chapter 828 of the Health and Safety Code (Dog and Cat Sterilization) is a criminal offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.

____ The Big Spring Animal Control may not release a dog or cat for adoption unless the animal has been sterilized or the release is made to a new owner/adoptee, who signs an agreement to have the animal sterilized within the time indicated on the agreement and by statute.

____ The sterilization completion date contained in the sterilization agreement must be the thirtieth (30th) day after a specified date estimated to be the date an adopted infant female animal becomes six (6) months old or an adopted infant male animal becomes eight (8) months old.

____ A new owner/adoptee who signs an agreement shall have the adopted animal sterilized on or before the sterilization completion date stated in the agreement. If the adoptee is a member of a rescue organization recognized by the Big Spring Animal Control Division, it is the sole responsibility of the adoptee to assure the animal is sterilized within the permitted time specified and return the required documentation of sterilization to the Big Spring Police Department. If the sterilization completion date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

____ The Big Spring Animal Control may extend the deadline for thirty (30) days upon presentation of a written report from a licensed veterinarian stating that the life or health of the adopted animal may be jeopardized by sterilization. There is no limit on the number of extensions that may be granted.

____ A licensed veterinarian may use non-surgical methods and technologies as labeled and approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or the United States Department of Agriculture for use by veterinarian's to humanely and permanently render a dog or cat unable to reproduce.

____ A new owner/adoptee who signs a sterilization agreement SHALL deliver to the releasing agency (Big Spring Animal Control), a letter signed by the veterinarian who performed the sterilization. The letter must be delivered in person or by mail not later than the seventh (7th) day after which the animal was sterilized and shall include a brief description of the animal and the date the sterilization was completed.

____ If an adopted animal dies or is lost or stolen on or before the sterilization completion date the new owner shall deliver to the Big Spring Animal Control a signed letter stating that the animal is dead, lost, or stolen. The letter must be delivered not later than the seventh (7) day after the date of the animal's death or disappearance and must describe the circumstances surrounding the event and provide the approximate date of the disappearance or death.

____ If the Big Spring Animal Control has not received a sterilization letter after the expiration of the seventh (&) day after the sterilization completion date agreed, the Big Spring Animal Control Division may promptly reclaim the animal from the new owner. A person may not prevent, obstruct, or interfere with reclamation.

Adoptee Signature

Date