

# ADOPTION CONTRACT



## OWNER INFORMATION

Dog/Cat Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method (circle one) **CASH NOT ACCEPTED:** Money Order      PayPal      Cheque

Payment Notes (cheque/money order #, Paypal confirmation #) \_\_\_\_\_

The following outlines the terms of agreement when adopting a dog/cat through Manitoba Mutts Dog Rescue Inc., herein referred to as "MMDR".

## ADOPTION FEES

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The fees for dog/cat adoptions are:

- \$300.00 for medium/large breed adult dogs 8 months and older;
- \$350.00 for small breed adult dogs and all puppies under 8 months;
- \$150.00 for senior dogs 7 years and older;
- \$50.00 for adult cats 6 months and older;
- \$150.00 for 1 kitten, or \$250 for 2 kittens under 6 months adopted together;
- \$175.00 for 1 adult, and 1 kitten;
- \$25.00 for senior cats 7 years and older.

\*Please note: If you live outside of Winnipeg and are unable to come to the city for appointments, we are not able to cover any vaccination fees once you've taken your new family member home. We will be happy to either cover the cost of the spay/neuter at a participating MMDR vet or reimburse \$100 of the adoption fee once proof of vaccines, rabies and spay/neuter are provided. An additional \$100 out of town spay/neuter deposit is required for adopters living more than an hour away from a participating MMDR vet (to be refunded once proof of vaccines and spay/neuter is provided).

Included with the adoption fee for dogs:

- Health Check by a MMDR vet;
- Parvo/Distemper vaccine and Deworming, (3 sets for dogs under four months, 2 sets for dogs over four months);
- Spay/Neuter, Rabies, and Tattoo, completed after six months of age at a participating MMDR vet;
- Heartworm/Lyme disease test for dogs over 6 months old at intake;
- 6 week trial of pet insurance;
- Treatments or procedures deemed necessary for the health of the dog while in the care of MMDR.



Included with the adoption fee for cats:

- Health Check by a MMDR vet;
- Vaccines and Deworming (3 sets for kittens under six months, 2 sets for cats over 6 months);
- Spay/Neuter, Rabies, and Tattoo, completed after 5 months of age at a participating MMDR vet;
- FIV/Leuk test for cats over 6 months old at intake.
- 6 week trial of pet insurance;
- Treatments or procedures deemed necessary for the health of the cat while in the care of MMDR.

NOT included with the adoption fee:

- Leash and collar;
- Licence;
- Annual heartworm prevention;
- Costs for treatments/procedures for conditions that are found while in the adopter's care.

\*All dogs/cats must be licensed according their city or municipality By-Laws. MMDR is not responsible for any fees incurred from Animal Services or Municipalities should adopters not licence their animal.

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## MISMATCHED HOMES

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If you are experiencing difficulties with a dog/cat you adopted through MMDR, we ask that you contact us. We will do our best to help you resolve problems and can direct you towards helpful resources. Often it will take a dog/cat some time to settle into a new home and we will work with you through any problems and concerns you may have.

If you are unable to keep the dog/cat you have adopted through MMDR, we ask that you contact us at [adopt@manitobamutts.org](mailto:adopt@manitobamutts.org) to make arrangements. Within 30 days of the adoption, we will refund 50% of the adoption fee. No refunds will be made after the first 30 days. Your name will be placed on the waiting list for available foster space. Once an appropriate foster home becomes available, we will contact you and make arrangements for the dog/cat to be dropped off.

If you return the dog/cat because it was not the right fit for your family, and choose to adopt a different dog/cat from MMDR within 90 days, the 50% administrative fee can be applied to your next adoption with Director Approval.

If at any time you are unable to keep a dog/cat, MMDR must be contacted and have first right to rehome the dog/cat. If the adoptive family has located new potential owners, they may not place the dog/cat without consent from MMDR.

Adopted dogs/cats may not be rehomed by the adopters or surrendered to any other pound, rescue or animal facility. If the dog/cat has been placed without consent from MMDR the rescue reserves the right to repossess the dog/cat.

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## ANIMAL ALTERATION

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All dogs/cats adopted through MMDR **must** be spayed or neutered between six and nine months of age. In the case that a dog/cat has been adopted prior to alteration, the appointment will be scheduled by MMDR sometime after six months of age at a vet facility approved by MMDR. Arrangements can be made with our Spay/Neuter Coordinator for out of town alterations. However, there will be an additional \$100 out of town deposit added to



the adoption fee for adopters living more than an hour away from an approved MMDR vet, to be refunded upon proof of alteration.

If you have adopted a pet who has not yet been spayed or neutered, please be advised that MMDR does not cover the cost of an e-collar. We strongly recommend purchasing one as these collars prevent licking and reduces post-surgical infection. Additionally, please be aware that the vet office will ask you if you would like pre-anesthetic bloodwork and/or IV fluids for your pet, which are not included in the adoption fee. Please consult with the staff at the vet clinic to learn more.

If the alteration does not take place by 9 months old, the rescue retains the right to repossess any dog/cat. Adoption fees will not be returned if an unaltered dog/cat is repossessed by the rescue.

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## HEALTH CONCERNS

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All dogs/cats adopted through MMDR are subject to vetting prior to adoption and, are adopted with full disclosure of any known health conditions. Subsequently, any vetting costs incurred after the adoption are the full responsibility of the adopters. MMDR is not responsible for any vetting above what is included in the adoption fee. We realize that rescue dogs/cats may have health issues appear in the first year after adoption, due to the unfortunate circumstances that lead to them coming into care (ie; heartworm, mange, hip dysplasia, etc.). For this reason we offer a 6 week trial of Pet Secure Pet Insurance, and we strongly recommend to continue on with Pet Secure after the trial. For any Pet Secure questions email [petsecure@manitobamutts.org](mailto:petsecure@manitobamutts.org).

ALL DOGS MUST BE PUT ON HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE FROM JUNE UNTIL NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR. ALL CATS MUST NOT BE DECLAWED. This is non-negotiable.

All dogs/cats adopted through MMDR must be tattooed. The tattoo will be kept on file with MMDR, and in the event the dog/cat ever goes missing animal services will contact MMDR to assist in bringing them home. For that reason, please always update MMDR when there is an address change, to ensure that we will always be able to contact you in the event of your dog/cat going missing.

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## REPOSSISION

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MMDR reserves the right to repossess a dog/cat at any time if we believe the dog/cat is being mistreated, kept outside in harsh weather conditions or for extended periods of time, the Adopter refuses to comply with Adoption Contract policies, or if a dog/cat is not being cared for as per the Animal Care Act of Manitoba - <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/a084e.php>.

Repossession is at the discretion of MMDR. Adoption fees or additional fees incurred by the adopter will not be reimbursed.

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## BEHAVIOUR

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The adopter acknowledges that:

The life experiences of dogs/cats can affect their behaviour, even after adopted into a good home. MMDR typically does not know the life experiences of the dog/cat. MMDR will do it's best to disclose any behavioural challenges



discovered while in our care. It can take 4-6 weeks or longer for dogs/cats to settle into a new environment. Adopters need to be patient with new dogs/cats and give them time to transition into their new home.

MMDR makes every effort to ensure that the dogs/cats it places are healthy and do not have behavioural issues that make them unsuitable for adoption. However, MMDR is unable to, and does not make any guarantees in this regard. MMDR strongly recommends discussing the risk factors of adopting a rescue with your veterinarian (if applicable), and strongly recommends that all household occupants are up to date with tetanus and rabies vaccinations. As such, MMDR is not liable for any damage caused by a dog/cat placed by MMDR, nor is it responsible for any costs - veterinary or otherwise - incurred by the adopter in relation to the dog/cat placed by MMDR.

Known Behaviour Issues; \_\_\_\_\_

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## **AUTHORIZATION**

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I am aware of the terms of agreement outlined in this Adoption Contract. By providing my signature below, I have read and agree to the terms as outlined by MMDR. I understand that the terms and agreements outlined in this document are legally binding.

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Adopter's Signature

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Adopter's Name

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Staff Member's Signature

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Staff Member's Name

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Date