

Adoption Contract

Legally binding agreement between the adopter and the Lovelock Animal Shelter



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Please read this carefully because you're going to be asked to sign a legally binding document.

If you are adopting a puppy under the age of six months who has not yet been altered, or any pet that has not been spayed/neutered prior to this adoption, you will be required to sign the "Spay and Neuter Agreement". If you fail to uphold this contract, including the Spay/Neuter agreement, you could be held legally responsible as well as losing your pet and possibly face criminal charges.

PARTIES & PET

The Parties hereto agree that the owners

OWNER(S)

shall abide by the following conditions:

PET BEING ADOPTED

DOG / CAT / LIVESTOCK / OTHER (LIST)

ADOPTER NAME (FOR CONDITION 2)

ADOPTION DATE (FOR CONDITION 7)

CONDITIONS OF ADOPTION

Initial each condition to show you have read and agree to it.

1. Pet being adopted (named above), hereinafter referred to as the PET – Dog/Cat/Livestock/other (listed above) – is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the pet to treat and to be responsible for it as their own animal.
2. The PET will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I (named above) will do my best to ensure the PET's safety and well-being.
3. I/We will feed the PET at least twice a day and will always provide a fresh supply of water. If the PET is outdoors for any length of time exceeding 30 minutes, I will provide a place/house to relieve the PET from any weather it may need to retreat from.
4. The PET will live inside my home and will **NOT** be isolated from the family. I will walk my PET on a leash or exercise my PET in a fenced yard (if applicable to species). I will never let my PET run loose or roam without my presence and complete control, keep my PET chained or tied up for any length of time to exceed 10 hours, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen, even in a fenced yard if I don't know for certain he/she cannot escape. I understand if my PET does escape I can and will be given a warning followed by possible fines and even criminal action resulting from my negligence.

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5. I will **NOT** have the PET attack-trained, nor will I use it for any purpose other than companionship. I will not have the dog's ears cropped nor tail docked without approval from the Lovelock Animal Control Officers as well as a licensed veterinarian approved Lovelock Animal Control Officers. I will never allow physical, mental, and emotional abuse of the PET. I will **NOT** impose physical, mental, or emotional abuse to this PET(s). I understand this behavior **WILL** lead to criminal action that may include felony charges and/or arrests, time in prison/jail and never being allowed to have an animal in my possession again.
6. I will take the PET to a licensed veterinarian when shots are due no later than 60 days from adoption date (entered above), unless proof of vaccinations is provided showing current. I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including rabies shots, which are required every one or three years; yearly booster shots for DHLPPC; yearly fecal checks for internal parasites (worms); and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.
7. I will provide proof of the pet's first vaccinations after adoption to Lovelock Animal Control. The following statement is a requirement for the adoption process.
8. **STERILIZATION OF ANY ADOPTED ANIMAL(S) IS REQUIRED BY NEVADA. THE ADOPTER AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PERSHING COUNTY, WHICH PERTAIN TO THE TIMELY STERILIZATION OF THE ADOPTED PET. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO CIVIL PENALTY. THE NEW OWNER MAY BE COMPELLED TO COMPLY WITH THE OF THIS ARTICLE.**
9. **IF NOT ALREADY DONE, I WILL HAVE THE PET (IF APPLICABLE) SPAYED/NEUTERED BY (60 DAYS) AND WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD PROOF TO THE AF OFFICE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE OF THE PET TO ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER IN LOVELOCK.**
- DATE
10. I/We affirm that **NO** member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment, etc.
11. I will ensure proper licensing of the PET and will attach the appropriate license tag, rabies tag, LAS tag, and personal identification tag to ensure compliance with all applicable local and state statutes.
12. I will **NOT** use a choke-type collar at any time, except for training under the guidance of a qualified dog trainer.
13. I am adopting the animal(s) for myself, and I agree to not give away, sell, or trade my animal(s), even as a gift to a friend or family member. I will neither take the animal(s) to a shelter nor abandon them. I understand that I must notify an ACO officer at LAS, without delay, if I can no longer care for or keep my animal(s) and agree to give LAS reasonable time to rehome my animal(s) or place my animal(s) in an approved foster home if possible. I must notify LAS of any behavioral problems that have occurred at any time before I return my dog, and I agree to pay for a professional trainer evaluation in cases of biting or aggression. I understand that LAS does not guarantee that they will accept my animal(s) back into the rescue.

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14. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the animal(s) at my own risk, and I release LAS and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my animal(s). I agree that I am assuming the total and financial responsibility of my PET as of the date of this contract. LAS and its agents will **NOT** be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the animal(s).

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15. In the event the animal(s) becomes lost or passes away, I will immediately notify LAS. I will also immediately notify LAS of any change of contact information such as phone number, email, or address.

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16. This animal(s) known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that LAS has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the animal(s).

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17. I AGREE TO PERMIT LAS TO MAKE INQUIRIES ABOUT AND ENFORCE ANY OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS AT ANY TIME AFTER ADOPTION. THIS CAN INCLUDE VISITS TO MY HOME AND CONTACT WITH MY VETERINARIAN. I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS TO LAS IMMEDIATELY.

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LEGAL & BINDING AGREEMENT

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY VOLUNTARILY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I AM ENTERING INTO A LEGAL AND BINDING CONTRACT WITH THE LOVELOCK ANIMAL SHELTER. BREACH OF ANY TERM(S) OF THIS AGREEMENT IS DEEMED ACTIONABLE BY LAS. IN THE EVENT THERE IS VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT, I AGREE TO PAY THE MINIMUM OF \$1,000.00 IN DAMAGES. ADDITIONALLY, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE COLLECTION OF DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, I WAIVE ANY CHALLENGE TO VENUE AND AGREE THAT THE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR THIS MATTER IS THE COMMONWEALTH OF NEVADA, AND THE COUNTY OF PERSHING. FURTHERMORE, I AGREE TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THIS ADOPTION CONTRACT, AND SPECIFICALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO RECEIVE PERSONAL SERVICE.

ADOPTER INFORMATION & SIGNATURES

ADOPTER(S)

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PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

DRIVER LICENSE NO.

DATE

LAS EMPLOYEE

DATE