



# DoggyBagCrew

*For the adoption of a Greek cat.*

## ADOPTION CONTRACT

Between .....

and the adopter of the animal .....

This cat is entrusted to you in exchange of love and good care.

### Article 1 Respect and living conditions of the animal

The adopter agrees to treat the animal well, to give it quality food while respecting its morphology so that it is not overweight, to make it practice a physical activity regularly according to its needs, to take it to grooming if necessary and to lavish on it the better care and to provide it with suitable habitat. The animal must enjoy the consideration and respect due to all living things. So it is the duty of the adopter to consider the animal as a member of the family, which implies that the adopter undertakes to make it live by their side with access to the house.

In any case, the animal should be housed in a kennel, kept tethered or be sleeping outside (except for a night under the stars with the adopter).

The animal will live its own life alongside the adopter and should **in no case have an utility role nor be a source of income.**

The adopter must provide all the necessary equipment before the arrival of the animal: a harness or collar, a **medal**, a sleeping area, two bowls (food and water), cat toys and grooming equipment.

### Article 2 Reference person in case of illness or death of the adopter

The adopter must choose a reference person for the animal, in accordance with the requirements of the latter's well-being as stipulated in this contract.

The association will be made aware of the identity of this person who will then be recognized by this one. This person will have a special place in the life of the animal and may be brought to make emergency decisions regarding the matter in the absence of the adopter, or even become owner of the animal, for example in the event of the death of the adopter.

If this is the case, the adopter will make this person known to the association.

### Article 3 Obligation to return the animal

If the adopter wishes to separate from the animal, they must return it to the association. As the association does not have a home structure, the adopter must keep the animal until the association finds a new family for it. In any case, the adopter is not authorized to give up the animal to a third party or entrust it to a shelter.

However, if the reasons for separation are beyond the control of the adopter (health, death, etc.) and that they have someone close to the animal who knows the animal well and is ready to adopt this one,

the association will give priority to this possibility.

Whatever the reason for this abandonment, **the adoption fees will not be refunded** . The association will not pay any compensation to the one who abandons their animal and they will not reimburse costs incurred by the animal (food, veterinarian, etc.).

#### **Article 4 Obligation to provide information in the event of a fugue, accident, serious illness or death**

The adopter undertakes to notify the association immediately in the event of a fugue, accident, serious illness or death of the animal so that the latter is able to provide best advice in dealing with these distress situations.

In the event of a fugue, the adopter undertakes to notify his veterinarian and to do everything possible, in the measure of its possibilities, to find the animal.

The adopter must provide a collar or harness, with **a medal on which will be engraved their telephone number** , which should be placed on the animal on the day of arrival. This in order to facilitate the steps to find the animal in case it runs away or gets lost.

#### **Article 5 Prohibition of euthanasia of the animal**

The association bans euthanasia. However, there is an exception subject to **preliminary agreement** : in the event of irrecoverable health issues, duly certified by a veterinary certificate.

The adopter agrees to send the association the certificate provided by a veterinarian justifying euthanasia. In the event that the animal's suffering cannot be relieved medically and / or if the veterinarian recommends immediate euthanasia for the welfare of the animal, the association agrees to receive the veterinary certificate after the act of euthanasia.

#### **Article 6 Obligation to sterilize the animal**

If it is not done yet when it is adopted,

Please, discuss it with your veterinarian and keep us informed.

You must send a sterilization certificate issued by a veterinarian to the association as soon as possible.

#### **Article 7 Obligation to vaccinate the animal**

The adopter undertakes to take all the vaccines and to guarantee the good health of the animal.

#### **Article 8 Obligation to identify the animal**

The association requires that a veterinary check will be done within two weeks after the adoption.

During this visit, the veterinarian will be responsible for putting the dog in the names of its new owners within the organization on which it depends, ABIEC in Belgium.

Proof should be sent to the association by email: [info@doggybagcrew.org](mailto:info@doggybagcrew.org)

#### **Article 9 Adoption fees**

The adoption costs are .....EUR. It covers part of the costs incurred by the association for the cat's vaccines, its electronic chip, its passport, its sterilization (if the cat is an adult) and its repatriation.

**The cat will only be reserved for adopters once the fees and the adoption contract will have been received by the association. An animal not being an object, it's adoption should be a carefully considered decision. The costs will in no case be refunded in the event of withdrawal of adopters before the dog's arrival and this amount will be considered as a donation to association.**

#### **Article 10 Sickness of the animal**

The association informs the adopter of any information in its possession concerning the health of the animal before signing the contract. Nevertheless, the adopter must be aware that in view of its

resources and the origin of the animals, the association finds it impossible to guarantee a state of optimal health and that in case of illness diagnosed after adoption, the association discharges any responsibility. Therefore, the adopter undertakes to bear the costs caused by treatment carried out by a veterinarian following an illness or any accident suffered by the animal whatever the circumstances, these costs are in no case covered by the association.

The association recalls that its primary goal is to save animals that precisely do not have access to appropriate veterinary care and the adopter must therefore be aware that treating the animal they adopt should be the top priority.

Frequent health concerns observed after adoptions are described below: ear infection, tartar, scabies ears, eye problem, minor bite injuries, lead found in muscles (for example during an x-ray examination).

### **Article 11 Inspection visits**

The adopter accepts that one or more checks may be carried out at his home by a member of the association or a third party appointed by it so that it can ensure the good condition and good living conditions for the animal.

These visits can take place throughout the life of the animal and will always be preceded by a telephone call aimed at making an appointment with the adopter.

If the member or designated third party considers the living conditions or the condition of the animal unsatisfactory, the association will notify the adopter by registered mail. If, within 30 days, the association can justify that the situation has not changed and that the living conditions and / or the welfare of the animal is still not assured, it can begin, with the help of the competent authorities, a procedure to take the animal back for placement in another family.

### **Article 12 Tell us about the animal**

Receiving news from the animal allows the association to ensure its well-being and being present if the adopter faces difficulties with the adopted animal.

In addition, the work of the association is difficult and for the good wellbeing of its members it is essential to receive news of animals after their adoption.

The adopter therefore undertakes to give regular **news** and send **photos** of the animal to the association and also accepts that the latter asks for news.

The association estimates that after a period of two years, the adopter will be able to send news of the animal only once a year, this being valid for the entire life of the adopted animal. Of course if the adopter wishes to give regular news of their animal at a more sustained pace, members of the association will be all the happier for it. On the other hand, if no news from the animal is provided, a post-adoption visit will be scheduled immediately.

### **Article 13 Waiting period before repatriation of the cat**

The waiting times before the arrival of the cat are sometimes long. The association is not responsible for the various contingencies, in particular delays during repatriation or date changes of arrival at the last minute.

### **Article 14 Adaptation period and education**

The adopter will have first inquired about the specificities of an adopted animal, moreover coming from a shelter in which it was able to stay for a long time and in potentially difficulties. The adopter therefore agrees to be patient, to give the animal **the necessary adaptation time** to its new life and give it a positive educational basis.

### **Article 15 Summary of documents to be sent**

This contract, duly completed, initialed on each page (with the initials of the adopter) and signed on the last page, must be sent in duplicate to the association with a copy of a proof of address of less than 3 months, a copy of an identity document (front and back), a pre-stamped envelope, or by email to [info@doggybagcrew.org](mailto:info@doggybagcrew.org)

The adopter must complete a bank transfer of .....EUR indicating "veterinary and repatriation costs of (name of cat)".

**Article 16 Breach of contract**

The goodwill of both parties is presupposed in this contract. If there is any dispute in respect of one of the articles of this contract, the association will communicate it by registered mail to the adopter. If, within 30 days, the association can justify that the situation has not changed and that the living conditions and / or the welfare of the animal is still not assured, it can begin, with the help of the competent authorities, a procedure to take the animal back.

**The association reserves the right to initiate legal procedure against the offender. We remind that the adoption of an animal must imperatively be the consequence of a thoughtful act.**

**Details about the animal:**

Name:  
Breed:  
Gender:  
Presumed age:  
Color:  
Chip number:  
Caractéristiques:

**Details about the adopter:**

Name and surname:  
Address:  
City:  
Country:  
Phone number:

**I realized that this cat is in Greece; that it is impossible to test it with dogs and will take time to adjust to her new family.**

In ..... on .....

Signature of the owner transferring the animal

In ..... on .....

Signature of the adopter preceded by the words "read and approved"

In ..... on .....

Signature of the president of the association DoggyBagCrew asbl

Made in two original copies.  
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