



Marion County  
Board of County Commissioners

Animal Services

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ADOPTION CONTRACT

1. I understand that Marion County Animal Services (MCAS) makes no guarantee as to the health, behavior, breed, or age of this animal and no refunds or exchanges will be made.
2. I understand that all adopted cats and dogs must be spayed or neutered before leaving our facility.
3. I acknowledge that shelter animals have an increased risk of exposure to disease, and therefore may be incubating diseases that are undetected by shelter staff. I understand that this animal may be contagious to other pets.
4. I acknowledge that MCAS has limited means by which to diagnose or recognize all conditions of this pet.
5. In the event that this animal becomes sick before I take possession, this adoption will be cancelled, refunded, or another adoptable animal may be chosen.
6. I will take this pet to a veterinary office for an exam and any necessary care and vaccines within 7-10 days at my expense. I will also have my pet examined and vaccinated annually, or as recommended by a veterinarian, at my expense.
7. If I move, change address, phone numbers or email, or if I give ownership of this pet to another person, I will contact MCAS to update the microchip and license information.
8. If I live within this county, I will abide by the Marion County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Animal Control and Enforcement. I acknowledge these local animal laws are available in person or online at [www.marioncountyfl.org/animal.htm](http://www.marioncountyfl.org/animal.htm)
9. I acknowledge my cat or dog is required by law to have a current rabies vaccine and county license for the duration of its life in Marion County.
10. I understand that there is a "leash law" in Marion County and my dogs or cats may not roam onto another's property.
11. In the event my pet becomes lost, I will search for it at local animal shelters and online, and make every reasonable effort to locate and reclaim the animal.
12. I will at no time assert any claim, charge, or demand of any kind or nature against MCAS for any charges or expenses, including veterinary fees, in connection with this animal.
13. I understand that an adoption is not a "sale." MCAS reserves the right to refuse any adoption based on the best interest of the animal or the community.
14. I acknowledge that although in Marion County there is not a limit on how many pets one can own, Animal Services will not adopt out more than two (2) domestic animals at any one time and no more than six (6) to one person or household. Animal Services will not knowingly adopt an animal to anyone who owns or lives with more than six (6) domestic pets.
15. This contract may be specifically enforceable by MCAS through judicial proceedings, including the right to recover the animal due to a breach of any terms of this contract. I hereby agree that in the event I breach this contract and MCAS files suit to enforce this contract or to defend any claim under this contract, that I will pay any court costs and attorney's fees incurred by MCAS in connection herewith.

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MCAS Staff

*"Meeting Needs by Exceeding Expectations"*