

# ADOPTION CONTRACT

Tappahannock/Essex County Animal Shelter  
540 Airport Road / P.O. Box 1079  
Tappahannock, Virginia 22560  
(804) 443-0726

## Applicant Information:

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Animal Information:

Dog  / Cat  Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Altered: Yes  / No  Microchip: \_\_\_\_\_

Article 3.2-6574 of the Virginia State Code requires that this animal be sterilized within 60 days of adoption or within 60 days of coming of age. The above named animal must be sterilized by a certified veterinarian by \_\_\_\_\_ and must be delivered to the Essex County Animal Shelter within 7 days of the procedure. New owners who violate this signed agreement are subject to a civil penalty and may be compelled by the court to comply.

**Contract Information:**

I understand that by adopting an animal I must comply with the following requirements established by Essex County. Failure to do so will result in the animal being impounded by the county. The adopter agrees to hold Essex County harmless and release it from any and all claims, liabilities, and demands for restitution resulting from damage, loss, or injury with may be sustained by the adopter in consequence of his or her adoption of the animal or caused by the animal after its adoption. I understand that Essex County Animal Control knows little or nothing about this animal and does not warrant or guarantee anything about it, including health, physical condition, prior ownership, behavior, or disposition.

1. We strongly suggest that this animal be seen by your veterinarian as soon as possible following adoption.
2. If the adopted animal is lost, stolen, or dies before the animal is sterilized, the adopter shall, within seven (7) days, send written notification to Essex County Animal Control.
3. Adopters of dogs must purchase a dog license each year from the proper authority. All animals must be kept up to date on their rabies shots as well, and proof of current rabies vaccinations is required to purchase dog license. Collars and identification tags with area code and telephone number are strongly suggested for both dogs and cats.
4. I agree that this dog is to be a companion animal, not a guard dog. The dog will live inside my home at least 75 percent of the time or in an outdoor kennel previous approved by Essex County Animal Control. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)
5. The adopter hereby agrees to pay an adoption fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the above named animal(s).

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I, nor any persons living in my home, have never been convicted of animal neglect, cruelty, abuse, or abandonment and will comply with the above requirements. I have not adopted any other animals within the last thirty (30) days.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CASH/CHECK Total Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_