

Our Critters

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Adoption Contract

Please complete the adoption contract and fax, email, mail via the post office A.S.A.P. No animals will be handed over unless I receive the completed adoption contract beforehand. Please note, I need your **handwritten signature** on the adoption contract in several places. So make sure to do that before you send it in! Please make sure to make you a copy of the completed contract for your records.

I know we ask for some of the information below on the pre-screen application as well, but please add it here to. Thank you!

Today's Date_____

What animal are you adopting?_____

1-What is your full name?

2-What is your full physical address where you live?

3-If different than above what is your mailing address?

4-What is your home phone number?

5-What is your cell number?

6-If you have a fax number please include it here:

7-Please give me your main email address and an alternate email address!

Release Of Liability

We are not responsible for any damage done to your property or anyone else's property caused by the animal you adopted from us. **We are not responsible for any injuries**, mental or physical caused by the adopted animal to you or members of your immediate or extended family. **We are not responsible for any injuries**, mental or physical to any person or persons the animal comes in contact with once the animal is in your care. **We are not responsible for any injuries**, mental or physical to any animal or pet that the adopted animal may come in contact with while in your care! We do our best to evaluate all our animals, but we can not predict how an animal will do in any given situation. By signing and dating below you are releasing Our Critters and Betty Haynes & Barry Haynes of any and all liability concerning the animal you adopted. **You understand fully that we will not be held responsible for any actions the animal might take once he/she is released to you!**

Signature _____ date _____

Health Of The Adopted Pet

Your new pet will go to it's new home current on vaccinations. The vaccinations are given by our vet **or** we do them ourselves. Either way proper documentation will be provided. All adults are put on heartworm prevention. All animals over 6 months of age are spayed/neutered before they go to their new home PERIOD! All pups who are the proper weight **regardless of age** will be spayed/neutered before they leave our place.

Please know that **we can not guarantee the health of the animal**. Although we do our best to provide great care. The fact is that you are adopting a rescue animal. With that being said they may come from difficult backgrounds with limited information. There is no way of knowing what type of issues may lie waiting to show up with any animal. By signing you are releasing Our Critters/ Betty Haynes & Barry Haynes from **any** and **all** liability regarding the animal's health **now** or **at any time** during the future. You agree that **you will be** totally responsible **for any** and **all** vet bills that might incur once the animal has been released in to your care! **You agree that you are accepting the animal AS IS!**

Signature _____ Date _____

Addendum To The Above Section

The adopter is not obligated to accept the adopted pet if the pet does not pass their inspection during the **initial** delivery. Once the adopter takes possession of the adopted pet they are acknowledging the fact that they are aware and agree to the "**No Health Guarantee**" in their contract and all rules and terms stated above will stand! **We do not refund holding deposits in any event!**

Signature _____ date _____

Post Adoption Vet Visit

It is not a requirement, but we would suggest that you take your adopted pet to your vet within 7 days of their arrival at your home. We would like for your vet to give him/her the once over to make sure we have not missed anything health wise on our end. This is for the benefit of the adopted animal and the adopter!

Initial _____

Agreement To Care For The Animal

You agree that you are totally and solely responsible for ALL the vet care & daily care of the adopted animal. We expect you to keep the animal up on routine vaccinations and maintenance. If an emergency arises we expect you to take the animal to the vet. You will be responsible for any and all resulting vet bills.

Signature _____ Date _____

Agreement To Surrender Animal Back To Us If The Adoption Does Not Work Out

You agree that if the animal for what ever reason does not work out that you will bring the animal back to us at your expense. This stands even if it is years down the road. You are not allowed to sell, re-home, adopt out or give away the animal in any way shape or form without written permission from Betty Haynes. You must bring the animal back to our rescue. We work hard to protect our animals at all times and we want to ensure they will always be safe and not end up at the kill shelter where at least 90% of our rescues come from! We require you to return all records with the pet! **We will not refund any fee or adoption fee what so ever in the event you have to surrender your adopted pet back to us!**

If you decide the animal is not working out and you can not keep the animal in your home until we can come get the animal or you can bring the animal back, you are responsible for placing the animal in a reputable boarding facility, or arranging other safe arrangements for the animal, at your own expense. Many times we are not able to travel at the drop of the hat. Many of our rescues are placed 7 to 8 hrs away from our location. Often times we ask if possible that the animal remain with you until we find a suitable foster who is willing to help. We will do our best to do this in a fast as possible. You must allow us time to do what needs to be done!

Signature _____ Date _____

Addendum To Above Section:

We are not obligated to refund any fee or adoption fee that you may have paid us for your adopted pet if you have to return the animal to us at any point in the future. By signing below you are stating you understand and agree!

Signature _____ Date _____

"At Your Expense Defined":

When you transport the animal back to Patrick Co VA to our location at your cost.

(or)

You pay our gas expenses for traveling to your location to pick up the adopted animal. That includes the gas it takes to get to you and back home!

Amendment To The Above Section (Applied 3-15-09)

If any person fails to comply with the above section on surrendering the adopted animal back to Our Critters, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law! Let it here by be known that a person can not relocate, re adopt or give away any pet that was adopted to them by Our Critters unless permission is provided in writing by Betty Haynes. We will ask for the return of the dog above all else, but we will request that the judge award us a settlement of \$200 if the animal can not be recovered. In addition the adopter would be responsible for any and all resulting court costs if we have to take you to court!

In the event that Betty Haynes gives the adopter written permission to re home the adopted dog/cat, any potential adopters they find for the animal MUST complete the application process for OUR CRITTERS. In other words, they must submit the pre screen application and adoption contract that is located on the our animals for adoption page at www.ourcritters.net! We must approve the adopter before they are allowed to hand the animal over. All rules that apply to the original adopter applies to the new adopter as well. Please Initial Here _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW. IF THE SECTION IS NOT COMPLETED IN FULL(you must sign your full name on the lines), I WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR ADOPTION CONTRACT.

I _____ have read the above requirements and stipulations regarding surrendering my adopted animal back to Our Critters. I understand that I am in no way shape or form allowed to re-home, sell, adopt out the animal I adopted from Our Critters without written permission from Betty Haynes! In the event that I receive written permission to re home the animal from Betty Haynes I _____ understand that every potential new home I find for the animal must complete the Our Critters adoption process. They must submit the adoption application and once they are approved by Betty Haynes they must submit the adoption contract to Our Critters. I understand that the new adopters must follow the same rules regarding the adoption as myself.

I _____ understand that in the event I can not care for the animal or I have to give the animal up, that I agree to surrender the animal back to Our Critters without question! I agree that I am to bring the animal back to Our Critters at my own expense! I _____ understand that if the animal can not be kept in my home until I can get it back to Our Critters that I am responsible for putting the animal in a reputable boarding facility at my own expense! I understand that If I fail to comply to said stipulations that I will be asked to either return the animal or be forced to pay a settlement of \$200.00 if I am taken to court. I understand that I will be responsible for any and all court fees if I am taken to court as a result of my failure to abide by the said stipulations!

Signature _____ Date _____
(Please make sure you sign or initial each place above or I will not accept your contract!)

Spay /Neuter Agreement

Required Holding Deposit!

We require a non refundable spay/neuter/holding deposit on all unaltered animals over 6 months of age. We also require a non refundable spay/neuter/holding deposit for pups that meet the weight requirement to be altered (at least 3 to 4 pounds). We will schedule a spay/neuter appointment and have your pet altered before it goes home. The spay/neuter cost is included in the adoption fee of all animals that can be altered at the time of adoption. We require \$65.00 upfront on adoptions of unaltered animals.

We require a \$25.00 holding deposit on all animals that has already been altered or ones that do not weigh enough for spay and neuter at the time of adoption.

Spay Neuter/Holding Deposit Refund Policy

Note* The spay/neuter/holding deposit is refundable only if something happens to the

animal beyond our control while the animal is with us!

The Spay Neuter deposit acts as a holding deposit. If for any reason the adoption does not go through due to any circumstances on your end then you forfeit the spay/neuter holding deposit and it will belong to Our Critters.

Signature _____ Date _____

Spay/Neuter For Animal Under 6 Months Of Age

In the event that you adopt a puppy that does not meet the weight requirement to be altered by my vet BEFORE it leaves our place (3 to 4 pounds) you agree to have the procedure done at your expense by the time the animal is 6 months old. Otherwise everything is spayed or neutered before it leaves "Our Critters". In the event that we have the spay/neuter done, it is normally INCLUDED with our adoption fee. If you fail to comply to the spay/neuter clause we reserve the right to take the animal back. We request that you furnish us verifiable proof from your vet that the procedure has been done.

Signature _____ Date _____

Notice To Patrick County Adopters And Adopters From surrounding NC counties!

If you are located near us in Patrick Co VA or any of the surrounding counties in NC we can provide you with an application for low cost spay/neuter services accepted in the surrounding NC counties by different vets. We can also direct you to another wonderful group that offers low cost spay neuter. This group also offers transport to and from Mt. Airy NC to the spay/neuter clinic (Forsyth Spay Neuter Clinic)in Kernersville NC.

Heart Worm Prevention Policy

If you adopt an adult dog from us, it is a requirement that it must remain on monthly heartworm prevention for the duration of it's life. You can buy the generic version of any heartworm prevention from your vet or you can order it off line at a better price. We use www.petsuppliesnet.com ! Or you can go to www.nuheart.com.

If you adopt a puppy from us we require that it be started on heartworm prevention by the time it is 6 months old. If you start them before they reach 6 months old the vet will not require a heartworm test. So it is best done before they hit 6 months of age.

Signature _____ Date _____

House Training Policy

Most young puppies and some adults (depending on where they came from and how much time we have had to work with them) will not be house trained when they leave here. You are responsible for potty training them yourself. You must understand that potty training a puppy/dog takes a commitment on your part. Please do not return the puppy/dog without exhausting every effort to work with him/her on potty training. You can implement crate training for the pup/dog. This helps aid in house breaking. Keep in mind a young puppy will use the bathroom after sleeping, playing or eating. By signing below you are stating that you understand that the puppy/adult may not be house trained and you are responsible for teaching him/her yourself.

It is important to note as well, that even an older house trained dog will have accidents in the house from time to time. **It is asking too much of a dog to place it in a new situation and expect it to be perfect!** That is not fair to the dog or to you. Please give the new dog time to adjust and to become accustomed to it's new home and your schedule. They can not read your mind, you have to show them what you expect. **We will not** refund any fee or adoption fee if you need to return the dog because you are having issues with house training. **Please make sure you read all the above again before you sign below!**

Signature _____ Date _____

Identification Requirements

-We require that you have an id tag made with your name, address, phone number. Please place this on your animals collar. Please keep the tag in them at all times.

-A better alternative is to have your animal micro chipped. You can have this done for around \$50 at any vet's office! Most shelters scan dogs when they are brought in to check for a microchip. If the animal is found by anyone, they can take it to almost any vet's office and have it scanned. If you have your pet micro chipped we ask that you use Our Critters as an alternative contact when you register the chip.

-We can provide low cost micro-chipping with each adoption for an additional \$30.00!

Initial Here _____

If An Adopted Pet Is Lost Or Stolen

If a pet you adopted from Our Critters is lost or stolen you are required to contact us within the first 24 hrs. We hope to be able to help in any way we can to help you retrieve

the animal. The first 24 hours is critical!

You will be responsible for placing a "lost" ad in your local newspaper.

You will be responsible for sending information on the lost animal to each of the local vet offices in your area.

You will be responsible for sending information on the lost animals to each of your local animals shelters.

You are required to canvas your local area with flyers with a current picture of the lost pet.

There is also a service online that will call up to 2000 of your neighbors when your pet becomes lost. You can use services like <http://www.findtoto.com/>! This is optional but would be very effective at locating your lost pet. There is a fee for this service.

You can also call in and have your local radio stations to announce the details of the lost pet on air.

One of the single most important things you can do is have your pet micro chipped. Also make sure they wear id tags on their collar at all times.

If you fail to exhaust every required option we have listed above to find the lost adopted pet and we find the pet first we reserve the right to take the animal back into our care. You should be willing to go to no end to find the adopted pet. If you don't feel you should, then you should not have adopted a pet from us. We understand that accidents will happen, but our concerns are for the animal above all! _____Initial

If the animal is returned or found and we deem you need to make better arrangements to keep the animal contained such as under ground fencing or other pet containment methods and you fail to do so, we have the right to take the animal back. _____Initial

By signing you are stating that you understand all the requirements that we mandate should your adopted pet become lost or stolen!

Please Sign _____ Date _____

Update Policy

I require updates on all adopted animals. I request that you contact me by the end of the first month of adoption for the first update. I request either a phone call, email or hand written letter. I also request current pictures of the animal when you provide the update. After the initial update I expect you to contact me after the first 6 months. If you do not comply I can take the animal back. After the 1st year of updates you are free to contact

me with updates on your own free will when you see fit (I love hearing from all my adopters and I enjoy keeping in contact with them). I reserve the right to come visit the animal personally during the 1st year. I will make an appointment to do so if I ever see fit. Please initial here _____

Addendum To The Above:

If you are owed a spay/neuter deposit and you do not comply to any part of the update section you will forfeit your right to your refund and it will belong to “Our Critters”!

Signature _____ Date _____

Adoption Fees

We require a minimal adoption fee. The adoption fee is non refundable.

Dogs \$200.00 (Spay Neuter Is Included For Unaltered Dogs,)

Some adoption fees may be lower due to age or disabilities!

Some adoption fees may be higher depending on the animal or the cost of our expenses!

Cats \$75.00 (Spay Neuter Is Included For All Unaltered Cats)

Some adoption fees may be lower due to age or disabilities!

Some adoption fees may be higher depending on the animal or the cost of our expenses!

We include a brand new carrier, litter box, litter box liners, bag of litter, scooper & bag of cat food & valuable coupon packet with each cat adoption.

Please note, **adoption fees are NON REFUNDABLE!** We **do not** give refunds of any fees paid to us.

Signature _____ Date _____

Donations Accepted

Please keep in mind that most our animals already have hundreds of dollars of our out of the pocket money sank in to their well being. The adoption fee is just a small fraction of the true amount we have invested. We not only see to the medical needs of the animals we also take the time to retrain the animal and socialize it. This takes a lot of time in some cases. By adopting from us you are not only giving a rescue animal a home, you are getting an animal that we have done all the leg work with. The animals that can't be retrained or re homed can live their life out on our farm. With all that being said if you want to donate more money than our minimal required fee please feel free to do so. Believe me when I say, any contributions you make will be sank right back in to helping other animals. We are not a registered non profit. We are private owned, but I am

being 100% honest when I say we don't make a dime of profit. If you care to do the math you will understand!

A donation is not required but very appreciated!

We also take donated items. Below is a list of our most needed items.

Wish List

Heart Worm Meds (Advantage Multi, Revolution, Heartguard Plus, Sentinel, and all generic brands of the above and for all weight sizes)

You can order heartworm meds or flea meds from www.petsuppliesnet.com without a prescription or www.nuheart.com. Feel free to donate this way by shipping to us straight from there.

Flea Meds (Frontline Plus, Advantage, Interceptor, Vectra 3D, Promeris, Comfortis, Advantix, Program etc for dogs and cats)

De-Wormers (Panacur or Safeguard, Strongid or Nemex, Canex Dewormer Tablets, any type of dog or cat de-wormer)

Collars(cats and dogs all sizes)

Dog Harnesses All Sizes

Leashes

Dog & Cat Food & Treats

Gift cards to Tractor Supply, Walmart, Southern States, PetSmart, PetSense.!

Gas Cards to help with fuel costs

Donations Can Also Be Made For Our Account At Our Veterinarian. Please send checks or money orders to Boyce-Holland Veterinarian 21047 JEB Stuart Hwy. Stuart, VA 24171. Please add a note that it is for our account which is under my name Betty Haynes!

Delivery Policies

We can deliver to any surrounding state. We try to coordinate several deliveries at once to help cover our gas cost.

If you want rush delivery and you don't want to wait for a scheduled trip you would be

expected to cover our gas expenses in full!

On any trip where we are due to deliver several animals, the delivery fee is \$35 per animal!

All delivery fees will be due when you pick up your adopted animal. _____Initial

We require all fees to be paid in cash. We will write you a receipt for your records.

By signing here you are agreeing to all terms of this contract. You are also stating that all the information you provided in the pre-adoption application and this contract is 100% truthful and honest. This is a legal and binding contract.

Adopter's Signature _____Date_____