

**S.T.O.P. (SAVE THE ORPHAN PETS), INC.**

**ADOPTION CONTRACT**

**CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

First, thank you for choosing S.T.O.P. (Save The Orphan Pets), Inc., hereafter, "S.T.O.P.", for your adoption.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** Because this is an adoption, S.T.O.P. cannot guarantee any information regarding the past history, health, or temperament of any of our animals placed for adoption.

Therefore, S.T.O.P. will not accept or pay any financial claims made regarding the care, treatment, maintenance of, damages to, or damages caused by your adopted animal, and by your acceptance of the adopted animal you, for yourself and for your heirs, agents, assigns and all others who may make a claim, **HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS** S.T.O.P., their officers and directors, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, and successors in interest, for any and all claims related to the animal you have accepted to adopt.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CIVIL CODE SECTION 1542.** In making the above mentioned release, you **AGREE TO WAIVE** the protections afforded by California Civil Code Section 1542, which may be interpreted to apply to the parties herein and which provides: "A general release does not extend to claims, which the creditor does not know of or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him/her must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

However, as part of our commitment to responsible animal care, S.T.O.P. will assist in finding a new home or take back the animal and refund the original price S.T.O.P received from you when you adopted the animal, up to ten (10) days from the date you received the animal, provided it is received in substantially the same condition as when adopted (For example, we cannot take on the expense of treating an animal hit by a car).

I agree my only remedy is the above stated refund upon my return of the animal within the time allotted.

Having read and understood the above, I/We agree to those terms and affix our signature(s) below.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER SIGNATURES: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for choosing S.T.O.P. (Save The Orphan Pets), Inc.  
Judy Ray, President and CEO