

I accept that I am adopting an animal from SDCH under the terms and conditions listed below:

1. I understand the medical and behavioural needs of the animal and I am satisfied he/she is a good match for me and my household.
2. Where applicable, I have read and understood all medical and behavioural issues as outlined in the Adoption Disclaimer.
3. I understand that a 3 week trial period applies to all adoptions:
 - a) I understand that I may return the animal to SDCH during the trial period and receive a refund of the adoption fee less a \$40 administration fee. No refund applies to product purchases.
 - b) I understand that I must not rehome, sell or give away the animal during the trial period.
 - c) I understand that I am solely responsible for the animal's care and welfare during the trial period.
 - d) If the animal requires desexing, I understand the animal will remain the property of SDCH and adoption will not be finalized until they are desexed and/or proof is provided to SDCH. All adopted animals are desexed at the SDCH clinic and desexing is included in the standard adoption fee. I agree to bring this animal back to Sydney Dogs and Cats Home as directed by SDCH for any required veterinary procedures. I understand that if I elect to have the animal desexed at an external clinic, the cost will not be covered by SDCH.
4. I understand that the behavioural information disclosed to me by SDCH is accurate at the time of adoption and to the best of SDCH's knowledge:
 - a) I understand that SDCH cannot predict or guarantee the behavioural traits of the animal in its new home. Behavioural observations by SDCH are based on behaviours in a shelter environment and may not reflect the animals behaviour in a home.
 - b) I understand that SDCH cannot guarantee that the animal will not injure a person or animal if they are put into a stressful, fear-inducing or distressing situation. I understand that the animal should always be under my control and that I am responsible for the actions of the animal.
 - c) I understand that SDCH cannot guarantee the safety of the animal around other animals including my existing pets. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure interactions between the adopted animal and any other animal are supervised and injuries to any animal are prevented.
 - d) SDCH recommends the services of a qualified, force-free animal behaviourist be obtained to assist with the transition of the animal into the new home.
5. I understand that the animal has been examined by a veterinarian and that the medical information disclosed to me by SDCH is accurate at the time of adoption and to the best of SDCH's knowledge:
 - a) I understand the animal's pre-existing medical issues (if any) and agree to take full responsibility for the treatment of these issues. I understand that all future veterinary requirements will be my responsibility and at my own expense.
 - b) I understand that animals in a shelter environment may be exposed to infectious disease. Pre-existing health issues directly related to the shelter environment requiring treatment within the 3 weeks trial adoption period will be assessed and treated by the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home veterinarian at no charge. I understand that if I take the animal to an external vet Sydney Dogs and Cats Home will not reimburse me for any resulting costs.
6. I understand that I will be responsible for all future costs relating to the animal including veterinary, behavioural and/or any other costs.
7. I have completed all required paperwork accurately and provided my accurate and correct personal details.
8. I understand that I will be listed as the owner on the animal's microchip details on the NSW Companion Animal Register. I understand that if my contact details change, it is my responsibility to ensure my details are updated on the NSW Companion Animal Register. SDCH recommends establishing a NSW Pet Registry account to easily update contact details as needed.
9. I understand that it is my responsibility to register this animal on the NSW Pet Registry.