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ADOPTION AGREEMENT

1. Adopter agrees that the animal will be kept only as a companion.
2. The adopter represents that he/she has never been subject to legal action for cruelty or neglect of animals.
3. If, for any reason, the adopter is unable to provide care to the animal, the adopter agrees to return the animal to RCHS. The adopter shall not sell or give the animal to a third party.
4. The adopter declares that he/she is aware that:
 - Animals are different from human beings in their response to human actions.
 - The actions of animals are often unpredictable.
 - An animal's behavior may change after it leaves the shelter and gets accustomed to a new home and environment.
 - The Randolph County Humane Society (RCHS) makes no claims as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of any animal placed for adoption.
 - The animal must be seen by a licensed veterinarian for a health check within seven (7) days of adoption.
5. The adopter hereby accepts possession and responsibility for the adopted animal and agrees to release and discharge RCHS forever from an liability for any injury or damage to any person or property caused by the adopted animal and from any cause of action, claims, suits, or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damages.
6. **The adopter acknowledges, and initials in the blanks provided, that he/she understands that should the adopted animal become seriously ill immediately following the adoption (within seven (7) days of adoption), the adopter may choose one of the following options:**
 - a) The adopter may return the animal to RCHS for a refund of the adoption fee and negate the adoption. _____
 - b) The adopter may return the animal to RCHS in exchange for another animal. _____
 - c) The adopter may care for the animal at their own expense. _____
7. The adopter acknowledges that he/she has received a copy of this Adoption Agreement, and agrees to license the animal in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the locality in which they reside.

I agree to the terms of the adoption and have completed this form honestly to the best of my ability.

Signature of Adopter: **X** _____ Date: _____

RCHS Staff: _____ Date: _____