

# Cat Surrender Contract and Application



WARL is a limited intake animal shelter, accepting adoptable pets when there is kennel space available, so that time constraints are not placed on adoptable animals. Please answer all questions with honesty and detail to help us find the best placement option for your pet.

## **Pet Surrender Contract:**

Surrendering your pet is a difficult and emotional decision. At the Worcester Animal Rescue League (WARL), we have libraries of resources to help address the most common surrender reasons to help keep your pet. While we take great care of the animals in our shelter, the kennel environment is very unnatural and stressful and some pets do not adjust well. Pets relinquished to shelters go through a grieving period and detachment phase. Some adjust quickly, other pets may take weeks or months, and some may never detach from their owners and may become aggressive, destructive, sick or unmanageable. If behavioral or medical conditions prohibit the pet and/or its owners from living a safe and happy life, euthanasia may be the most humane option, and should be discussed with your veterinarian.

## **Shelter Policies:**

The factors that determine if an animal is suitable for adoption include but are not limited to: behavior, health, history in a home, and their behavior while at the shelter. At WARL, we take our responsibility to place safe animals into the community very seriously. Pets with a history of behavioral incidents or medical conditions that jeopardize the safety of our shelter and compromise the pets' quality of life are generally not safe to be placed for adoption. We make every effort to ensure the animals are adopted to people who will care for the animal to the best of their ability. The new adopter's information will not be disclosed to previous adopters.

## **Please read and answer the following carefully and understand the options if your pet is found unfit for adoption:**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, the shelter can contact me. If I am able to reclaim the animal, I will make arrangements within five days of being notified

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, I cannot assist the shelter in re-homing my pet and I understand he/she may be euthanized if that is determined to be the most humane outcome.

*I certify that I own the animal described above and I hereby surrender all of my interest, if any, therein to the Worcester Animal Rescue League. I understand the surrender fee is non-refundable. It is expressly agreed that neither said shelter nor any of its officers/employees/volunteers will incur any obligation to me on account of such disposition of such animal/s.*

*I further state this animal has not bitten or scratched anyone in the past 10 days.*

Cat's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed/Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*The surrender fee for an altered (spayed/neutered) cat is \$50 and \$100 for unaltered cats.*

*Once completed, please submit the application via email at [catswarl@gmail.com](mailto:catswarl@gmail.com)  
Or by mail to WARL, 139 Holden Street, Worcester, MA 01606*

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*Tell us about your cat's personality, history and veterinary care so that we can find the best home for your cat. Please be honest about behavioral and medical issues. Withholding information can harm your cat's health and hinder our search for the most appropriate home.*

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Cat's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Female: \_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered: \_\_\_ Declawed: \_\_\_ Microchip: \_\_\_ Chip # \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you surrendering your cat? \_\_\_\_\_

**WARL may have resources available to help you keep your pet. Are you interested in learning more? Yes No**

Where did you get the cat? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you had the cat? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your cat have a veterinarian? No \_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_ Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your cat on any medications, including flea/tick prevention, and when was the last date it was administered? \_\_\_\_\_

List your cat's medical conditions/issues: \_\_\_\_\_

What does your cat eat? \_\_\_\_\_ Does your cat live indoors? \_\_\_ Outdoors: \_\_\_ Both: \_\_\_

Does your cat have litter box issues? No: \_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_

Describe the litter box issues and what you've done to correct the problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your cat's personality (friendly, shy, talkative, fearful, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Does your cat enjoy specific toys, scratching posts, cat trees, etc?: \_\_\_\_\_

If your cat lived with cats how did it act with them? \_\_\_\_\_

If your cat lived with dogs how did it act with them? \_\_\_\_\_

If your cat lived with children how old were the children and how did your cat act with them? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your cat ever bitten a person: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Did the bite break skin? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain what happened: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your cat ever bitten an animal OR been bitten by an animal: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ What type of animal: \_\_\_\_\_ Did the bite break skin? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the ideal home for your cat: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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