



**ADOPTION CONTRACT/ REKKU RESCUE RY** (updated 6.6.2022)

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**CONTACT DETAILS OF THE ADOPTER**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANIMAL TO BE ADOPTED**

**Animal species:**

dog  cat  other, specify here

**Country of origin:**

Finland  Estonia, from where

**Animal's name:**

**Estimated date of birth:**

**Sex:**

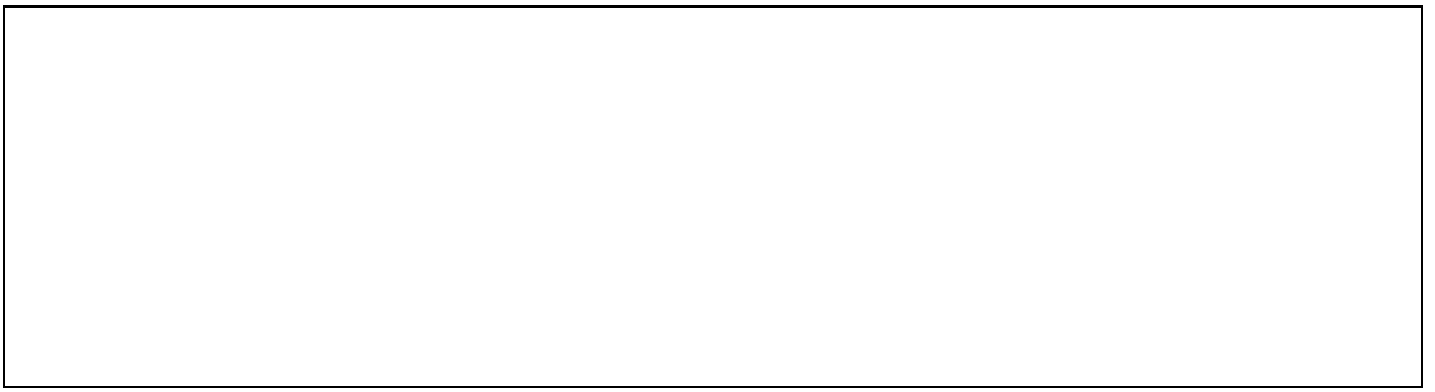
male  female

castrated  sterilized  uncastrated/sterilized

**Microchip number:**

**Other characteristics and breed:**

**Diseases of the adopted animal known to the association or other things affecting health or behavior:**



**Other veterinary procedures can be found on the vaccination card/EU passport handed over with the animal. An animal imported from Estonia has been imported in compliance with the conditions of commercial import, and it has been recorded in the Traces system.**

## ADOPTION CONTRACT

### Possession and ownership of animal:

1. With this contract Rekku Rescue ry transfers the possession and ownership of the animal to its new owner.
2. The animal is transferred to the adopter in exchange for an adoption fee. The fee covers procedures included in the vaccination card /pet passport as well as other veterinary services given to the animal prior to adoption.
3. The ownership of the animal is transferred to the adopter after payment of the adoption fee in full and after signature of the adoption contract.

### Terms and conditions related to the adoption of the animal:

4. The adopter is provided with information regarding the animal, its care and any possible health problems or injuries that Rekku Rescue ry is aware of at the time of the adoption. The animal has been given a **brief clinical examination** by a veterinarian which will not detect any possible underlying, asymptomatic diseases or injuries. Rekku Rescue ry will in no way be responsible for any health problems, injuries or problematic behavior, or any expenses relating thereof, that may arise after the animal has been transferred to its new home.
5. Rekku Rescue ry will provide the adopter with the animal's vaccination card when the animal is released to the adopter.
6. The new owner **accepts the animal in the condition and state of health as it is at the time of the adoption and acknowledges that the animal in question has a rescue- and/ or unknown background, whose character, health and behaviour have not been fully verified.** When adopting the animal, the adopter accepts responsibility for the animal's care, for example veterinary services, and wellbeing as well as all costs relating to these.
7. Responsibility of any eventual damages caused by the animal and any possible damages to the animal itself is transferred to the adopter at the time of adoption.

### Returning the animal adopted from Rekku Rescue ry and other recommendations:

8. In the event the adopter can no longer keep or care for the animal, Rekku Rescue ry will attempt to rehome the animal provided the animal is in a condition to be rehomed. The adoption fee will not be refunded if the animal is returned to Rekku Rescue ry.
9. Rekku Rescue ry recommends that any animal not sterilized when adopted should be taken to this procedure no later than 6 months after the adoption or when the animal reaches sufficient age. Animals adopted from Rekku Rescue ry are not allowed to be used for breeding.
10. An animal adopted from Rekku Rescue ry should not be walked outside without supervision or be allowed to be outside freely on their own.

Attached you will find recommendations for taking care of your new cat / dog. In any problem situations, please contact us as soon as possible!

Adoption fee \_\_\_\_\_ Eur has been paid as bank transfer to Rekku Rescue ry on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20

By signing this contract in the Signspace application, I confirm that I have familiarized myself with the guidelines and instructions for taking care of my new pet and I undertake to comply with the terms of the contract.

The personal data obtained from this contract is recorded in the contact information register of owners of adopted animals kept by Rekku Rescue ry. Contact information may only be processed by persons appointed by the board of the association in situations where the owner of the animal must be contacted, for example when the animal is lost or found. For more information, please visit:

<https://rekkurescue.com/yhdistys/tietosuoja/?langID=en>

# GUIDELINES FOR THE NEW HOME OF A CAT



## Home cat safety

- safe windows
- glazed balcony, balcony nets or a safety screen in the doorway, to prevent access to an open balcony

## The cat's first days in its new home

- provide the cat with calm surroundings and let the cat explore its new home and get to know its new owners in peace.
- separating the new cat from other pets is important for the first few weeks, our recommendation is minimum two weeks

## After the cat has settled down in the new home

- continue deworming treatments according to instructions, if necessary
- make sure the cat's vaccinations are always up to date

## Feeding your cat

- it is best to keep the cat's diet the same as it was in the foster home for the first few weeks
- remember: a cat is a carnivore! Make sure you provide your cat with a balanced diet and quality pet food, that is rich in meat content

## If your cat escapes outside

- please immediately contact Rekku Rescue ry as well as your local animal shelter
- useful information for finding a lost cat (in Finnish): [www.karkurit.fi](http://www.karkurit.fi), [elainetsijakoirat.fi](http://elainetsijakoirat.fi), [etsijakoiraliiitto.fi](http://etsijakoiraliiitto.fi), [suomenetsijakoirat.fi](http://suomenetsijakoirat.fi)

## Allergies / having to give up your cat / other problems

- please contact Rekku Rescue ry

**The first days in the new home** Always make sure the home is safe when the cat comes home! The balcony and windows must be cat-safe. A cat is a territory-conscious animal, and a change of location is always a stress factor for it. Stress can easily cause e.g. cat flu symptoms. It is not unusual for a cat to get an eye infection when moving to a new home. If there are already animals in the household, it is important for the health of both them and the new arrival, as well as for a successful introduction, to isolate the newcomer until the stress of moving subsides. During the isolation days, the animals get to know each other through smells and sounds, after which the first meeting goes more easily. After the initial isolation, the animals are allowed to visit each other's territories for progressively longer periods. Let the newcomer get to know the entire home by itself before meeting another cat as knowing the area is important for a sense of security. Make sure that all animals can go to the toilet, eat and sleep in peace. A timid or cautious cat should always be allowed to settle down in peace first in one room and in a smaller space.

Let the cat's contact person know within a week how things are progressing and in any problem situations contact them immediately.

**Outdoor activities for the cat** In terms of the cat's own safety, outdoor activities should only take place in the outdoor yard or under supervision in a harness. The cat must not be allowed to roam freely outside.

**Health** Cat flus are quite common and they may cause symptoms in connection with stress. Issues with sandbox usage can be caused by inflammation, urinary crystals or stress/idiopathic cystitis, and the cause should always be clarified with a veterinarian - a cat never urinates in a wrong places to annoy people. It is good to check the blood values of aging cats, e.g. to find kidney, liver and thyroid diseases as early as possible. Cats have many different diseases that affect their oral health, and some have tartar build up easily. Remember to look in your cat's mouth regularly and take it to the vet for a dental check-up every year.

**Worms** We recommend examining a stool sample (e.g. Movet) to assess the need for deworming, otherwise deworm the cat at least once a year and two weeks before vaccinations. Remember to disinfect the litter box at the same time. For internal parasite removal, we recommend e.g. Drontal, Cazitel or Flubenol.

**Vaccinations** The first vaccination requires a booster after about 4 weeks, check whether the cat has received it during its time in our care. The following booster vaccination is given to kittens at the age of one year, to adults one year after the booster, and after that the cat is vaccinated 1-3 years after the one-year vaccine. Vaccinations, including cat distemper protection, are important also for indoor cats!

**Feeding** A cat is a carnivore, that needs to get enough animal proteins and fat from its food in addition to vitamins and trace elements. A wrong kind of diet can cause deficiency states, stomach problems, urine crystals and, in the long run, kidney and liver diseases, overweight and diabetes. **Grain-rich dry foods from grocery stores can cause serious health problems!** If you offer your cat dry food, please make sure they are of good quality pet store brands.

If you are interested in feeding your cat raw meat as the main food, you can ask the Rekku contact person for instructions. You can't get all the nutrients from meat alone, and without food supplements you can cause your cat to suffer from severe deficiencies. Meat can be fed without supplements along with whole foods for approx. 1/3 of a day's food. Dietary changes should be made gradually to avoid stomach problems, at first mix new and old food together. Always have fresh water available.

Many cats' stomach gets upset after changing homes. Diarrhea can be caused by, for example, internal parasites, a change in diet, stress or food hypersensitivity. During diarrhea, it is good to give easy-to-digest food, such as boiled chicken or convalescent foods, lactic acid bacteria available from pharmacies to calm the intestines, and fluid balance must be taken care of. The cat must not be fasted, because its liver is overloaded without food. If the diarrhea is severe or lasts a long time and the cat is apathetic or dehydrated, it needs veterinary care.

**An easy way to help the homeless** You can support our animal welfare work by making purchases from the Zooplus and Peten Koiratarvike online stores through the link found on Rekku Rescue's website. Part of the final amount of your purchase will be donated to the association.

**Problem situations** We always recommend contacting the association's representative! We try to help in all problem situations, such as adjustment difficulties, running away, the need to change homes or allergies. We also update the death of the cat to its profile on our website.