



ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP ADOPTION AGREEMENT

State of California Food and Agriculture Code Sections 31108(b) and 31752(b) authorize the County to release any stray dog or cat that is impounded, prior to it being euthanized, to a nonprofit corporation, as defined in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, animal rescue group and,

State of California Food and Agriculture Code Sections 30503(c) and 31751.3(c) authorize the County to enter into cooperative agreements with animal rescue groups in lieu of requiring spay and neuter deposits and,

The County wants to reduce the number of animals euthanized and recognizes the value of animal rescue groups to help place companion animals into new homes,

Therefore, in cooperation, the undersigned animal rescue group agrees as follows:

1. All dogs and/or cats adopted by a rescue group from San Bernardino County Animal Care under this agreement must be made available for placement as a companion animal.
2. All dogs and/or cats adopted by a rescue group under this agreement will be surgically altered and microchipped before being placed into a new home, as mandated by the State of California Food and Agriculture Code Sections 30503 (a)(1), 31751.3 (a)(1), 31108.3 and 31752.1.
3. All dogs over the age of four (4) months adopted by a rescue group under this agreement that will reside within the jurisdiction of San Bernardino County Animal Care must be licensed. New owners are to be advised by the rescue group of licensing requirements.
4. The rescue group will provide a list of personnel along with their driver’s license numbers that are authorized to adopt under this agreement and will provide a complete list of addresses where the animals will be housed until placed.
5. Each address where animals are housed prior to placement must remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and requirements regarding proper housing, care and the maximum number of animals allowed.
6. San Bernardino County Animal Care reserves the right to determine which animals and the number of animals that will be eligible for adoption under this agreement.
7. This agreement may be revoked or modified by San Bernardino County Animal Care without prior notice.
8. The rescue group accepts full and unconditional responsibility to ensure full compliance with this agreement by its staff and volunteers and accepts full and unconditional responsibility for the proper care and control of the animals released to it for adoption.

_____ **Rescue Group representative:**
(Name of group)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Department of Public Health Representative:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____