

Date: _____ Staff Initials: _____ Surrender Fee: _____



Pet Surrender Contract Animal Shelter Inc. of Sterling, MA
978-422-8585 or staff@sterlingshelter.org or www.sterlingshelter.org

Shelter Policies: We want you to be absolutely sure of your decision to give up your pet. Should you have any doubts or concerns regarding the surrender of your pet, please ask one of the shelter counselors. If your pet is having behavioral problems, we can help. Please ask, we have many resources. The shelter reserves the right to refuse to accept any animal at any time. It is not the policy of this shelter to accept surrendered animals for the sole purpose of euthanasia, unless all options have been exhausted both medically, physically, and behaviorally from the owner's end. It is YOUR responsibility to weigh the risks and benefits to your pet when surrendering it. The shelter makes every effort to ensure the animals we adopt are placed, not just anywhere, but with people who will provide good care for the animal for the rest of its life.

Once an animal has been surrendered to the shelter, factors that determine if and how long an animal will be available for adoption include but are not limited to: health and overall condition of the pet, behavioral and training history, medical issues and most importantly their behavior while at the shelter. Please keep in mind that pets left in shelters go through a grieving period and detachment phase. Some detach immediately and have no problems adjusting to the shelter. Other pets may take weeks/months or may never detach from their owners and may then become aggressive, destructive, sick or unmanageable. The pet's behavior while in OUR SHELTER and with our staff/volunteers is re-evaluated daily with respect to these factors. Because re-homing aggressive pets or pets with severe behavior/medical problems is a liability for our shelter, we WILL NOT AND CAN NOT place these pets. Please read the following carefully and understand the options if we deem your pet unadoptable while in OUR shelter.

Important: If the animal's immediate health or behavioral conditions are questionable for any reason, at any time, and the shelter deems my pet unadoptable I understand I have two options for my pet at this time:

____YES, I will return to the shelter w/in 24 hours to reclaim my pet, should the shelter contact me. I understand that I will be reimbursed the remainder of my surrender fee after subtracting \$75 for administrative fees, \$15 a day for boarding, any medical expenses, shots, tests, exams, medications and vet care, and any costs associated with my destroying shelter property.

I have provided all my contact information below so the shelter will easily be able to reach me.

____NO, I will not/can not return to the shelter for my pet and I understand he/she may be euthanized due to liability he/she may present.

I understand the surrender fee of \$ _____ is a non-refundable, mandatory fee - which will support the care of my pet and other pets at the shelter.

I am surrendering: _____ Dog _____ Cat _____ Kitten/s _____ Puppy/ies

Male Female He/she is Spayed/Neutered? Yes No Pet's Age: _____

Pet/s Name: _____ Breed/Mix: _____ Color: _____

Reason for Surrender: _____ Date: _____

I certify that I own the animal described above, and I hereby surrender all of my interest, if any, therein to the Animal Shelter Inc. in Sterling, MA. 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, breaking the skin, in the past 10 days. I understand once my pet is adopted, the shelter will not try to get the pet back for me. Because of the limited staff time, we DO NOT accept calls about your pet. You can check our website www.sterlingshelter.org to see if your pet is still in our care. Once the pet is adopted, the pet's picture will be removed from the site. We cannot and will not disclose the adopters name or contact information. I understand the mandatory surrender fee of \$ _____ is non-refundable.

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email address: _____