

### **Scottish SPCA rehoming conditions**

1. I promise the Scottish SPCA that in accepting an animal I will take full responsibility for the animal's welfare, including all future veterinary treatment costs (subject to paragraph 8).
2. I understand that the animal I wish to rehome is for myself and not a third party. I must be over the age of 18 years and a householder in order to home an animal and confirm that I comply with this requirement. I accept that I may be asked for proof of age if appropriate.
3. I understand that the animals held by the Scottish SPCA are strays, unwanted or abandoned animals. The Scottish SPCA does not know the veterinary or behavioural history of an animal and cannot give any guarantee of its health or temperament. Accordingly I agree to take the animal in its present state (subject to paragraphs four and eight).
4. I agree that the Scottish SPCA reserves the right to take any animal back on the advice of their veterinary department. In such circumstances a refund will be made provided it is established that it is a pre-existing or long-term medical condition. However after a period of seven days from the date of rehoming the Scottish SPCA will deem that the responsibility for the above animal's welfare rests with the new owner. Any extension of this period will be entirely at the discretion of the Society's veterinary department and must be given in writing.
5. I agree, if requested, to allow the animal and its living accommodation to be inspected by a representative of the Scottish SPCA at a pre-arranged time within the first six months of ownership.
6. I undertake to obtain veterinary treatment for the animal both as routine and in the case of illness or injury.
7. I agree to follow advice given in relation to vaccination of the animal and not allow the animal to be in contact with any other animals until a qualified veterinary surgeon advises it is safe to do so.
8. If during the first seven days after leaving the Scottish SPCA centre, the animal becomes ill, I will contact the centre in the first instance. I understand that normally I will be asked to return the animal to the centre for a veterinary examination, but under certain circumstances I may be instructed to go to my local veterinary surgeon. If it is confirmed that the animal's illness has not been caused in the new home but was a preexisting condition, which developed during the first seven days, the Scottish SPCA will, if consulted prior to any treatment, consider paying for the first set of veterinary fees only, subject to the conditions laid out in Section four.

However, if within the first seven days Canine Parvovirus infection or any other infection or disease is diagnosed, either by the Scottish SPCA veterinary surgeon or by my own veterinary surgeon, which resulted in euthanasia being recommended, I will be entitled to a full refund of the purchase price of the dog, plus the initial veterinary fee if my local veterinary surgeon was consulted and has received the Scottish SPCA's prior approval.

I understand that the Scottish SPCA may not refund veterinary fees:

- If I have not informed the centre of any illness prior to taking the animal to my own veterinary surgeon.
- If treatment is necessary for any reason other than a condition that was pre-existing at the time the animal was homed.
- For any other animal which requires veterinary treatment or any other costs following contact with the rehomed animal.
- If the conditions agreed to in Section four are not complied with.

9. I will not on any account permit the animal to be used for any experimental or illegal sporting purposes nor will I breed from the animal.

10. If the dog or cat has not already been neutered by the Society before leaving the centre, I am fully aware of the Society's policy on neutering and agree to undertake this procedure as part of my responsibility in rehoming the animal.

11. I understand that if I wish to return the animal to the centre within the first seven days, after making an appointment to do so, it will be accepted by the centre, but no refund will be made. After this period I will be required to make payment of an entrance fee for an unwanted animal based on the Scottish SPCA's current scale.

I agree that the animal may be put to sleep if a veterinary surgeon advises that the animal is so ill or in such pain that the kindest decision is to end their suffering or if they are so dangerously aggressive that they could not be rehomed safely.

I understand that I am required by law to provide a disk showing contact details on the collar of my dog. The dog or cat will have been microchipped prior to homing and my name and address will be on the computer database. In the event of a change of address, or the death of the animal, I understand that I should contact Petlog as indicated in the microchipping documents.