



Georgia Animal Rescue and Defence, Inc. (GARD)

MANDATORY STERILIZATION CONTRACT

Animal being adopted:

Important...Please read before signing this sterilization agreement:

1. I, the undersigned hereby acknowledge and agree that I have been informed of the requirements of TITLE 4 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to the sterilization of dogs and cats acquired from public or private animal shelters.
2. GARD will present a healthy, sexually intact animal for adoption by me and will make known, in writing, any known defects, ill habits, traits, or characteristics relating to this animal. They will provide a copy of the completed adoption form, along with any available registration papers and medical records.
3. I guarantee that I will have the animal sterilized within 30 days of the animal reaching sexual maturity (180 days old for cats, 210 days old for dogs), but no later than the date set below. Failure to do so is a violation of the law.
4. I agree that if I cannot have the animal sterilized as agreed, I will immediately notify GARD in writing.
5. I agree to pay GARD a **\$75 refundable deposit** at the time of this adoption to guarantee that the adopted animal will be sterilized.
6. I agree to provide proof of sterilization by mail to GARD subsequent to the sterilization deadline. GARD will refund the \$75 deposit once the proof of sterilization is received.

I understand that failure to comply with all the terms of this agreement shall be a direct violation of the law and ownership of the animal shall immediately pass to GARD.

If convicted, I shall be subject to a fine of not to exceed \$500.

I agree to have this animal sterilized on or before this date: :_____

Signature of Adopter	Date
GARD Representative	Date