

# Bowie Citizens for Local Animal Welfare, Inc. (Bowie CLAW)

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Petestablished  
1-855-684-3184 ext. 103

## Cat Adoption Contract

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip# \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTER Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Box Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Contact** (not in your residence) in case pet is found and you cannot be reached in a reasonable time.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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**The cat will be kept entirely in the house,** being outdoors only in a plastic cat carrier, in a fully enclosed cat pen, or on a leash with a harness designed for cats. The cat will receive all care and attention necessary to insure the health and well-being of the cat. This will include providing at all times sufficient food, water, exercise, and yearly veterinarian visits, plus additional veterinary care as necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

**Our cats may not be declawed.** A penalty of \$500.00 will be imposed by the court, if we discover your CLAW cat has been declawed after adoption. NOTE: If you want a declawed cat, ask if we have one that is already declawed. Reason: A cat's claws function as part of its fingers and toes. Declawing means amputating the last joint of a cat's toes. The surgery and recovery is extremely painful if not done correctly and without appropriate pain management. Declawing impedes a cat's ability to protect itself, so it must be kept inside even if behavior changes for the worse in the future. Psychologically, cats need to claw as part of their grooming ritual and many cats knead with or without their claws to express comfort. Declawed cats tend to have higher levels of anxiety because they feel defenseless and often become biters. A high percentage also tend to react to stress by acting out such as by not using their litter boxes. Frequent clipping of the tip of the claw can help alleviate damage due to scratching. A volunteer or your vet can show you how to properly clip claws. **Give your cat plenty of appropriate things to scratch and gently correct your cat if it scratches the wrong things.** A little patience, positive reinforcement and consistency in training alleviate the vast majority of scratching problems. \_\_\_\_\_

**The adopter will keep the cat** for so long as it shall live and will not transfer the ownership or custody of the cat to any other person or to any business or organization, **except for the return of the cat to CLAW.** If the adopter wishes to relinquish custody of the cat, the adopter must notify CLAW of this wish at least 48 hours before custody is to be given up and return the cat to CLAW unless release to another home is authorized in advance in writing by CLAW. \_\_\_\_\_