



## Adoption contract

This contract is **for protecting** the rabbit \_\_\_\_\_  
**is concluded between the former owner**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
ID Nr. \_\_\_\_\_

### and the recipient

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
ID Nr. \_\_\_\_\_

The following rabbit(s) will be handed over:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed/Characteristics/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Colour \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Castrated? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed/Characteristics/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Colour \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Castrated? \_\_\_\_\_

Further rabbits, if necessary, will be documented on a separate paper. Further rabbits: \_\_\_\_\_

### §1 Animal keeping

The recipient commits himself to keep and feed every given animal adequately after its kind and its needs and accommodate it appropriately (according to § 2 of the German Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act). If he is unable to do so due to absence or illness, third parties must be assigned to do so. This is in particular the needs for social contacts (no isolated keeping) and plenty of space to ensure appropriate behavior day and night.

In addition, the owner is committed to the constant supply of fresh food and water and to ensure that the litter is kept dry and clean. For a healthy diet, a varied, daily green feeding is essential. The previous owner has handed out information material about the essential needs of the rabbit to the receiver. He also gave him advise about appropriate keeping.

The following way of keeping was agreed for the handed over rabbits:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Should the way of keeping change (less space, new enclosure, change from outside to inside ...), the previous owner is to be informed immediately. The previous owner will be happy to be there for questions, problems or if help is needed in fields of keeping, feeding and care. This is valid until the rabbit dies.

### **§2 Appropriation**

The animal(s) may not be used for experimental purposes, for sporting events, competitions, brought to exhibitions or similar events, used for multiplication or breeding, or be given to third parties for one of these purposes. Any maltreatment and cruelty to animals should be prevented, also by third parties.

### **§3 Health and veterinarian**

If the rabbit(s) get sick or have a suspected illness, the recipient is committed to visit the vet at any time, to care for the animal(s) well and also to assume higher veterinary costs. To ensure optimal health of the animal(s), the previous owner is happy to answer any questions for health or disease advice until the end of life of the given rabbit.

### **The transferred animal(s) ...**

O is/are apparently healthy, has/have been studied more closely and has/have no symptoms for of an illness. The recipient has checked the condition of the animal(s).

O was/were given with the following disease(s), which were examined / clarified by the veterinarian:

\_\_\_\_\_

The disease(s) is/are chronic O yes O no

Treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

The recipient was informed about the disease(s) and still wants the rabbit(s) despite this condition(s).

The rabbit(s) has/have been at the vet prior to handover for:

O castration O veterinary examination O vaccination O \_\_\_\_\_

The animal is pregnant? O yes O no

Veterinarian up to now:

\_\_\_\_\_

### **§4 Possession, selling, loss and death of rabbits**

The rabbits will remain property of the previous owner for six months and be for care at the recipient. After the six months, if they are still at the recipient, they will automatically become the property of the recipient. In these six months the recipients already takes care, liability and veterinary treatment for the animal(s). If the animal(s) are to be passed on, consultation with the previous owner must be held. The previous owner will take the rabbit(s) back at any time if needed. With permission of the previous owner, a transfer to another suitable place is also possible. When moving, the previous owner has to be informed about the new address. The rabbit enclosure is to be secured so that the rabbits are protected against predators at night (martens, foxes ...) and cannot escape during the day. The killing of the animals is only allowed by a veterinarian and with sufficient indication. In case of death or loss of the animal, the previous owner must be informed immediately.

### **§5 Caring**

In order to ensure an optimal well-being of the animal(s) at the receiver, the previous owner is happy to be there if any problems or further questions occur. So that the previous owner can convince himself of the suitability of the place, the recipient allows visits, if needed repeatedly, by the previous owner.

### **§6 Acting against or resinding from the contract**

Should it come to a breach of the contractual obligations, both sides can step back from the contract. In case of resinding from the contract, the animal (s) will be returned to the previous owner / this can be demanded by him. A contractual penalty is agreed to protect the handed over rabbit. Should there be a gross violation of the contractual obligations, a contractual penalty of 300 Euros is to be paid within one month to a club of rabbit protection (not to the previous owner).

### **§7 Other**

For the handing over of the rabbit(s) a nominal fee of \_\_\_\_\_ Euro per rabbit is agreed. This is payable upon delivery. Other agreements:

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### **§ Saving clause**

If any clause of this contract is ineffective, the effectiveness of the remaining clauses are not affected. The parties agree to replace the ineffective clause with an effective arrangement that should be as close as possible.

Following documents are attached to this contract:

Information about rabbit keeping

Confirmation about vaccination

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Date, Signature of the previous owner

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Date, Signature of the recipient