



**THE OREGON  
FERRET SHELTER**  
P.O. Box 1775  
Oregon City, OR 97045-0775

# CONTRACT OF ADOPTION

for

Ferret(s) \_\_\_\_\_ AVID# \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF ADOPTION:

If checked, the ferret being adopted is unaltered due to a young age. I agree to have the animal altered when it is between 5 - 9 months of age. A partial refund of \_\_\_\_\_ will be given upon proof of spay/neuter.

### I will insure that my ferret(s):

- Receive the required Canine Distemper shots, which are due on \_\_\_\_\_ and the required Rabies shots on \_\_\_\_\_, and once yearly thereafter.
- Will be handled in a loving, gentle, and responsible manner by all members of my household and anyone else that I let handle my ferret(s).
- Will never, intentionally, be turned loose outdoors and understand that any excursion outdoors requires that my ferret(s) be kept under constant surveillance and on a leash.
- Be free fed a high quality ferret food or meat based kitten food unless otherwise directed by my veterinarian. I understand that grocery store food is not recommended.
- Have access to fresh, cool water at all times.
- Be housed indoors in a cage (minimum size for 1-2 ferrets being 33" x 18" x 18") or a ferret-proofed room when no one is supervising the animal's activities. The enclosure (at minimum) will contain a litter pan, bedding, a food bowl, and a water bowl or bottle.
- Have a clean litter pan as needed, as ferrets are clean animals and do not like a dirty environment.
- Have clean bedding, free from snags and tears. (Weekly washing is recommended.)

### In addition,

- I will never use any kind of wood shavings in my ferret(s) cage or litter pan, as it is hazardous to the health of the animal.
- I will provide basic care including nail trimming, ear cleaning, and keep the ferret free of parasites.
- I will insure that the temperature of the cage and environment is maintained between a minimum of 65° F and not more than 80° F.
- I will never leave my ferret(s) in a vehicle unattended when there is a remote chance of heat prostration.
- I will have my adult ferret(s) vaccinated yearly against Canine Distemper and Rabies.
- I will seek competent veterinary advice if the health of my ferret(s) is ever in question.
- I agree that if I am unable to consistently provide at least one hour of quality time daily with my ferret(s); allow anyone to abuse or mistreat my ferret(s); unable to afford the recommended medical care; or for any reason have to give my ferret(s) up, **that I will give the ferret(s) back to the Oregon Ferret Shelter.** I understand that no other transfer of ownership, including selling or giving away of said ferret(s) is permitted without written permission of the Oregon Ferret Shelter.

The Oregon Ferret Shelter allows 14 days from the date of adoption for return of adopted ferrets for refund. If the ferret(s) has been obviously abused, neglected, or is ill and a veterinarian has not been consulted, a veterinarian will be consulted at the adopting party's expense. Fees for such visit, as well as, any required medication and/or surgery will be deducted from any refundable adoption fee. Fees over and above the adoption fee will be expected to be paid in full by owner and collection of said fees will be pursued. A copy of the receipt for any said veterinary care will be provided to the adopting party. Refunds will be issued seven (7) working days after the return of the adopted ferret(s). Three (3) additional days will be permitted for mailing. Refunds, if applicable, will only be sent to the adopting party and the address listed on this contract.

In consideration of receiving my adopted ferret(s), I hereby release the Oregon Ferret Shelter from any and all claims of liability for the actions of the ferret(s) being adopted. The Oregon Ferret Shelter does not make any representations or guarantees; either expressed or implied about the habits, background, or temperament of the ferret(s) being adopted. I have read and understand all of the contents of this contract and agree to abide by it.

Adopting Party Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Christine Mathis, OFS Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Adopting Party Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ David Mathis, OFS Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(IF ADOPTION IS BY A COUPLE, OFS REQUIRES BOTH SIGNATURES.)