Appendix J: Shelter Liabilities

Waiver of liability and indemnity agreement

The following is an example of legal language for waiver of liability and indemnity that might be included in an adoption agreement. All jurisdictions are different, though, so please check with your attorney before using this language.

**Release.** The Adopter, and for his/her spouse, heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, agrees never to bring a claim or suit against ABC Animal Shelter. The Adopter releases ABC Animal Shelter and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from all liability arising from the adoption or behavior or actions of the cat.

The Adopter understands that this agreement discharges ABC Animal Shelter and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability to the Adopter and his/her spouse, heirs, executors, and assigns, with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other loss that may result from the adoption or behavior or activities of the cat. The Adopter releases ABC Animal Shelter and discharges ABC Animal Shelter and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability for ABC Animal Shelter’s own negligence or liability that may result in bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other loss to the Adopter.

The Adopter has read this Release Agreement and fully understands that he/she will relinquish all claims or actions whether now known or discovered in the future against ABC Animal Shelter, its board members, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers. Adopter is of legal age and legally competent to sign this agreement. Adopter is signing this agreement of his/her own free will without the influence of an ABC Animal Shelter staff member.

**Indemnity Agreement.** The Adopter, and for his/her spouse, heirs, executors, personal representatives, and assigns, agrees to indemnify and hold ABC Animal Shelter harmless for all bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other losses, including attorney’s fees and costs of litigation, that result to anyone else or any other entity because of the Adopter’s negligence or liability. This includes lone acts or omissions by the Adopter as well as the combined acts of the Adopter with others.

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**NOTE**

1. This appendix contains some legal information, but it should not be considered legal advice. It is recommended that you discuss any legal issues with an attorney.