ADOPTION CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20__, by and between **Tickling Whiskers Rattery** (hereinafter called the "Breeder"), and the **Adoption Candidate** (hereinafter called the "Adopter"), regarding the adoption of pet rats, requirements for the humane care and treatment of these precious animals, and the associated, non-refundable, fees.

ADOPTION CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

Selecting homes that will ensure the safety, well-being, and longevity of all rats adopted from Tickling Whiskers Rattery is our primary concern. Therefore, adoption candidates must satisfy the following requirements:

- Adopter agrees to treat rats with love, kindness, and provide proper care including vet visits in case of significant health crisis.
- Rats MUST be housed in well-ventilated enclosures that are kept clean, safe, and secure
- Adequate resources including food, water, potty, toys, and other enrichments MUST be provided and maintained on a daily / weekly schedule (See rat care guidelines on the website).
- Rats MUST be supervised for free roaming playtime.
- Rats MUST be kept in same sex groups at all times.
- The ADOPTER AGREES NEVER TO BREED THE RATS
- The adopter agrees to all NON-REFUNDABLE FEES below

Tickling Whiskers Rattery reserves the right to refuse the adoption of rats to any individual or breeder without further explanation.

NON-REFUNDABLE FEES:

- The adopter must pay a 50% deposit to secure their selected rat(s).
- A late fee of $20 per animal / per week will be charged for rats not picked up on time.
- For third-party pickup / transport on behalf of the adopter,
    - All fees must be paid in FULL upon selecting rats.
    - A $20 per animal / per week holding fee is due upon rat selection; additional weekly holding fees start to accrue the day after a late pickup.

RE-HOMING POLICY:

- Rats MUST be returned to Tickling Whiskers Rattery at the adopter's expense.
- Rats MUST NOT be made available to any other person, breeder, rescue, or shelter.

ADDITIONAL TERMS:

Baby rats in the Tickling Whiskers Rattery nursery receive the most tender loving care. While we wish it were possible, we are unable to provide any guarantees for circumstances beyond our control once our sweet baby rats have ventured out into the world.

- In cases of third-party transport, the breeder relinquishes all responsibility for the health, safety, and temperament of rats once they enter the care of a third-party.
- Temperament
    - While we selectively breed for the sweetest temperaments, long-term guarantees aren't feasible due to the unforeseeable changes in the rat's environment over their lifetime.
    - Shyness and overstimulation are natural reactions to sudden environmental changes (especially when third-party transporters are involved). We encourage adopters to give your rats time to settle in after a quarantine period of 30 days before evaluating overall temperament.
    - We don't offer refunds based on temperament but are committed to working with our adopters to proactively find solutions with our adopters.

This Agreement is legally binding and shall be governed by the laws of the state where it is signed and executed below. The undersigned have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

After printing, please text a photo of the filled out form to the rattery at (910) 380-5531.

ADOPTER: _____

(PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME)

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

BEEDER: LeAshley Chaney, Tickling Whiskers Rattery

ADDRESS: New Bern, NC

TELEPHONE: 1-(910) 380-5531