

HEAVEN SCENT FERRET RESCUE/SHELTER



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POLICIES
Adoption Policies, Terms & Conditions
Please read carefully!

We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone for any reason.

(1) Please be honest and give complete information on your adoption application form. Giving false or incorrect information could cause delays in processing your application, or in some cases, can be grounds for it to be voided or declined by Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter or Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter.

(2) Please understand that at times, we may receive multiple applications for the same ferret, and we at Heaven Scent / Zilla's strive to attain the "best possible match" between ferrets and their potential "forever homes." We try to make sure that each adoption is as complete a match, and as safe as possible for all involved ... the ferret, you, and your family.

(3) Our adoption contract contains terms, which are very specific, and must be adhered to.

(4) Adoption contracts are a legally binding agreement.

(5) Adoption donations and fees are non-refundable, per the terms of our contract. Our adoption contract states that Heaven Scent / Zilla's will always "take a fuzzy back" in the event that Adopter changes his/her mind, the ferret doesn't adjust to the Adopter's family and/or lifestyle, or the Adopter for some reason is no longer able to care for the fuzzy; however, these conditions are not acceptable grounds for a refund. We expect that our potential adopters have given proper and due consideration to the responsibilities of adopting a ferret, and we spend considerable time with each potential adopter to that end. We at Heaven Scent / Zilla's are human, and do try to understand changes in circumstances beyond our Adopter's control, so in some rare cases with extreme circumstances, refunds may be considered on a case by case basis.

(6) Internet Adoptions allow Heaven Scent / Zilla's to adopt our ferrets to out-of-state Adopters. We at Heaven Scent / Zilla's feel that our ferrets deserve the most loving and caring homes possible, and we don't feel our adoptions should be limited if a fuzzy has a good potential home in another state.

Please be aware that our Internet Adoptions do have additional "rules", which are as follows:

- a. Submission of the Adoption Application via the Internet constitutes agreement by the potential Adopter to all terms and conditions of our adoption process.
- b. Adoption Donations and Fees submitted via our PayPal "Adopt Online" process constitute acceptance, acknowledgment, and is representative of the Adopter's "electronic signature" of our Adoption Contract regardless of whether the Adopter ever mails or faxes an original of the contract back to Heaven Scent / Zilla's.
- c. The same terms and conditions apply to our Internet Adoptions that apply to our in-person adoptions.

(7) Transport fees paid to Heaven Scent / Zilla's are NON-REFUNDABLE, regardless of circumstances. Depending on space availability, it may be possible for the Adopter to expedite or

delay a transport for which fees have been paid, but this is at the sole discretion of Heaven Scent / Zilla's.

These terms and conditions subject to change and/or modification by Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter and Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter at any time.



ADOPTION CONTRACT:

ADOPTER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE# _____

DATE of ADOPTION _____

FERRET COLOR _____

SEX _____

D.O.B. (if known) _____

FERRET'S NAME _____

Adopter agrees to pay the sum of \$ _____ for the adoption of said ferret. All ferret adoption contracts approved by the Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter or Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter are subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Adopter further agrees to provide proper veterinary care for the Ferret.

All members of my household and guests that visit my home will handle all ferrets in a loving, gentle manner.

Ferrets will be fed quality kitten/ferret food, provided fresh water, kept indoors and housed in a cage or ferret proof room when no one is at home or can supervise the ferret's activities.

If for any reason the Adopter is unable to:

- * Spend quality time with the ferret(s)
- * Unable to keep them as pets
- * Abuse or mistreat the ferret(s)
- * Or have to give them up for any other reason,

Then the ferret(s) will be returned to or reclaimed by Heaven Scent Rescue/Shelter, Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter or closest ferret rescue/shelter.

The Adopter shall not offer the ferret for sale or give the ferret to any third party without the prior written consent of the Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter or Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter.

The Adopter grants the Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter and Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter the right to make periodic visits to the Adopter's premises for the purpose of checking on the health and general welfare of the ferret.

The Adopter shall send by email, phone, or written contact periodic updates on the welfare of the adopted ferret(s). Please send health updates, photos, and forward any change of address and phone numbers.

If the ferret's health is ever in question, the Adopter will seek veterinary advice. It would be appreciated if you would contact the shelter if there are any health problems or when the ferret passes on, so we may better our understanding of breeding, health and life spans of ferrets.

Ferrets will be vaccinated yearly against Canine Distemper and it is recommended to have ferret(s) vaccinated against Rabies with Imrab-3 once a year and ADV tested.

Next distemper due: _____

The Adopter represents that all family members have agreed to the adoption of the ferret and that all family members will abide by the terms of this agreement. The Adopter further represents that he/she is eighteen years of age or older.

The Adopter represents that he/she has never been subject to legal action for cruelty to or neglect of animals. The Adopter further represents that he/she has never owned an animal which has been confiscated by any animal control or humane organization for violations of state or local animal control regulations or animal adoption agreements.

If the Adopter is a tenant, then Adopter agrees to provide written permission from the landlord consenting to the ferret adoption.

The Adopter agrees to pay the Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter or Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter the sum of \$300.00 as liquidated damages in the event the terms of this contract are breached. This liquidated damage value does not bar the Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter or Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter from seeking the return of the ferret by judicial process or other legal means if necessary. If legal action is instituted, the Adopter agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

The Adopter hereby declares that he/she is aware:

- * That ferret(s) are different from human beings in their responses to human actions;
- * That the actions of ferrets can be and are often unpredictable.
- * That an ferret's behavior may change after it leaves the shelter and accustoms itself to a home or other different environment; and
- * That the Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter and Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter make no claims as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of any ferret put up for adoption.

The Adopter understands that there will be NO REFUNDS OF ADOPTION FEE.

The Adopter acknowledges that he/she has received a copy of the Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter and Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter Adoption Contract Terms.

The Adopter, hereby accepts possession of and responsibility for the ferret adopted and agrees to release and discharge the Heaven Scent Ferret Rescue/Shelter and Zilla's Fuzzy Friends Rescue/Shelter forever from:

- * Liability for any injury or damages to any person or property caused by the adopted ferret.
- * Any causes of action, claims, suits, or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damages.

With the adoption of the above ferret(s), I/we agree to the conditions set forth in this contract.

ADOPTER _____

DATE _____

HEAVEN SCENT or ZILLA'S REP: _____

DATE _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

