

# Maine Chinchilla Ranch ~ Adoption Contract

Name	Number	Sex	Color	Date of Birth	Parents

**In adopting from Maine Chinchilla Ranch LLC (MCR), or Maine Chinchilla Shelter (MCS), the undersigned INITIALS and agrees to each of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide proper food, water, hygiene, shelter, supplies, chew items, care, affection and attention for these animals and will consider the wellbeing of these animals when making all housing or moving decisions. I will not feed them fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, nuts, or seeds in any quantity.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to never neglect, abandon or abuse these pets, nor will I allow them to be abused by any other person or animal. I will not allow them to be used for fur, research, laboratory purposes, feeders, fighting, entertainment, or be used for any inhumane practice. I agree never to expose these chins to other species; I will prevent injury, stress, and infection from dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, and all other animals by keeping them out of the chin's room.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to never place my chinchilla in an exercise ball, never take them outside, not to have a wheel in their cage, and not to allow my chinchilla to exercise or roam freely in my home. I understand that as prey animals, chinchillas experience great anxiety when outside their cage and I must supervise them and keep them close to prevent injury and overexertion.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I will not abandon, dispose of, or release these chinchillas.** If for any reason I cannot keep, care for, or properly tend to these pets I will surrender them and their cagemates to a licensed animal shelter.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that I am 21 years or older, or as a parent or guardian I take responsibility for these animals as companion animals for my child. I will be responsible for the animals should my child leave to college or housing that does not permit animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I WILL NOT use any of these animals for breeding purposes.** I will not place them in a situation where an accidental breeding could take place. **I understand that no homes with both male and female chinchillas are permitted,** if opposite sex animals are in the same home, I understand **I am in violation of this contract** and that **my animals are at risk of injury or death.** I will contact MCR immediately if or when any babies are born.

\_\_\_\_\_ If these animals are bonded at time of adoption, I agree to keep them housed together unless a fight occurs to the point of bites or bloodshed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that MCR cannot guarantee compatibility with the caregiver, environment, supplies, or other chinchillas. The actions of animals are often unpredictable and the possibility of bites, scratches, or injury from the animals exists.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to seek necessary veterinary treatment should any chinchilla become ill or injured. MCR is not liable or responsible for any illness or injury that may exist at time of adoption or thereafter to these animals, and purchase and adoption fees are non-refundable. MCR will not be liable or responsible for refund or payment of any veterinary, medical, delivery, or legal fees related to any animal or equipment purchased.

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize seizure of all chinchillas in my home by an Animal Control Officer if not receiving proper care, being denied veterinary care, if there has been any violation of this contract, or violation of any federal or state anti-cruelty laws.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have read this contract and will abide by its terms for the entire natural lives of the chinchillas in my home. If I am unable or unwilling to maintain any part of this agreement, I will surrender them to an animal shelter.**

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MCR: **Marianne L Sansouci** Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_