



## Gretta's Hamster Rescue Adoption Agreement

Gretta's Hamster Rescue ("GHR") is placing the following described hamster with \_\_\_\_\_ ("Adopter") for adoption as a household pet for a fee as described in Section I, below.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sex:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Color / Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Section I. Adoption Fee

An adoption fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is due at the time of adoption to offset the housing, food, and veterinary costs incurred by GHR. Adopter understands that this fee is non-refundable.

### Section II. No Representations

GHR makes no representations or warranties about the lifespan, condition, personality, or temperament of the hamster. Adopter understands that:

- The average lifespan of a hamster is two (2) years, although some may live for shorter or longer.
- The size and temperament of a hamster varies based on the breed.
- Hamsters are skittish and can be unpredictable under certain conditions, which can include the possibility of biting, but they are relatively easy to tame with appropriate training and environment.

### Section III. Hamster Care

Adopter agrees that the hamster will be kept in appropriate conditions for its health, safety, and welfare. Adopter will not neglect hamster in any manner. Adopter agrees that the hamster is being adopted as a household pet and will be treated as a companion and family member.

Adopter further agrees to have the hamster examined by a licensed veterinarian at least annually, or promptly in the case of illness or injury.

### Section IV. Smoking Policy

Adopter understands that GHR will not place a hamster into an adoptive home in which any member of that household smokes or in which smoking has occurred in the past 5 years or less. Even when smoking takes place outside the home, the lingering odor of cigarette smoke on the hands, clothes, and hair of the smoker can still be harmful to animals. Small animals, such as hamsters, have sensitive respiratory systems and are highly susceptible to respiratory infections

and other pulmonary diseases. These are triggered or worsened by poor air quality environments such as smoking. Adopter agrees to abide by this smoking policy at all times.

**Section V. Animals as Gifts Policy**

Adopter understands that GHR does not adopt hamsters as gifts. Adopter specifically agrees that the hamster will not be given as a surprise gift. Adopter attests that the decision to adopt a hamster through GHR included all members of Adopter’s household, and it was made with knowledge of all the necessary care information to ensure the best possible outcome.

**Section VI. No Liability**

GHR, its officers, and its volunteers are not liable for any claims, legal actions, losses, injuries, costs, expenses, or liabilities whatsoever in connection with this adoption or ownership of the hamster.

Adopter understands that this Adoption Agreement may be reviewed with a representative of Adopter’s choice before signing. By signing this Adoption Agreement, Adopter acknowledges that the terms are reasonable and enforceable.

**Adopter**

**GHR Representative**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_