Adoption Contract

Animals being adopted today given contract is signed and dated:

A) Adopting person(s) agree that the animals described above are being adopted solely as pets for themselves. Therefore, as pets, they are not to be bred intentionally at any given time. In the event an accidental litter is to occur, the adopter agrees to contact Rem's Rattery with this information.

Ethics and quidelines to follow:

- 1. Adopter agrees to give adopted rats at minimum, a staple food of Oxbow, Kalmbach, Mazuri, or Shunamite diet daily.
- B) Furthermore, the adopter will see to it the rats are cared for in a humane, timely, and responsible manner. The rats will receive all care and attention necessary to ensure their health and well-being. The rats will be provided with a clean and adequately sized cage (2 square feet per female, 2.5 square feet per male). No aquariums of any kind, size, or quality is to ever be used regardless if it is temporary placement or permanent. If kept in a cage with wire bottom or levels that are not powder coated, they will be covered with appropriate nontoxic material to prevent injury to the rat. Clean water, nutritious food, exercise, and veterinary care (when needed) are to be provided daily. The use of cedar bedding is strictly prohibited and any use of pine or aspen bedding must be kiln dried. The adopter will also provide companionship in the form of at least one same-sex or spayed/neutered cagemate, and sufficient human interaction for proper socialization and mental stimulation. Adopter will not permit young children (8 and under) to handle the rats without proper instruction and supervision.
- C) Adopting person(s) agrees that in the event a rat(s) must be rehomed or if ever the adopter is unable to provide the necessary care (veterinary or otherwise), he/she/they must first contact the breeder/seller, Rem's Rattery, and allow said breeder first right of refusal to take the rat(s) back into their care. Return of the rat(s) is to be done by the adopter and at his/her/their expense. If the adopter has located a vetted home for the rat(s), it must be with the knowledge and consent of the breeder, Rem's Rattery. The rat(s) is not to be sold, given away, turned loose, abandoned, or otherwise disposed of to any person, retailer, pet store, institution, shelter, auction, or other entity.
- D) The breeder is to be notified if said animal(s) develop a serious temperament problem, illness or chronic condition which may be genetic in a timely manner. Adopter understands that while the breeder sells no animals that have signs of health issues at the time of placement, no guarantee is expressed or implied about the health or temperament of the rat(s). The breeder, Rem's Rattery, is hereby absolved from liability for future damages or injuries caused by the above described animal(s) and any veterinary bills incurred on behalf of said animal(s).
- E) The breeder, Rem's Rattery, is to be notified at the time of the above animal's death with the date of death and probable cause of death, if death was not naturally occurring due to old age.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED BY:

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