



FELINE GUARDIAN PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

I certify I am the owner of and have great affection for a feline companion named _____ . I wish to ensure the continued care of my cat in the event of my death or inability to care for him or her. Therefore, I wish to enter into an agreement for this purpose with Hearts That Purr Feline Guardians (“HTP”), a non-profit animal welfare organization, by enrolling my beloved cat into their Feline Guardian Program. In doing so, it is my intention and desire that upon my death or inability to care for him or her, all my rights of ownership and physical custody of my beloved cat will be given to HTP with the understanding that my cat will continue to receive loving care in accordance with this agreement.

In order to enroll my cat in the Hearts That Purr Feline Guardian Program, I agree as follows:

1. I have completed the Cat Dossier Form to give HTP a better understanding of my cat’s personality, lifestyle and medical history. This information will be used by HTP to help make my cat’s transition into their care as seamless and stress-free as possible. I understand it will benefit my cat for HTP to have current information in the event my cat must enter their care; therefore, I will try to provide updates of any changes to the Cat Dossier Form, from time to time.
2. I understand that if my cat enters the care of HTP, he or she will be seen by a veterinarian as soon as possible after arrival; however, it is my responsibility to maintain appropriate vet care for my cat while he or she is enrolled in the Feline Guardian Program. In addition, I will send HTP copies of my cat’s most recent vaccination certificates, to prevent the unnecessary duplication of vaccinations if my cat enters their care.
3. This agreement shall be considered authorization to any third party to release information to HTP as may reasonably be needed to facilitate continuity of care for my cat.

4. I will maintain a Designated Representative, who is a person having access to my home in the event of my death or disability. This individual will be responsible for immediately contacting HTP and arranging the transfer of my cat to them when necessary. In addition, my Designated Representative shall also deliver a few household items that may bring scent reassurance to my cat during this transitional time, e.g., my cat's food bowls, scratching posts, cat beds, toys, or my slippers and robe.
5. If authorities are not able to contact my Designated Representative, or he or she is unable or unwilling to act immediately to ensure the well-being of my beloved cat, I hereby give permission to HTP to take all necessary measures to ensure my cat's care is not interrupted nor diminished in my absence. This permission includes, but is not limited to, entry into my home to provide care, arranging third-party care givers, or physically taking my cat into their custody along with some scent reassurance items as previously described. Any costs incurred by HTP to safeguard my cat when my Designated Representative fails to act may be chargeable to my estate.
6. I will be provided with Emergency Alert cards for my home and wallet confirming my cat's enrollment in the Hearts That Purr Feline Guardian Program in the event I was unable to communicate this information to emergency personnel myself. In addition, I understand it is ultimately my responsibility to ensure that HTP receives prompt notification of my demise or disability in order for HTP to assume care of my cat as contemplated under this agreement. I will post emergency contact information in a highly visible place or places in my home and will inform all appropriate persons, e.g., my Designated Representative, veterinarian, landlord or relative, of my wishes and my cat's enrollment in the program, to ensure HTP is promptly notified if the time comes for my beloved cat to enter their care.

7. I understand there may be occasion during the period my cat is enrolled in the Feline Guardian Program, where I may be temporarily incapacitated due to a serious illness or medical emergency, but may not intend on relinquishing ownership of my cat yet. I understand HTP might be contacted about my cat's care during such an emergency, but while temporary care is outside of the scope of the Feline Guardian Program, it may be provided as a courtesy if the well-being of my cat is in question. In such case, I give permission for HTP to temporarily take my cat into their care, or enter my home to provide care until other arrangements can be made by me or my Designated Representative. In addition, if my cat is currently micro-chipped, or I plan to have this done at a later date, I may add HTP as a secondary contact in the unlikely event my cat is lost and I am not able to be reached right away. In such case, HTP may retrieve my cat and provide temporary care while I am located. If my cat incurs any expenses for any temporary care by HTP, I will reimburse HTP promptly. I agree to hold HTP and individuals acting on their behalf, harmless from any liability or loss incurred trying to help me and my cat, during any temporary care situation.
8. I understand that eligibility for enrollment in the HTP Feline Guardian Program is only available to supporters of the organization. Therefore, I agree to make at least one, nonrefundable donation to HTP each year in support of their mission, in any amount I can afford, beginning on the date my cat's enrollment in the Program is accepted by HTP. I understand this enrollment period will be for one year and may renew annually on its origination date for the duration of my cat's life, provided I continue to make annual donations and honor all other terms, and HTP continues to accept the cat care obligations imposed herein. I may also end my cat's enrollment in the program at any time by providing written notice to HTP. HTP will send a reminder prior to the renewal date, to my last known address. It will be my responsibility to provide HTP with my current contact information, should this change during my cat's enrollment in the Feline Guardian Program.

9. I have made provision in my estate plan, will, trust or other funding method for an unrestricted, general bequest or donation to HTP upon my death to be used in support of and to further its mission of providing shelter and loving care for felines made homeless due to the terminal illness, incapacitation or death of their owners. I understand enrollment of my cat is not complete until I have provided documentation to HTP of my estate gift. I will inform HTP of changes made to my anticipated estate gift, should this occur.
10. In the event my enrolled cat predeceases me and I decide not to acquire another, this enrollment will be of no further effect. However, I may leave the inclusion of HTP in my estate plan at my option, knowing that my generosity will survive me in the future work HTP does to help other cats like my own.
11. In the event my health fails and I am no longer able to care for my beloved cat, I may have the contemplated benefit of the Feline Guardian Program accelerated prior to my death with an advance placement option. Advance placement must be done with prior approval from HTP and shall include a donation, equivalent to the intended bequest amount, or other mutually agreeable financial arrangement, made at the time my cat is relinquished to HTP. In addition, this may also require my commitment to continue the annual donations anticipated under the Feline Guardian Program Agreement, if I am able to do so. If I am living, but incapacitated in any way, my legal representative, acting on my behalf, shall do whatever is necessary to ensure my obligations pursuant to this agreement are honored in full and my cat is promptly placed in the care of HTP as I intended.
12. Upon my death or incapacitation, my wishes regarding the continued care of my beloved cat, and my obligations and promises to HTP as contemplated under this agreement shall be binding upon my executors, heirs, trustees, or other legal representative or successors in interest, and shall constitute a claim against my estate. This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona.

13. HTP understands how important my cat is to me and will always act with a high regard for my wishes. However, I understand there may be occasion to vary from my wishes in order to do what is in the best interest of my cat as an individual and I agree that HTP should do so. If HTP believes my cat will be happier in an individual home setting with a one-on-one guardian, HTP will endeavor to place my cat in an approved foster home based on the information provided in the Cat Dossier Form. In such case, HTP will maintain ownership of and responsibility for my cat's care for the remainder of its life. In certain circumstances, again with my cat's best interest in mind, HTP may officially adopt my cat into a new home with strict conditions for its care and follow-up contact. However, my cat's enrollment in the Feline Guardian Program will endure for its lifetime and my cat may always return to the HTP family in the event its new guardian dies or is otherwise unable to care for him or her any longer.

14. Please provide the name(s) of any other cats I own that are being enrolled in the Feline Guardian Program at this time or any already enrolled:

15. Please describe any additional care instructions to be incorporated herein:

16. My Designated Representative for the purpose of this agreement is:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # () _____ Alternate Phone # () _____

email _____

The foregoing Feline Guardian Program Enrollment Agreement terms and conditions are hereby accepted by:

Cat Owner Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Cat Co-owner Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Accepted by Hearts That Purr Feline Guardians, by:

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Disclaimer: Hearts That Purr Feline Guardians is a non-profit, cat-rescue organization located in Tucson, Arizona created by cat-lovers for cat-lovers in order to help save feline lives. Donations are generally tax deductible as permitted by IRS 501(c)(3) code; however we are not legal or tax experts. If the deductibility of specific donations made through the Feline Guardian Program during your life and afterwards is important for you, please seek the advice of a professional estate planning advisor.

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