

# RAT PURCHASE CONTRACT

Agreement of sale between "The Purchaser" and "The Breeder", whose details are described in Section A of this document. The Purchaser agrees to care for The Rat(s), details of which are set out in Section C of this document, by the terms set out in Section B of this document.

## SECTION A- PARTY DETAILS

### **The Purchaser:**

Full Name- \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number- \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address- \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Number- \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address- \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Breeder:**

Rattery Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Rattery Representative- \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number- \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address- \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B- CARE OF RAT(S)

### 1. General Care

- 1.1. The Purchaser agrees to house The Rat(s) in accordance with the 5 Freedoms of Animal Welfare, as described below
  - 1.1.1. **Freedom from hunger or thirst** by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour
  - 1.1.2. **Freedom from discomfort** by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area
  - 1.1.3. **Freedom from pain, injury or disease** by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment
  - 1.1.4. **Freedom to express (most) normal behaviour** by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind
  - 1.1.5. **Freedom from fear and distress** by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering
- 1.2. As laid out in 1.1, The Rat(s) will receive a balanced diet at all times.
- 1.3. As laid out in 1.1, The Rat(s) will be housed permanently indoors, with adequate bedding and nesting materials
- 1.4. As laid out in 1.1, The Rat(s) will be given proper and swift treatment by an exotics vet should the need arise.
- 1.5. As laid out in 1.1, The Rat(s) will be given a cage with dimensions no less than 60cm(H)x40cm(W)x60cm(H) for two (2) rats.
- 1.6. As laid out in 1.1, The Rat(s) caging shall increase in size accordingly for each new rat added. Each additional rat should have minimum 200cm<sup>2</sup>, in accordance with lab guidelines. This amount is on top of the base cage size for 2 rats and should increase if the rats' size exceeds 300g or activity is more than average.
- 1.7. As laid out in 1.1, The Rat(s) will never be housed in less than sets of two (2) for an extended period.
- 1.8. As laid out in 1.1, The Rat(s) will be handled with respect and shall be housed in an environment that is devoid of stressful elements.

### 2. Breeding

- 1.1. The Rat(s) shall under no circumstances be bred by The Purchaser, with or without their knowledge, unless explicitly stated in writing by The Breeder and signed by all parties
- 1.2. Should The Rat(s) be bred without the permission of The Breeder, The Breeder has the right to confiscate all kits resulting from said pairing and all other rats bred by The Breeder.
- 1.3. Should any kits be adopted out by The Purchaser and subsequently bred, those rats, along with the subsequent litters, are also to be confiscated by The Breeder.

### **3. Miscellaneous**

- 3.1. Should The Purchaser no longer be able to house The Rat(s) in adequate conditions due to any reason, The Purchaser is to return The Rat(s) back to The Breeder.
- 3.2. The Purchaser may, at no point, rehome The Rat(s) to any private home, institution, rescue, research facility or other organisation or breeder, without the written consent of The Breeder.
- 3.3. Should any major change of details occur, including but not limited to change of address, change of contact details, The Purchaser is to notify The Breeder in a timeous manner.
- 3.4. Should The Rat(s) fall ill at any given time, The Purchaser is to notify The Breeder within 24 hours
  - 3.4.1. Should The Rat(s) require medical attention, The Purchaser is to take The Rat(s) to the vet at the next closest available appointment
- 3.5. Should The Rat(s) pass away The Purchaser is to notify The Breeder in a timeous manner and describe the cause of death.
  - 3.5.1. The Purchaser must let The Breeder know directly that the rat has passed, not via a third party.
- 3.6. The Purchaser acknowledges that they agree to provide food, shelter and vet care to The Rat(s) for the duration of their lifetime, and should they neglect or otherwise endanger The Rat(s) at any given point, The Breeder has full rights to confiscate The Rat(s).
- 3.7. The Breeder reserves the right to express concern and remove The Rat(s) should it be felt adequate care is not being given.

SECTION C - RAT DETAILS

NAME	DOB	VARIETY	GENDER	ID NUMBER

By signing this document, The Purchaser and The Breeder acknowledge all terms and conditions as stated above.

Signed this day \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(The Purchaser)

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(The Breeder)