

## Adoption Contract and Guide for Tiny Gray Frog Adoptions

Adopter name:

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Phone:

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E-Mail:

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Physical Address:

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### PETS NOT PRODUCTS

Adopter promises not to breed adoptee frogs, nor to sell adoptee frogs. If Adopter is no longer able to care for adoptee frogs, please contact me or see REHOMING section below.

### TO A GOOD HOME

Adopter acknowledges that fear and stress can be worse than pain for animals, and that stress can come from environments that are overly exposed, crowded, unclean, bare, or unstimulating. Adopter agrees that frogs and other small creatures have emotional needs just as intense as our own, and that small creatures deserve to have rich, beautiful, and stimulating lives.

### SECURE HIDING SPACES

Adopter agrees to always keep adoptee frog(s) in a space that has secure hiding spaces, including during travel, transfer to new location, and at any shows or retail locations.

Secure hiding spaces mean that adoptee frog(s) can completely withdraw from view if they choose, which will allow frogs to feel safe in their homes. Frogs will be viewable if they do feel safe. If frogs stay in totally hidden location for more than an hour, this shall be recognized as an indication of severe stress or desire for sleep, and frogs' enclosure will be covered with a dark cloth or other cover that blocks enough light that cage is in "night".

Secure hiding spaces could include a densely leafy plant, a small cavelike structure, or a container completely covered or half covered by a dark cloth, with the covered area being dark inside the container and the dark area being at least 5" back from the edge of the non-dark area, and at least 2" wide and 3" high above any substrate.

### WATER

Adopter agrees that adoptee frogs should always have access to at least one cup of treated (dechlorinated / dechloraminated) water that has been changed for fresh water no more than three days ago. Larger quantities of water can be changed less frequently (and will be more fun for frogs).

### VIVARIA STANDARDS

Adopter agrees that adoptee frogs should always be kept in an enclosure at least 18" high and 12" x 12" wide/deep, except for brief periods not to exceed 36 hours. Adopter agrees that adoptee frogs should

have humidity at least 65% at all times, and access to fresh air. Adoptee frogs should never be kept in any container that does not allow entry of fresh air.

Adopter agrees that adoptee frogs will have a topologically rich environment in which to climb, jump, leap, hunt, and possibly bask. Adopter understands that frogs love gardens as much as humans – maybe more.

#### FEEDING YOUR FROGS

Adopter agrees that adoptee frogs will be fed every day for two days after adoption, and at least every third day after that (every other day is their usual schedule now). Adopter understands that captive amphibians need vitamin supplementation. Adopter agrees to have a trained amphibian pet sitter on hand, with at least one other trained amphibian carer in reserve, if adopter travels away from adoptee frog for more than two days. Adopter can be the one to train amphibian pet sitter.

#### REHOMING

Adopter agrees never to release adoptee frogs into the wild. If adopter can no longer care for adoptee frogs, adopter agrees to return frogs to Tiny Gray Frog Adoptions or to rehome frog with a knowledgeable amphibian carer under the same contractual terms as this contract. Contact info:

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#### FURTHER READING

If not already expert on the following topics, adopter agrees to spend time learning more about the following topics having to do with adoptee frogs and their species: species characteristics, individuals' personalities and preferences, enrichment, best feeding and health practices, what behaviors indicate stress and what behaviors indicate happiness, and how to protect from injury, sickness, and stress.

#### END NOTES

By the signatures below, adopter agrees to the stipulations above, and enters into a relationship of custody and friendship with adoptee frogs named below. Tiny Gray Frogs Adoptions joyfully gives custody of adoptee frogs to adopter, wishes them the best of luck and love, and hopes to be called upon if adopter has questions or needs help with adoptee frogs.

Adopter

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Adoptee Frogs (count, characteristics, or names)

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Tiny Gray Frogs Adoptions signatory

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Date

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