

HICKORY RIDGE MAINE COON CATTERY

KITTEN PURCHASE AGREEMENT & HEALTH GUARANTEE

Thank you for choosing Hickory Ridge Maine Coon Cattery!

We take great pride in raising healthy, well-socialized Maine Coon kittens in a loving home environment. Our goal is to provide every kitten with the best possible start in life and place them with families who will cherish them for years to come.

This agreement outlines the terms of purchase, health guarantees, and responsibilities of both the breeder and purchaser. Our priority is the lifelong health, happiness, and well-being of every kitten we place.

1. BUYER INFORMATION

Buyer Name: _____

Additional Buyer Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Primary Telephone: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Secondary Buyer Email: _____

DocuSign Email (if different): _____

2. KITTEN & PURCHASE INFORMATION

Kitten's Name: _____

Breed: Maine Coon

Sex: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Color/Pattern: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Microchip Number: _____

Date of Pickup/Transfer: _____

Required Spay/Neuter Window: _____

Purchase Details

Total Purchase Price: $ _____

Reservation Deposit Paid: $ _____

Remaining Balance Due: $ _____

Payment Method: _____

3. HEALTH GUARANTEE

General Health at Time of Transfer

Hickory Ridge Maine Coon Cattery believes the kitten to be in good health at the time of transfer and confirms that the kitten has received age-appropriate veterinary care.

The kitten will be provided with applicable veterinary records, vaccination information, and deworming history at the time of pick up.

Limitations of Health Coverage

Once the kitten has been placed in the Buyer's care, the Breeder is no longer responsible for illnesses, infections, parasites, injuries, or other health conditions that may develop. This includes, but is not limited to, viral or bacterial infections, fungal conditions, Giardia, FELV, FIV, FIP, and stress-related illnesses.

The Breeder will not be held liable for health issues or injuries resulting from improper handling, inadequate care, neglect, accidents, inappropriate nutrition, exposure to other animals, or failure to seek timely veterinary attention.

Additional Guarantees and Expectations

The Breeder makes no guarantees regarding the kitten's eventual adult size, weight, coat color or pattern development, show quality, or future breeding suitability.

Initial Veterinary Examination

The buyer agrees to have the kitten examined by a licensed veterinarian within three (3) calendar days of taking possession.

Failure to obtain this veterinary examination within the required three (3) calendar days will void this health guarantee, except where prohibited by law.

If a serious illness believed to have existed prior to transfer is diagnosed, the buyer must notify Hickory Ridge Maine Coon Cattery within seventy-two (72) hours of the veterinary examination and provide supporting veterinary records and documentation.

Three-Year Hereditary Health Guarantee

Hickory Ridge Maine Coon Cattery provides a three (3) year hereditary health guarantee covering the following conditions:

- HCM – Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
- PKD – Polycystic Kidney Disease
- SMA – Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- PKDef – Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency
- PRA – Progressive Retinal Atrophy
- Qualifying congenital defects

This guarantee applies to covered hereditary conditions confirmed by appropriate veterinary examination and diagnostic testing within three (3) years of the kitten's date of birth.

FIP (Feline Infectious Peritonitis) is specifically excluded from this health guarantee due to its multifactorial nature and the complexity of its development.

Congenital and Hereditary Health Conditions and Health Guarantee Remedy

If a licensed veterinarian determines that the kitten has a serious congenital or hereditary condition that substantially impacts its quality of life and cannot be reasonably treated or corrected, the Buyer must contact the Breeder promptly. Written documentation from the attending veterinarian must be provided for review.

The breeder reserves the right to request supporting veterinary records, diagnostic results, and an additional veterinary opinion when reasonably necessary to confirm a covered condition.

Once the condition has been verified and the kitten has been returned to the Breeder, the Buyer will be eligible to receive a replacement kitten of comparable value when one becomes available. This guarantee does not provide for monetary refunds. All veterinary bills, transportation costs, and any other expenses associated with the condition or return of the kitten are the sole responsibility of the Buyer

No cash refunds will be issued under this hereditary health guarantee.

This guarantee does not replace any rights or remedies that cannot legally be waived under applicable law.

Any legal action pertaining to this agreement will be handled in the state of Tennessee.

4. BUYER RESPONSIBILITIES & CARE REQUIREMENTS

The buyer agrees to provide the kitten with a safe, healthy, and loving home throughout its lifetime.

The buyer agrees to the following responsibilities:

Veterinary Care

- Provide routine veterinary examinations and preventative care.
- Maintain age-appropriate vaccinations as recommended by a licensed veterinarian.
- Seek appropriate veterinary attention whenever the kitten becomes ill or injured.

Indoor Living

- Keep the kitten as an indoor companion.
- Outdoor access is permitted only when the kitten is safely contained in a secure enclosure or appropriately supervised on a harness.

Nutrition

- Provide an appropriate, high-quality diet suitable for a growing Maine Coon.
- Transition foods gradually to avoid unnecessary digestive upset.
- Provide fresh, clean drinking water at all times.

General Care

- Provide a clean and safe living environment.

- Maintain clean litter boxes.
- Provide appropriate exercise, enrichment, and companionship.
- Never subject the kitten to neglect, abuse, or intentional mistreatment.

Declawing

- The buyer agrees that the kitten will never be declawed.

5. RETURN & REHOMING POLICY

Hickory Ridge Maine Coon Cattery believes that bringing home a kitten is a lifelong commitment.

If circumstances change and the buyer is ever unable to keep the cat, the buyer agrees to contact Hickory Ridge Maine Coon Cattery before rehoming, transferring ownership, or surrendering the cat.

The breeder is willing to assist with rehoming arrangements and may accept the cat back when circumstances require.

The buyer agrees that the cat will never knowingly be abandoned, neglected, or surrendered without first contacting the breeder, except when immediate action is necessary for the cat's safety.

Our priority is ensuring that every Hickory Ridge Maine Coon always has a safe and loving home.

6. SPAY/NEUTER & NO BREEDING AGREEMENT

PET-ONLY PLACEMENT – NO BREEDING RIGHTS

ALL KITTENS SOLD BY HICKORY RIDGE MAINE COON CATTERY ARE PLACED AS PET-ONLY COMPANIONS AND ARE SOLD WITHOUT BREEDING RIGHTS.

The buyer agrees that the kitten will not be bred intentionally or accidentally and agrees to comply with the following spay/neuter requirements.

Female Kittens

- Female kittens must be spayed at approximately six (6) months of age, in consultation with the buyer's licensed veterinarian.
- If signs of heat occur before surgery, the female must be kept completely separated from all intact males to prevent accidental breeding.

Male Kittens

- When there is no intact female in the home and no risk of accidental breeding, male kittens may be neutered between approximately nine (9) and twelve (12) months of age, in consultation with the buyer's licensed veterinarian.

Intact Male and Female in the Same Household

- If an intact male and intact female reside in the same household, the buyer agrees to have the kitten spayed or neutered by approximately six (6) months of age.
- The buyer must maintain complete separation between intact males and females as they approach sexual maturity to prevent accidental breeding.

Veterinary Recommendations

Earlier spay or neuter may be performed when recommended by the buyer's licensed veterinarian for medical, behavioral, or reproductive safety reasons.

Proof of Spay/Neuter

The buyer must provide Hickory Ridge Maine Coon Cattery with veterinary documentation confirming completion of the spay or neuter procedure.

STRICT NO-BREEDING POLICY

Breeding is strictly prohibited.

Intentional breeding, accidental breeding resulting from failure to appropriately separate intact cats, or failure to comply with the spay/neuter requirements of this agreement constitutes a material breach of the purchase agreement.

The buyer understands that this kitten is being sold exclusively as a pet and that no breeding rights are granted or implied.

7. TICA REGISTRATION

All kittens from Hickory Ridge Maine Coon Cattery are registered with **The International Cat Association (TICA)** prior to going home.

The kitten's individual registration information will be withheld until the spay/neuter requirement outlined in this agreement has been completed.

Once the kitten has been spayed or neutered and the breeder receives veterinary documentation confirming the procedure, the buyer will receive the information necessary to complete the kitten's individual TICA registration and obtain the official TICA registration certificate.

The buyer understands and agrees that completion of the spay/neuter requirement and submission of veterinary documentation are conditions of receiving the kitten's individual registration information.

8. FINAL BALANCE & PAYMENT AT PICK UP

The remaining balance shown in this agreement must be paid in full no later than the time the kitten is picked up.

The buyer may pay the remaining balance using either of the following methods:

- **Zelle:** Payment may be submitted prior to pick up.
- **Cash:** Payment may be made on the day of pick up.

The kitten will not be released to the buyer until the entire purchase price has been paid in full.

The buyer acknowledges that full payment is required before taking possession of the kitten.

At approximately 12 -16 weeks of age, the buyer will pick up the kitten at the agreed date and time at our cattery in Gallatin, Tennessee. Upon request and for an additional fee, arrangements can be made for the breeder to meet the buyer at the Nashville Airport (BNA) for pick up provided schedules match both parties availability.

9. BUYER ACKNOWLEDGMENT & AGREEMENT

By signing below, the buyer acknowledges that they have read, understand, and agree to all terms and conditions outlined in this Kitten Purchase Agreement & Health Guarantee.

The buyer specifically acknowledges and agrees to:

- The health guarantee and its terms.
- The requirement for a veterinary examination within three (3) calendar days.
- The three (3) year hereditary health guarantee and its exclusions.
- The buyer's responsibilities for proper care, nutrition, and veterinary attention.
- The indoor companion and no-declaw policies.
- The spay/neuter requirements.
- The strict no-breeding policy and the absence of breeding rights.
- The TICA registration requirements.
- The return and rehoming policy.
- The final payment requirements.

The buyer understands that this kitten is a lifelong commitment and agrees to provide a safe, loving, and appropriate home.

10. SIGNATURES

By signing below, both parties acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of this agreement.

BUYER

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ADDITIONAL BUYER (IF APPLICABLE)

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BREEDER – HICKORY RIDGE MAINE COON CATTERY

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

11. GO-HOME ACKNOWLEDGMENT CHECKLIST

The following items have been reviewed and provided to the buyer at the time of pick up.

Please initial each item to acknowledge receipt.

Item	Buyer Initials
Kitten health record received	_____
Vaccination record received	_____
Deworming record received	_____
TICA registration process explained	_____
Feeding instructions received	_____
Transition food received	_____
Welcome Home Kit received	_____
Spay/neuter requirements reviewed	_____
No-breeding agreement reviewed	_____

Additional Notes:

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FINAL PICK UP ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that I have received the kitten identified in this agreement and the applicable records, supplies, and information listed above.

Buyer Signature: _____

Date: _____

HICKORY RIDGE MAINE COON CATTERY

Raised with love. Cherished for a lifetime.

Thank you for welcoming a Hickory Ridge Maine Coon into your family. Our relationship does not end when your kitten leaves our cattery. We are always happy to be a resource for questions, guidance, and support throughout your cat's lifetime.

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