

TERMS OF ADOPTION OF BOVINES

General Conditions

An adoption is undertaken solely for the welfare of the animal, to provide it with care and an environment adapted to its physical, ethological, and behavioural needs. The adopter agrees never to use violence against the animal.

The animal cannot be used for any work or commercial purposes; no commercial, professional, occasional, or any other form of profit can be derived from it, no matter how small. The adopter, therefore, cannot sell it, rent it out, participate in any contests, use it for fundraising, or obtain any form of profit from it.

Consumption of the animal is strictly prohibited, and it is also forbidden to have it slaughtered.

Reproduction is strictly and explicitly prohibited.

The association remains the owner of the animal, but the adopter becomes civilly liable for it. The adopter has legal and material custody, and any veterinary, farriery, or any other maintenance costs are at their expense. Similarly, expenses incurred in the case of an accident or if the animal escapes and ends up on public roads are borne by the adopter or their liability insurance.

Adoptions are only possible within Belgian territory.

The contract is signed by the person who will be responsible for the animal. It is not possible to adopt on behalf of a third party.

The adopter has a registered "bovine" herd number with ARSIA and will provide this number to the association. Their sanitary status must be at least I3, and they must always comply with the health requirements requested by the authority. The adopter agrees to support the association for at least the entire duration of their responsibility for the animal, at a minimum of €15 per year.

Accommodation

The bovine must be accommodated in a fenced pasture of at least 50 "ares" (= 1.24 acres) per individual, equipped with a shelter which is closed on at least 3 sides, and with a minimum area of 12m² per bovine.

Barbed wire fences or any other device likely to harm the animal are strictly prohibited. Fences must be suitable for the size and behaviour of the animal and be sufficiently robust.

A box must be available, and the bovine must be housed there every night during the winter season, in bad weather, or any other situation that requires it. It must be furnished and maintained, equipped with clean bedding (wheat straw) and a water trough, and free of any object or device that could harm the animal (its area must be at least 12m²). The pasture shelter and the box can be the same building.

The bovine's accommodation must be on sufficiently secure private property. If the animal is not housed at its adopter's home, it must at least be nearby.

The bovine must not be tethered for an extended period.

It must always have the presence of another individual of the same species. It should never be left alone.

The adopter shall take all reasonable measures to prevent the animal from escaping, and in the event that the animal does escape despite these precautions, the adopter shall declare the loss within 24 hours to the association and the police station nearest to where the loss occurred.

The adopter shall immediately notify any change of address and/or phone number to the association, bearing in mind that the welfare of the animal will be monitored until the end of its life. If the adopter should plan to relocate the animal, they formally undertake to notify the association in advance, which will give its agreement or not, following inspection of the new accommodation site.

Health

The bovine must have permanent access to sufficient drinking water. It should receive a suitable diet according to the season and the resources of the pasture. During the winter season the bovine should be given straw and hay, as well as a flaked food supplement suitable for its age and health.

Its hooves must be regularly and adequately maintained by a professional farrier, or a veterinary equipped for bovine hoof care.

The adopter shall not subject the bovine to any mutilation, amputation, or cosmetic surgery, even if it is purportedly for breed criteria.

The bovine's passport must accompany it at all times during any trips (e.g., to a clinic).

The bovine must be dewormed once a year when returning to pasture, before winter. It is advisable to vary dewormers from one year to the next. The bovine is up to date with deworming at the time of adoption. It must also be treated against external parasites.

The association is always available to the adopter if any issues arise with the animal, whether they are health-related or behavioural.

The adopter must contact the association immediately by phone/email in the case of a problem that could endanger the animal's life. Except in cases of extreme urgency certified by a veterinary, any decision to euthanise must be made jointly by the association, the adopter, and their veterinary. Euthanasia of the animal cannot be carried out by any other means than an injection of Pentobarbital or T61 administered by a licenced veterinary.

If the adopter decides not to keep the animal, they agree to return it to the association free of charge.

If the adopter wants a third party to adopt the animal instead of them, they are not allowed to move it before the prospective adopter has followed the adoption application procedure and the association has given its agreement.

The adopter shall provide a veterinary certificate confirming the death or euthanasia of the bovine, stating at least its identification tag number and the adoption contract number. They must also follow the necessary administrative procedures with ARSIA.

Monitoring

The welfare of the animal can be monitored at any time by delegates appointed by the association. The adopter may not deny the delegate access to the place where the animal lives and must provide the delegate with all information concerning the living conditions and health of the adopted animal that they wish to obtain.

The adopter also agrees to inform the association at least once a year of the development and health of the animal, and to provide the association with at least one recent photo (taken within the last month) of the animal.

In the case of a breach of any clause of the adoption contract, the adopter authorizes the association take back immediately and ipso jure the adopted animal, without any formality or indemnity, and without prejudice to any legal actions that may be taken against them.

By signing, you expressly consent to the processing of your personal data in accordance with the provisions established by our association, in strict compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which can be reviewed on our website.

PARTICULAR CLAUSE

For agreement: READ and AGREED (handwritten note)

I the undersigned: (in capital letters please)

Adopter's signature:

Authorised representative's signature: