TERMS OF ADOPTION OF RODENTS

General terms

The adoption is done for the sole benefit of the animal, to provide it with care adapted to its physical, ethological and behavioural needs. The adopter commits to never use violence toward the animal.
The animal must not be used for any labour or commercial use, no commercial, professional, occasional or any other profit may (however small) be made of it.
The adopter may therefore not sell the animal, nor participate in any competition or use the animal for the collection of funds or in general draw any profit whatsoever from the animal.

The animal is obviously strictly forbidden for consumption, and it is evidently forbidden to have the animal slaughtered.

Reproduction is strictly forbidden. All our rodents are neutered and vaccinated.

The association remains owner of the animal, but the adopter becomes civilly responsible. He has legal and material custody => veterinary expenses or any care expenses are his responsibility.
Likewise, all expenses caused by an accident or if the animal escapes his control and gets on the public road will be caried by the adopter or his private liability insurance.

Adoptions are only possible on Belgian territory.

The contract is signed with the person who will be responsible for the animal.
It is impossible to adopt for a third party.
The adopter commits to supporting the association at least during the time he is responsible for the animal up to a minimum of 15€ per year.

Accommodations
The rodent needs to be housed most of the time in a space of minimum 5m² per animal, with a shelter that is well isolated from wind and humidity and where it cannot be seen.

The fences must be adapted to the nature of the animal and strong enough. Ideally the adopter is advised to bury a fence flat underground to avoid all escapes through galleries.
The shelter must be fitted out and maintained, and provided with clean litter (straw), hay and a drinking trough. There may not be any object of device in the shelter that could hurt the animal.

The accommodation for the rodent must be private property, sufficiently secured and monitored by the adopter himself.

The rodent must partly roam freely inside the dwelling. It is also advised to take it inside in case of very bad weather. It will, however, have access to the garden at least 2 hours every day.
The animal may not be tied up.
The rodent must always enjoy the presence of another of its species.
It must never be left alone.

The adopter makes all reasonable arrangements to prevent the animal from escaping and, should the animal escape, notwithstanding these precautions, he will declare within24 hours the loss of the animal to the association and to the police headquarters of the place where the animal was lost.

The adopter notifies any change in the address and/or telephone to the association since the wellbeing of the animal will be checked till its death. If the adopter plans to move the animal, he commits formally to notify in advance the association. The association will agree or not with the move, after inspection of the new accommodations.

Health
The rodent must always have sufficient drinking water (bowl of baby bottle, depending on the preference of the rodent).
The rodent must receive food adapted to the seasons and resources of the garden. The rodent's staple diet is grass. If there is not abundantly present it must permanently receive hay. The animal must also receive a flaked of corked food supplement adapted to its species, age and health. The adopted will make sure to provide it with quality food and will not feed it with bread, not even dry bread, and will provide daily a small ration of fruit and/or vegetables.

The adopted monitors the growth of teeth and nails. They must be cut by a specialised veterinary if they grow excessively. He also maintains its hair if necessary.
The rodent must be dewormed at least 2 times a year, and if needed be should the possibility occur of the presence of parasites.

The rodent must be vaccinated against myxomatosis and rodent haemorrhagic fever. In the shelter the rodent is vaccinated against these illnesses including 2 strains of haemorrhagic fever.

The association is always at the disposal of the adopter for all possible problems with the animal, health of behavioural wise.

The adopter must contact the association immediately by phone/mail in case of a problem that endangers the life of the animal. A decision to euthanize will, except in the event of an extreme urgency attested by its veterinarian, be made jointly by the association, the adopter and his veterinary. The animal may only be killed by means of an injection of Pentobarbital or T61 administered by a licensed veterinary.

If the adopter decides to keep the animal no longer at home, he will return the animal free of charge to the association.

If the adopter wishes a third party to adopt the animal in his place, he cannot move the animal before the candidate adopter has completed the procedure of the adoption request and the association has agreed with the adoption.

The adopter delivers a veterinary certificate stating the death or euthanasia of the goose or the duck, mentioning at least its identification number if it has one and the number of the adoption contract.

Control
The wellbeing of the animal may be controlled at any moment by the members delegated by the association. The adopter may not refuse access to the place where the animal lives to the delegates and will provide the delegate with all information he may require concerning the living conditions and health of the animal.

The adopter commits also to inform the association at least once a year of the evolution and health of the animal and deliver at that time at least one recent photograph (less than a month old) of the animal.

In case one of the clauses of the adoption contract is violated, the adopter allowed the association to repossess the adopted animal immediately and of right, without any formality or allowance and without prejudice to legal procedures that may be brought against it.

By signing this document, 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), that can be consulted on our website.

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For approval: READ and APPROVED (handwritten mention)

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I, the undersigned: (in capital letters please)

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Signature of the adopter:

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Signature of the agent:

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January 2024