

CONTRACT FOR ADOPTION

I (we) _____ have applied for and been accepted as adoptive parent(s) of _____. I (we) completely understand the special requirements of the green iguana, including but not limited to diet, lighting heat and UVB. I (we) agree to meet those basic needs. In addition, I (we) agree to the following terms and conditions and understand that if for any reason those conditions and terms are not met, the iguana in question can and will be removed from my care by an NCIRA member. If I (we) find that I (we) become unable to care for the iguana for any reason, he/she will be returned to an NCIRA member without penalty or exchange of fees and without question.

- I will provide any needed medical care by a licensed reptile vet. _____ has had a physical and been checked by _____ and is deemed to be healthy at the time of adoption (unless otherwise noted). It is hereby noted that I may change vets as long as he/she is licensed in exotic vet care.
- Although in most cases the iguana in question has been exposed to domestic animals, I will **NOT** leave him/her free roaming with such animals unattended.
- If the iguana is the only pet in the home, I may designate a area or areas for him or her to 'free roam' I understand that by doing so I(we) must ensure that the designated area is 'iguana proofed' much the same way as for a child. I am that a NCIRA will provide information to assist me in the iguana-proofing process.
- I will provide a balanced iguana diet being sure **no animal protein** is fed to the iguana. The iguana den diet is the diet of choice and is what the iguana was fed during his stay in foster care. However, I understand that I may change the iguana's diet under the direct supervision of a licensed exotic vet. I am aware that the green iguana is an herbivore (vegetarian/plant-eater) and should only be fed as such.
- I am fully aware of the risks of salmonella and have been given proper instruction in how to protect myself and others from that risk. I have been given instructions and the necessary supplies to clean up after stools and urates.
- I will provide proper heat, lighting and UVB to maintain the proper atmosphere needed for digestion and well being.
- The adoptive iguana has been worked with extensively, however I am aware they may lash out, tail whip and or bite when stressed.
- I agree to allow follow-up calls, emails and/or visits by an NCIRA member to check the condition of the adoptive iguana and its environment. I also agree to keep NCIRA informed as to any change of address, phone or email.
- I agree that my green iguana's enclosure will be indoors and large enough to allow for proper thermoregulation, with surface area being at least 1.5-2 times the length of the iguana's tall, 2 times the iguana in height and at least 2-3 feet wide depending on the size of the iguana. I understand that prior to the iguana being released into my care, the setup will be checked for livability by the foster parent or other NCIRA member.
- I am aware of the importance of natural sunlight for my iguana, and when the weather is tolerable for him/her (summer or temps in mid 70's), the iguana is allowed to spend time outdoors in a **secure** basking cage. I will NOT leave my iguana outside when I am not at home, nor will I during inclement whether. I will monitor my iguana for signs of overheating and make misting adjustments accordingly. I have been given plans for a suitable basking cage.
- I agree to use proper substrate (newspaper, linoleum, or indoor/outdoor carpet) and under NO circumstances will I use cat litter, bark, corn cob shavings or any commercially available substrate as the possibility of serious health problems may occur.
- As I have agreed to the above conditions and understand proper care of the green iguana and any special needs he/she may have (see below), I have received the following supplies to aid in the transition to iguana ownership.

- **Hand sanitizer**- to use after holding/touching the iguana
- **Novalsan** cleaner and paper towels- to use for cage clean-up
- **Bath blanket**- to use after bath
- **Feeding dish** and at least two days worth of 'iguana den' diet
- **Misting water bottle** - to aid in humidity

If _____ has any medical needs they will be listed below. Our iguanas have been seen by a vet prior to adoption. We do not accept responsibility for health problems that may occur once the iguana has left our care, as many of the iguanas we receive have had neglectful, difficult lives. We sincerely hope you enjoy your new companion and we will act as a resource for any questions or concerns you may have.

_____ Adoptive parent(s) _____ Date

_____ NCIRA member _____ Date