

MunchRanch Kitten Contract & Health Guarantee

*Please note: (You must agree to continue using the same food that I am using to ensure this guarantee. Doing so will extend your guarantee to 5 years instead of 1, as long as you order the food online from the link below, or order from my website.)

1. This cat or kitten is being purchased for: (Circle one) 1. Altered pet 2. Breeder 3. Show 4. Show/breeder
2. No cash refund except as stated under in this Health Guarantee.
3. Under no circumstances will this cat or kitten be sold, leased or given away, to any pet shop, research laboratory or similar facility.
4. If for any reason the purchaser cannot keep the cat or kitten for any reason, the cat or kitten must be returned to the seller or a suitable, loving home.
5. Purchaser agrees not to declaw all 4 paws, or amputate cat's nails, or sever tendons and part of bone unless a veterinarian finds it medically necessary.
6. Seller provides a Health Certificate from a licensed veterinarian assuring good health if the cat is shipped to the buyer.
If the buyer picks up the kitten or cat, the seller will not provide a veterinary certificate, although the health guarantee will still be honored, and a shot record will be provided.
7. Seller guarantees kitten or cat to be free of external, internal parasites (worms, fleas, ear mites, fungus, etc.)
8. If kitten arrives with any of these maladies and was not notified previously, the seller will reimburse reasonable costs for medications to treat such effects with a maximum reimbursement of \$100. The costs will not include veterinary office charges other than the cost of the medicine or topical treatment.
Reasonable costs are those costs that my veterinarian would normally charge for the same treatment.
It is unfortunate that some veterinary hospitals or offices charge very high prices, but they will not be honored or paid.
No medication reimbursements will be paid if the cat is returned to the seller under any circumstances. Maximum reimbursements will not exceed \$100.
If your vet says that they want to do a series of tests, you will do it at your own expense, and those can go on for thousands of dollars.
9. Seller guarantees kitten or cat to be free from disease. If it is found that the kitten is very ill, or has any kind of disease, which is not easily treatable, you need to contact me and arrange to send the kitten back for a refund or another kitten.

Ringworm is not considered an incurable disease and is treatable. Although we would not knowingly send any kitten or cat with active ringworm, it is very common and may be missed by any attending veterinarian, even under close observation. The microscopic spores can live on almost any animal and it can be undetected until a human gets it. It is usually easily cured with Micanizole cream or other fungus creams that can be purchased at most drug stores, or Walmart. Also, pet shampoo with this ingredient can be purchased if the kitten gets, or has the fungus. The ingredient that cures athletes foot also cures most ringworm. Many adult animals and humans are often immune to it, but kids may be the most vulnerable if they have never had it. So, watch carefully for red itchy, circular areas that might develop as a result of getting any pet with ringworm spores. Treating it soon will be advantageous.

FIP titers due to the Corona virus are not covered under this guarantee. I had a cat returned because it had titers for the Corona virus, as most all cats do these days. The vet said it looked thin and probably had FIP, a horrible and incurable

disease, which is true. However, the kitten did not have it and has lived long, healthy, and happy life. It did not have FIP. If it had died of FIP, then that would have certainly been covered. Titters are not covered. **A cat that dies of FIP within the first year of its DOB is covered and will be replaced.** That type of disease is no one's fault. Something in the environment will cause the virus to mutate and no one can know what caused it. It might be due to the new environment, or the altering surgery. It's such a mystery that no one can predict the whether a cat will get it or not. Its like a cancer in humans. We do not always know when or why someone who does not smoke would get cancer, or why some smokers never get cancer.

Herpes virus titers are not covered because titers show up if the cats have ever been vaccinated, or exposed to these viruses. We all know, and current research proves that titers do not always indicate a problem, nor indicate that there will ever be a problem. They only indicate 'exposure' and that could have been when vaccinated, or from other felines. Titters can show that probable immunities are developing.

Leukemia, and Feline Aids are *NOT covered by my warranty because all the cats in my cattery have been screened, and tested for Leukemia, Aids, heart worms, PKD and HCM. Leukemia can be contracted from other cats so be sure any cats you have, or that your kitten comes in contact with does not have the diseases.

- The exception to the Leukemia guarantee is that if you test your new kitten for this disease within 2 days after you get it, and it comes up positive, I must be notified immediately.

The kitten has to be retested in 6 weeks. If it is positive again, a different test must be give.

On two occasions, two kittens who tested positive were both false positives. If all tests are positive, then and only then will a refund, or other kitten be granted.

- The kitten has to be shipped back to me and I will also test for the disease at my expense. If that proves positive, you will be entitled to a refund or replacement and I will ship the new kitten to you at my cost.

Gingivitis:

This disease is common in cats. It is not a warrantable issue because none of my cats have shown signs of it. Good dental care should help keep this at a minimum.

If your veterinarian believes that your kitten has a bad case of it, and it may be the inherited type, I would like to know this within a week of you getting the kitten, (even though there is no coverage because most cats have some type of this problem.)

I also would like to know what treatment was prescribed. This will help me determine the cause and try to find out if the parents or clutch mates have it.

Medication for tooth/gum problems are NOT covered in the kitten health guarantee. This is not something I have control over and will not cover.

Ear Mites:

Ear mites may be not covered if the following is done: Many vets will see some dirt or soil in an ear and just assume that it is the result of ear mites. They must do a scrape and examine under a microscope to tell if there are mites. If your kitten comes with ear mites, and the vet actually did a scraping and examined it under a microscope, the meds will be covered, at the same cost as my vet would charge, up to the maximum limit. Only the medication, or the ear mite wash will be covered.

I have to have a signed vet bill with the procedure showing that this microscopic inspection was actually done, and not just a visual inspection stating that mites are assumed to be in the ear.

Although we try to keep the ears clean, dirty ears are not covered.

Kidney Issues:

Due to differing diets that owners choose to incorporate in the raising of the kittens, any kidney problems will not be considered as warrantable unless the following occurs:

If the kitten dies from kidney problems before the kitten is 1 year old, you will get a replacement kitten, **only if you have kept them on the same diet that I recommend on my website. If you continue to keep them on the diet I recommended, (unless your veterinarian specifically recommended something else for the kidney problems), and you have done this after the 1 year warranty period, that warranty will be extended to 5 years. You will need records to confirm that it was on the recommended diet, such as receipts or delivery confirmation emails from**

Life's Abundance company.

Kidney problems are not uncommon for cats, so veterinarian advice is recommended on how to keep your kitten healthy, including, but not limited to being too fat. That can cause kidney problems very quickly.

PKD: *Polycystic Kidney Disease* (PKD or PCKD, also known as polycystic kidney syndrome) is a cystic genetic disorder of the kidneys.

PKD diagnosis, resulting in death is guaranteed for 1 year after purchase, with a money back guarantee, or replacement, which ever I decide.

That guarantee will also be extended indefinitely as long as you continue to use the diet I recommend, even if the recommendation was made after you purchased the kitten. Changing to this diet will grandfather you into this guarantee, as long as you have proof that it was ordered off of my website, or from www.worldscatfood.info. I get notification from the company each time you order something from them.

Shipping payments for a cat that has died of PKD are included in any money back guarantee. In other words, I will pay the shipping to get you another kitten at no charge.

If I decide to reimburse you for the kitten instead of giving you another kitten, you will only get the amount paid for the kitten, and not for the shipping costs when you purchased it.

PKD cats can live a longer than average life, but it can still kill. PKD is a genetic kidney disease. Cysts grow on the kidneys and can cause them to fail if it gets too severe. Many cats with it die from other causes before the PKD affects them. That is why it is important to know what killed the cat. I do not replace cats on hunches or presumptions. This is why it is imperative to get a necropsy to determine the cause of death if you suspect there was a genetic problem that caused it. The best recommendation is to get an ultrasound, or do a DNA test on the kitten if PKD is suspected. However, DNA can only tell you if the cat carries the gene for PKD, and does not tell you if your cat has the disease. If you get a positive result, then the next step would be the ultrasound. The DNA PKD gene test is only \$40. I can send you information on that if you ask.

All of my breeders have been tested for PKD and at this time, there are no breeding PKD carriers in my lines. It is not something that can be acquired from another cat just from being in contact or near the other cat.

* Before I knew about these tests, and before knowing about the disease, I did have some cats with the gene. So, it is possible yours may have it if you got a cat prior to 2008 from me.

A kitten that has been found to have the PKD gene is probably not going to be a guaranteed kitten unless it died of that disease. Remember, having the gene does not mean it has the disease. Having the gene is not a warranted condition, but getting the disease and dieing is.

So, if it dies of PKD, then we can discuss the refund or replacement.

Again, this is because my cattery has recently been tested and confirmed as a PKD, Leukemia, Feline Aids, and heart worm free cattery.

10. Because of the nature of viruses, how they are contracted, and how they develop, especially the Corona virus, death due to FIP is not covered unless the kitten dies within a year of its birth. If that happens, the purchaser (you), at my discretion will get another kitten at my expense, or a refund. However, proof that it died of FIP must be from a veterinarian and it must state that is positively FIP and not just a hunch. FIP can be diagnosed conclusively only with dead animal tissue.

These tests can be drawn out and cost hundreds to thousands of dollars, and are at your expense, so be careful who you choose to diagnose the illnesses.

There are several illnesses that look like FIP, and unfortunately, some veterinarians tell you it is FIP because they do not really know. It seems to be a 'catch all' diagnosis because symptoms are similar to other illnesses. As I have stated before, having titers for the corona virus does not mean it has, nor will die of FIP. That shows that it has been exposed to the virus.

You must get in touch with me at the first sign of significant illness and not wait until the cat has died, or is unjustly suffering.

FIP cannot be positively diagnosed with a live animal, unless new technology has been developed after the time this contract was written. It can be diagnosed as probable, or possible. If it is that ill and suffering from what your vet believes that it is unmistakably FIP from all the symptoms, and he believes that it is in the cat's best interest to be put down due to the unnecessary suffering, then you may still qualify for a replacement kitten once I have talked to your veterinarian. None of us want to see any animals suffer.

11. This cat or kitten has been, and will be continued to be, fed with the same kind of food it is now on, unless your veterinarian finds it to be medically necessary to change the diet. Keeping it on the same, nutritionally sound diet should prolong the life of the cat and keep it healthy. It also makes your guarantee go from 1 year to 5 years and possibly longer.

After a lot of research and talking to my veterinarians, I am using what I think is the best cat food available.

It is called Life's Abundance.

Its first ingredients are real chicken and has no corn or wheat fillers or gluten. It does not use by-products like other brands do. Those are unusable parts of the chicken, i.e. head, beak, feet, feathers, and so on.

The manufacturers use human grade food products and uses a holistic approach to healthy pet foods. To get the most out of this health guarantee, you must agree to continue using this food. I have made it easy to get. You can order it on my website, or type in www.worldsbestcatfood.info Be sure to use the suffix **.info** and NOT **.com**.

That is just a site to the kinds of foods most people are using now, and many have sick animals, or some that have food allergies because of what they are using. Price is no excuse. This healthier food is sometimes cheaper, sometimes a bit more expensive, but always has better than most other readily available products. If you find something that is nutritionally better then you should use that instead. You still have the year guarantee for genetic and congenital issues that you got when you purchased the kitten.

If you choose to auto order the Life's Abundance-Natural Choice cat food, you will get it at near wholesale costs. It is not any more expensive than most of the popular foods out there, and if it is, we are talking about a few cents. Your cat's health is worth the choice. You can go to the comparison chart to see how yours compares to what you will need to be getting.

They also deliver to your door. It cannot be purchased at a store, so the convenience is that you can do your shopping online, or even from your I-phone.

I also use a raw meat diet when I have the raw meats. We always put the vitamins on the wet food.

I use and recommend Kitty Bloom vitamins which you should be able to order from my site also.

12. The purchaser will provide the cat or kitten with proper nutrition, such as Life's Abundance cat foods, proper veterinarian care, vaccines, and human companionship, and will never mistreat, neglect, harm, or abandon it.

13. Purchaser agrees to provide the kitten or cat with a clean, pleasant environment, conducive to good health and with adequate space for exercise.

This kitten or cat will primarily remain uncaged, except during illness or for safety of the cat or kitten or her offspring. The cat or kitten will never be allowed to roam alone, unsupervised outside.

This invites diseases, fleas, danger, and will cause the health guarantee to be rendered null and void. You may walk the cat on a leash if it is supervised and kept from fear and harm.

14. Seller provides registration papers when applicable.

15. Pet purchases will need to have their kittens spayed or neutered by their 8th month of age unless other agreements or arrangements have been made by myself and you.

Healthy kittens should have the procedure done between 4 and 8 months of age. The sooner it is done, the less likely the males will want to spray, and the less likely that the Fel d-1 protein will cause an allergic reaction.

Domestic Kitten Health Guarantee

*This kitten or cat is guaranteed to be of sound health upon arrival. Its health is guaranteed for a period of 2 weeks from the purchase (arrival) date IF vet checked within 5 days of arrival. Possible congenital problems will be addressed later. It is recommended that the new cat or kitten be in quarantine during this time. The kitten or cat must be taken to a licensed veterinarian within the 5-day time frame for the health guarantee to be honored.

Do not give the kitten a FIP vaccination or the health guarantee will be null and void.

*If it is found to be medically deficient with an untreatable or life-threatening problem, it must be reported immediately to me, the seller.

Upon kitten or cats return, it will be replaced with another kitten or cat of equal or comparable value, when one is available.

This health concern must be verified in writing by licensed vet and within the 5 day time period, and cannot have been exposed to ANY other cats or kittens during this time.

The attending veterinarian may call or email me at any time: (lmunchrath@netzero.com).

*Unless we have been in contact prior to the 14 day guarantee period, and have agreed to a return, the kitten or cat cannot be returned after the 14 day guarantee period has expired and/or if it has been exposed to another cat, which has not been currently tested for FelV and FIP and Herpes.

Titers are found in most all cats, and thus having titers is not an indication of having FIP, Herpes, or ever getting FIP or Herpes.

Cats or kittens testing positive for titers do not constitute a sick animal, nor one that will inevitably get FIP or Herpes.

However, if the cat or kitten does develop FIP, and all contractual agreements have been adhered to, and it has not been exposed to any other cats, a refund, or a kitten or cat of equal or comparable value will be offered, if this happens within a year of arrival, and also you have continued to use the recommended food that is on my website, or one that I have recommended personally.

The replacement or refund will be the breeder's choice (me). Again, this is assuming the other details of this contract have been honored, including such items as the kitten or cat has never been allowed to roam outside, or has never been exposed to other cats that have not been tested for FIP.

This excludes any house pets that you already have that are healthy, and they also have not been allowed to roam outside for any period of time. If you have another cat in the home, and it is healthy, that is just fine with me.

However, if the cat you purchased from me develops any type of communicable disease, both cats must be tested before we discuss the issues at hand.

*If no comparable kitten or cat is available at time of return, Seller has 1 year to furnish a replacement kitten or cat or refund purchase price. Seller-Breeder's choice. (Me) I will pay shipping on a replacement cat or kitten.

*It is the responsibility of the buyer to provide immediate vet care to any kitten or cat showing signs of illness or distress and failure to do so will render any guarantee null and void.

*If veterinarian care is ignored or not applied as prescribed, health guarantee becomes null and void and buyer forfeits all claims to a replacement kitten, or refund, or reimbursement of medicines.

*If the kitten or cat dies within the guarantee period, despite medical treatment, compensation will be made ONLY if a licensed Veterinarian certifies the cause of death is not due to the buyer's negligence.

*This kitten or cat is guaranteed against congenital or hereditary defects for 1 years from delivery date.

**** If the kitten has been kept on the Life's Abundance diet, and has been ordered from my website, or www.worldsbestcatfood.info, then the guarantee period will be extended to 5 years.**

Should it die within that time as a direct result of congenital or hereditary defects, the kitten or cat will be replaced at my, the breeder-seller's expense, only if an appropriate necropsy is performed by a licensed vet and vets certificate is provided as proof of cause of death, and death is not due to anything caused or related to buyer, buyers home, or anything buyer may have exposed to the kitten or cat. A replacement kitten may come from the next available litter of kittens, or we can wait until the buyer finds one that he/she would rather have. If the kitten you want is more expensive than the one you purchased, the buyer may be required to pay the additional costs, minus any discounts you qualify for. If it is less expensive, I will not refund the difference.

*If the veterinarian suspects HCM or PKD it must be screened for the malady, and cannot just be diagnosed as HCM

on suspicion, without proper testing or screening.

All of my cats that have come from Russia have been tested and cleared of having HCM.

Both PKD and HCM can be detected with an ultrasound test, and PKD genes can be tested by a DNA cheek swab. The gene does not mean that the cat has the disease and having the gene is not covered. Only if the cat is diagnosed by ultrasound, or dies from PKD, will it be covered.

All of my breeders have been tested for those problems and none of the breeders carry PKD or HCM, or Leukemia, Aids, or heart worms.

*Replacement will be made with a kitten or cat of equal and comparable value as available, at the discretion of the breeder when one is available.

*If kitten or cat is sold as a breeder, seller guarantees that you will get at least one litter, and that could be only 1 kitten. A litter does not necessarily mean multiple kittens, nor that they will stay alive.

If after 2 years of attempting to breed a queen or sire, successful fertilization does not take place, a replacement will be made with a kitten or cat of comparable quality and value, as available, at the discretion of the breeder. You will have to surrender your cat back to me to get a replacement, or you can keep it and get part of the money back. That will be the difference of the price of the kitten as a pet, and what it was as a breeder.

Important Notice

*The kitten may not be returned to the seller unless prior arrangements are made, and agreed on by the seller, as well as dates, times and airlines, or means of shipping.

Anyone returning a kitten without prior agreement will do so at his/her own expense, and will void any and all health agreements, as well as any chance of a refund, and/or replacement kitten, as this would be completely irresponsible on the buyer's part and pose a risk to the kitten.

Anyone doing this does not deserve to have an animal in their possession and will not get any kind of consideration, animal wise, or monetarily, in the form of a replacement kitten, or reimbursement of any nature.

*Due to many factors involved in rearing and caring for this kitten or cat that are beyond the control of the seller, there are NO guarantees on temperament.

However, the Siberian by its nature is normally a loving and extremely personable companion.

Some may be shy than others and I make every effort to place the right kitten with the right family.

Factors such as loud children, threatening dogs, or stressful situations may change the temperament of the kitten even though the kittens were raised with humans, other animals, and distractions.

Declawing often changes the temperament of the kitten/cat, and it is not recommended. These cats are very smart and can be taught not to scratch furniture.

Declawing voids all warranties.

*This contract is legal and binding to all parties involved. It applies ONLY the buyer and seller in this original transaction and is NOT transferable to other parties.

*The buyer agrees to the terms and conditions of this contract and to pay as stated.

*The purchaser nor the seller is bound to sign this contract for it to be honored. In other words, you do not have to sign this contract in order to purchase a kitten from me.

However, I do expect you to follow these guidelines in order to be able to have this warranty/agreement honored. I intend to honor my end and expect you to do the same. If it is too much to ask, then please find another breeder to purchase a kitten from.

**note: Deposits are not refundable, but I know that sometimes there are certain circumstances that may warrant a refund. We can discuss that if the situation arises. Divorce is not a reason for a refund. This is good time to need the therapy of a kitten with unconditional love that they will eventually give you, given a chance. However, you can postpone your purchase to another time, when it is more convenient.*

Signature section if you choose to use it.

DOB of Kitten or Cat _____

Can be registered in TICA CFA (Circle one)

Registration papers will be sent: (Circle one)

1. When they arrive from TICA or CFA
2. After proof of altering has been received
3. No papers will be sent

Kitten's Parents

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Vaccinations are on shot record

Purchaser _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Seller: Larry Munchrath

Address: 261 Van Zandt County Rd. 2924, Eustace, TX 75124

Phone #: 903.887.6378

E-mail: lmunchrath@netzero.com

Price of kitten _____ Price of Shipping: _____ Total Amount Due: _____

Amount of Deposit (non refundable) _____ Balance Due _____

Date _____

PAID IN FULL

Signature of Buyer _____

Signature of Seller _____

*If more than one kitten or cat has been purchased, only the signature section of this page needs to be duplicated, and not the entire contract.