

**FieldHaven Feline Center**

# Adoption Disclaimer for Scottish Fold Cats



*Please read carefully and initial each section to indicate your understanding and agreement.*

Scottish Fold cats are a unique and beloved breed, known for their folded ears and gentle personalities. However, they are also predisposed to several health conditions that adopters must be aware of in order to provide proper care.

## **Skeletal and Joint Health**

Scottish Folds carry a genetic mutation affecting cartilage and bone development, which can cause a condition called osteochondrodysplasia. This can lead to pain, joint stiffness, and mobility issues.

Scottish Folds are predisposed to congenital skeletal and joint conditions, which may progress over time and impact the cat's quality of life.

The Scottish Fold breed may require ongoing medical care and that I am financially prepared for potential veterinary expenses related to breed-specific health concerns.

## **Dental Health**

Scottish Folds are also known to be at increased risk for dental disease, including gingivitis, resorptive lesions, and early tooth loss. Ongoing dental care is essential to prevent discomfort and complications.

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## **Tritrichomonas foetus Exposure**

Tritrichomonas foetus is a microscopic parasite that can cause intermittent or chronic diarrhea in cats. Some cats in this cattery have tested positive or been suspected carriers. While not all cats show symptoms, this parasite is contagious among cats, especially in group settings.

Some of the cats in the cattery have tested positive for *Tritrichomonas foetus*, and the cat you adopt may have been exposed to this organism.

*Tritrichomonas* can cause diarrhea and may require veterinary diagnosis (PCR test) and treatment, which can be lengthy and may not always be fully curative.

## **General Veterinary Commitment**

Adopters must be committed to working with a qualified veterinarian to manage their cat's health needs, including pain management, dental care, and any recommended treatments or lifestyle accommodations.

We are committed to placing our cats in informed, compassionate homes. If you have questions or concerns about breed-specific conditions or the *Tritrichomonas* exposure, we are happy to help.

More information about the Scottish Fold breed can be found here:

<https://thelittlecarnivore.com/en/blog/scottish-fold-cats-its-time-to-stop-the-breeding>