

Royal Oriental Cattery — Deposit Agreement

ROYAL ORIENTAL CATTERY

KITTEN RESERVATION DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

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Drafted May 2026 · Based on Royal Bengal Cattery contract framework battle-tested in Royal Bengal Cattery LLC v. Hammon (\$19,023.60 breach action, Maryland District Court Carroll County)

§1. PARTIES

This Kitten Reservation Deposit Agreement (“Deposit Agreement”) is entered into on _____ (date) between:

SELLER: Royal Purebred Kittens, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, doing business as Royal Oriental Cattery, by its authorized members Aleks Sablin and Ekaterina Sablin (collectively, “Seller”).

BUYER: _____ (“Buyer”), residing at _____, phone _____, email _____.

§2. KITTEN IDENTIFIED

This Deposit Agreement reserves the following specific Royal Oriental Cattery kitten:

- Kitten ID: _____ (e.g., ORI A1-2025)
- Breed: Oriental Shorthair (TICA registered)
- Color/Pattern: _____
- Sex: [] Male [] Female
- Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
- Sire: _____ · Dam: _____
- Estimated Go-Home Date: _____ / _____ / _____

§3. DEPOSIT AMOUNT

Buyer agrees to pay Seller a deposit of **TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY UNITED STATES DOLLARS (\$2,250.00 USD)**, representing fifty percent (50%) of the Total Purchase Price of \$4,500.00 USD.

Deposit received on _____ / _____ / _____ via _____ (payment method).

§4. NON-REFUNDABLE

The deposit is **non-refundable** under all circumstances except those expressly stated in §7 below. Buyer acknowledges that:

- (a) The deposit secures the specific kitten identified in §2, removing that kitten from availability to other prospective buyers;
- (b) Once paid, the deposit cannot be refunded, transferred to another party, or applied to a different breed or cattery outside the Royal Purebred Kittens umbrella;
- (c) Buyer's withdrawal from the purchase for any reason — including but not limited to change of heart, financial change, relocation, personal circumstances, or kitten preference change — results in forfeiture of the entire deposit.

Buyer's Initials confirming understanding of non-refundable status: _____

§5. APPLICATION TO BALANCE

The deposit shall be applied dollar-for-dollar to the Total Purchase Price. The remaining balance of \$2,250.00 USD is due as set forth in §6 below.

§6. BALANCE DUE SCHEDULE

The remaining balance of \$2,250.00 USD is due in cleared funds **no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Estimated Go-Home Date**, or at the time of in-person pickup at Westminster, MD, whichever comes first. Acceptable payment methods: bank wire transfer (preferred for balance), Zelle, certified check, or PayPal Friends & Family.

Flight nanny delivery fees (approximately \$400-\$700 depending on destination) are due in cleared funds at the time of balance payment, unless Buyer is collecting in person.

§7. TRANSFERABILITY IF SELLER CANNOT DELIVER

In the event that the kitten identified in §2 cannot be delivered due to:

- (a) Death or serious illness of the kitten prior to go-home;
- (b) Veterinary determination that the kitten is unfit for placement;
- (c) Other circumstances entirely within Seller's control;

then Seller shall, at Buyer's election, provide one of the following remedies:

- (1) Transfer the deposit to another then-available kitten of equivalent value from a Royal Purebred Kittens cattery (Bengal, Maine Coon, Oriental, or Scottish Fold);
- (2) Transfer the deposit to a future litter from Royal Oriental Cattery; OR
- (3) Refund the deposit in full within thirty (30) days.

Seller's inability to deliver due to circumstances outside Seller's control (force majeure events including natural disaster, pandemic, government action) shall trigger the same election options for Buyer.

§8. COMMUNICATION AND UPDATES

From the date of this Deposit Agreement through the Estimated Go-Home Date, Seller shall provide Buyer with:

- (a) Weekly photo or video updates of the kitten from week six (6) of age onward;
- (b) Documentation of veterinary care, vaccinations, and any health observations;
- (c) Notification within forty-eight (48) hours of any material change to the kitten’s condition or projected go-home date.

Buyer shall maintain current contact information with Seller and respond to Seller’s communications within reasonable time.

§9. GOVERNING LAW AND EXCLUSIVE MARYLAND JURISDICTION

This Deposit Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. **The parties hereby submit all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Deposit Agreement to the EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF MARYLAND**, specifically the District Court or Circuit Court of Carroll County, Maryland.

In the event of any legal action arising from this Deposit Agreement, the **prevailing party** shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney’s fees and all costs and expenses associated with the dispute, recoverable as part of the judgment or settlement.

§10. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

The parties agree that electronic signatures executed through DocuSign, Dropbox Sign, Adobe Sign, scanned signatures transmitted via email, or other commercially reasonable electronic methods are valid and enforceable as if signed by hand. This Deposit Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

§11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND TRANSITION TO PET SALE CONTRACT

This Deposit Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties regarding the kitten reservation and deposit. The parties acknowledge that the full **Royal Oriental Cattery Oriental Shorthair Kitten Purchase Agreement** (“Pet Sale Contract”) shall be executed prior to or at the time of kitten delivery and shall supersede this Deposit Agreement upon execution. Until the Pet Sale Contract is executed, the terms of this Deposit Agreement govern.

By signing below, Buyer affirms having read, understood, and agreed to all terms of this Deposit Agreement.

BUYER

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

SELLER

Signature: _____

Print Name: Aleks Sablin Ekaterina Sablin

Title: Authorized Member, Royal Purebred Kittens, LLC DBA Royal Oriental Cattery

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