

SAMPLE

This comprehensive manual contains a combination of documents beneficial information and resources that can be used and edited at your organization's discretion. Included in this manual:

- ✓ Foster/Volunteer Manual
- ✓ Foster Agreement

The following contents are intended to be **sample** documents that may be used as a guide and a model for your organization. It is highly recommended that you include information and verbiage in your policies, procedures, contracts, etc. that applies to your organization's operations, and that you have this information reviewed by your animal law or legal professional.



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WHAT TYPE OF FOSTERS ARE AVAILABLE AT [organization]

All types of animals are available for foster through [organization] for any length of time!

We are a 100% foster-based rescue. Our foster homes essentially replace the need for kennels. Rescues kept in foster homes rather than shelters are usually more friendly and much less stressed than those kept in a shelter facility.

Behavior Fostering:

These animals need a little more help in learning to become the perfect house guest. This can range from basic house-training to basic obedience training to helping a dog learn appropriate behaviors around people and other animals. [organization name] does not accept rescues with aggression issues.

Medical Fostering:

Animals with medical needs. These animals may be critically ill, injured, recovering from surgery, or have a variety of other needs. If you are interested in becoming a medical foster caregiver, please email [organization email here].

Examples of medical needs would be:

- Ringworm is usually a 4-6 week commitment. As a foster, you would be asked to bathe pet(s) twice weekly with Lim Sulfur dip, give daily oral medication, and come back to the shelter weekly for re-checks. After fostering a pet with ringworm, you will only be able to foster other ringworm positive pets until given clearance from our medical team.
- Mange (non-contagious) is usually a 2-3 month commitment. As a foster, you would be asked to give daily medications, bathe pet 1-2 times per week, and bring to shelter for re-checks every several weeks.
- Broken bones are usually a 4-6 week commitment. These pets usually need to come in weekly for re-checks and may

or may not need daily medications. Most have exercise restrictions and/or need strict crate rest.

- Heartworm (non-contagious) is usually a 2-3 month commitment. These pets need daily medication initially; then they come to the shelter monthly for heartworm treatment. They require crate rest/exercise restriction for the duration of treatment.
- Extensive wounds. The time commitment varies from pet to pet, but most will need several weeks to several months in foster care. These pets need frequent bandage changes, sometimes under sedation, so they may need to come to the shelter multiple times per week initially, then they may be able to go a week between bandage changes until cleared. They also may need medications given daily.
- Post-operative care is usually a 1-2 week commitment. These pets may need daily medications, warm and cold compressing of surgery site, suture/staple removal, etc.
- Upper respiratory infections (kennel cough) is usually a 1-2 week commitment. These pets need daily medication(s), and depending on the severity, may require other supportive care (such as subcutaneous – sub Q – fluids, special diet, etc.).
- Pets in need of special monitoring for medical conditions, appetite, weight loss/gain, etc. The time/medical commitment will vary from pet to pet; this will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- Bottle Babies and Pregnant Moms are usually a 4-8 week commitment. Bottle babies need around the clock care and to be kept warm and fed at all hours. They start to become independent at around 4 weeks old. They become available for adoption at 8 weeks old or 2 lbs.

Short-Term Fostering:

This type of foster care often expedites adoption faster than any other! Short-term fostering is a low time commitment with an emphasis on getting to know the dog and gathering marketing material. Often, short-term foster dogs are adopted within **days or weeks** after their return because of the information we learn about their needs and personality, and because of the great photos and video we use to market them on social media.



TAKING HOME A FOSTER PET

Foster Returns Schedule
































If for any reason you and your foster pet are not working out, please email [organization email here] to schedule for your foster pet to be transferred to a different foster home.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLY CHECKLIST























Supplies: We will provide you with all medical care and medical supplies needed for your foster pet. When possible, we will **also** provide other supplies.

We will do our best to provide as donations allow, but we cannot guarantee to provide these supplies. Please remember: **any money spent on foster care may be tax deductible as donations!**

Strongly Recommended

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Food |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Food bowl |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Water Bowl |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Food Storage Bin |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Food Scoop |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Collar |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Leash |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID Tag (w/Phone #) |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Crate |  | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bed |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Toys (hard & soft) |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Poop Baggies |  | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chews |  | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Treats |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kong |  | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Animal First Aid Kit |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Litter Box | |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Litter | |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cat Nip | |  |

Not Needed – But may make your life easier!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Baby Gate |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exercise Pen (Xpen) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brush |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Comb |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nail Trimmers |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Quick Stop |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ear Cleaner |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Shampoo |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Toothbrush |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Toothpaste |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Enzymatic Cleaner |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Potty Pads |  |

FEEDING

At [organization name], we feed adult dogs **and cats** once daily in the mornings, but you do not need to keep your foster on the same schedule. Please refer to the weight chart on your bag of pet food for appropriate feeding quantities.

If you have other resident pets, DO NOT feed them together with your foster. Some animals can become protective of their food and we never want to learn this the hard way after a serious altercation. It is very important that your animals and your foster are kept separate during feeding times. Fresh water should always be available for your foster pets to drink. We never offer cow's milk, as dogs and cats cannot properly digest it.

HOUSING

We recommend keeping foster pets separate from resident animals for the first two weeks to wait out the incubation period for certain contagious illnesses like kennel cough and ringworm. This is also helpful for slowly and properly introducing a foster animal to your resident pets as many pets will not get along right off the bat. Bathrooms, baby gates, and crates can be useful tools when working to keep animals separate.

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DO:

- Sterilize surfaces between foster animals to minimize spread of possible contagious illnesses.
- House your foster primarily indoors
- Keep your home temperature between 60 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit
- Supervise your foster in the backyard to ensure they don't attempt to escape or jump the wall.

DO NOT:

- Leave your foster on a 'tie out' under any circumstances.
- Allow your foster to be off-leash outside the home ever.
- Visit a dog park.

SOCIALIZING

One of the most important parts of your job as a foster caregiver is to convince your foster pet(s) that humans are kind and loving. Some pets will adjust quickly to you and their new environment, while others may take much longer. Be patient and allow your foster(s) time to acclimate to new surroundings.

Patience is the biggest kindness you can show your new foster as they adapt to home life. They don't understand who you are or what's happening and will need time to settle in. We see many failed adoptions for the simple fact that an animal wasn't given proper time and space to adapt before being introduced to new animals, people, environments, noises, etc. We call the settling in period the "decompression phase" and it often takes **around two weeks** before a foster pet feels confident and comfortable. Every foster pet IS an individual though and will move at their own speed. Be calm. Talk quietly. Move slowly. Sit low. The more approachable you are, the more likely an animal is to come out of their shell.

HEALTH AND DISEASE

Vaccinations & De-worming

Your foster pet(s) will be up to date on age appropriate vaccinations and de-worming at the time that you take them in. Puppies and kittens must return to the shelter every two weeks while in foster care to be weighed, dewormed, and have vaccines boosters starting at 4 weeks of age. Adult foster pets may or may not need to return to the shelter for vaccines. At the time that you pick up your foster pet, we will set an appointment for you to return for this.

Seeking Veterinary Care

Many pets will head to foster with an established treatment plan for an existing medical concern (such as bandage changes, rechecks for broken bones, etc.). We will do our best to ensure that any medical concerns are addressed prior to a pet leaving for foster. Please make sure to give all doses of medications and come to shelter for any required rechecks.

Pets coming from the shelter have been exposed to many germs, do not have an established vaccination history, and their immune systems may be suppressed due to shelter stress.

Therefore, it is not uncommon for a pet to become sick shortly after arriving in a foster home. Please watch for the following symptoms:

In puppies or kittens younger than 9 months of age:

- Diarrhea that last for more than a day
- Vomiting and diarrhea for more than 6 hours
- Vomiting more than once in an hour
- Not eating for more than 12-24 hours
- Lethargy without fever for more than 12 hours OR Lethargy with fever
- Sneezing, coughing, and/or goopy eyes
- Areas of crusty skin and/or hair loss
- Lameness paired with discomfort or pain In adult dogs or cats:
- Not drinking for more than 24 hours
- Diarrhea that lasts for more than 1-2 days
- Vomiting more than 2-3 times in an hour
- Not eating for more than 72 hours
- Lethargy without fever for more than a day OR Lethargy with fever
- Sneezing, coughing, or goopy eyes
- Lameness paired with discomfort or pain

If you notice any of these symptoms, please contact your foster coordinator immediately for guidance and/or an appointment to bring them in to be checked by the vet. Remember that [organization] provides all veterinary care on-site at no cost to

you, but if you go to an outside veterinary clinic you will have to pay for the visit yourself and will not be reimbursed (but it may be tax deductible).

The sooner your foster pets get checked by a vet, the more likely they are to recover well.

Our vets see appointments on-site 7 days a week from 1 – 5 PM, appointments can be scheduled online at the following links.

Clinic Appointments

[online link for appointments, if applicable]

If you suspect your foster animal is sick, injured, or if you need to bring them in for something clinic-related, use the link above to schedule an appointment for them here.

For after-hours medical emergencies, call the foster emergency line: [organization number]

Spay & Neuter Surgery

We are currently partnering with [name of vet clinic] for our foster spay/neuter surgeries. Use the link above and follow the instructions to schedule your foster animal's alter surgery.

Emergency situations may include:

- Continuous diarrhea coupled with lethargy
- Continuous vomiting
- Bleeding of any kind (from the nose or mouth or in urine/ stool)
- Any trauma such as being hit by a car, dropped, stepped on, etc.
- Seizures
- Difficulty breathing

If your pet is exhibiting any of the above symptoms during business hours, please bring your pet to the clinic to be seen by our vet.

PROTECTING YOUR RESIDENT PETS

As mentioned previously, pets coming from the shelter have an unknown medical history and may be contagious to other pets.

As such, all resident pets should be fully vaccinated before a foster animal enters the home. We strongly recommend that you keep your fosters separate from your resident pets at all times for at least the first 14 days and disinfect the environment before allowing resident pets into areas that foster pets have been in.

PROTECTING YOURSELF:

Animals can carry diseases that are transmittable to humans. These are especially common in stray pets or pets coming from a shelter. To protect yourself from these diseases, everybody in the home should

- Wash hands before and after handling animals.
- Use protection when cleaning feces and other animal-related messes.
- Disinfect with a 10% fresh bleach-and-water solution. All areas (floors, walls, furniture, etc.) and materials (bedding, toys, litter-boxes dishes, etc.) that have come into contact with foster animal(s) must be bleached before being used for new foster animals.
- Use ceramic, glass, or stainless-steel food/water dishes for easy disinfect.
- Be aware that animals can carry disease without exhibiting symptoms. Use the same precautions with a healthy-looking animal as you would a sick one.

Always make it a habit to practice good hygiene, including washing your hands thoroughly with hot water and antibacterial soap after handling your foster animals.

- Be familiar with the disease information provided in this handbook and be sure to let your physician know that you work with shelter animals.

THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF PET POISONING

EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

Human medications

- Blood pressure pills
- Heart medications
- Opiates and pain medications
- NSAIDS such as Aleve, Advil, Motrin, Aspirin
- Acetaminophen, such as Tylenol

Plants

- Sago Palms
- Castor Beans
- Poinsettia
- Azaleas
- Lilies

Household Chemicals

- Cleansers
- Fire logs
- Rat poison
- Anti-freeze
- Fertilizers
- Weed killer
- Insecticides

Human Food

- Coffee
- Chocolate
- Baker's chocolate
- Sugar-free candy and gum
- Alcoholic drinks

VERY DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

Human medications

- Tricyclic Anti-Depressants, such as Asendin, Elavil & Etrafon
- Methylphenidate ADHD medication
- Decongestants, such as NyQuil, Sudafed & Theraflu

Plants

- Amaryllis
- Cyclamen
- Oleander
- Tulip bulbs
- Autumn Crocus

Household Chemicals

- Mothballs
- Paint thinner
- Batteries
- Bleach

Human Food

- Mushrooms
- Yeast dough
- Raw meat & eggs
- Bones
- Onions
- Garlic

DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

Human medications

- Birth control pills
- Sleep aids, such as Restoril, Ambien, Lunesta
- Codeine
- Melatonin
- Bupropion, such as Wellbutrin & Zyban

Plants

- English Ivy
- Peace Lily
- Pothos
- Schleflera
- Chrysanthemum

Household Chemicals

- De-icing salts
- Liquid Potpourri
- Fabric softener
- Glow jewelry

Human Food

- Milk
- Dairy products
- Fatty foods
- Fat scraps
- Avocados

EARLY SIGNS OF POISONING

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|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Vomiting | • Depression | • Lethargy |
| • Nosebleeds | • Diarrhea | • Agitation |
| • Loss of appetite | • Bleeding gums | • Drooling |
| • Seizures | • Inability to urinate | • Black or bloody stools |



GET HELP!

Call immediately if you suspect your pet has been poisoned!

BE PREPARED!

Keep Hydrogen Peroxide & Activated Charcoal on hand in case of poisoning.

CALL YOUR VET

or the ASPCA® National Poison Control Center at 800-548-2423.

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DOG TO DOG INTRODUCTIONS

There may be a number of situations in which you would introduce your dog to another dog.

Examples are walks in the neighborhood, hiking in a park, dog sitting for a friend, fostering a dog from the shelter, etc. For whatever the reason, we need to understand that not all dogs will be best friends and some dogs just aren't very social at all. Safety should always be your primary concern (for you and your dog/s), though accidents will happen, and we cannot always prevent them. Always work within your comfort zone. If you are uncomfortable about any given situation, stay away from it, if at all possible, and seek the help of someone with more experience to help you through the situation.

Every situation may be different, so always be aware and pay attention to what your dog is doing. It may not be your dog in the wrong, but you don't want them to have a bad experience.

Some of the biggest errors in the handling of dogs is having a tense leash. If your dog cannot approach another dog calmly to greet them, then you will need to work on that separately from the walk.

Introductions on a casual walk/hiking:

Always alert and discuss with your foster coordinator before attempting a dog introduction on your own.

If you encounter another dog out on a walk, ask the owner if you can greet their dog. If yes, continue to the next step. If no, try again another day.

In order for two dogs to greet, the dogs must be relatively calm (not excited and pulling). If either dog is excited and pulling, it would be safest not to greet at that time. Work on calming skills and having your dog focus on you and try again another day.

Once your dog is relatively calm and has good focus, we like the three second rule. Have the dogs greet one another so their noses and rear ends are together so they can smell each other. The entire process should not take more than three seconds.

After three seconds, you want to mark the pleasant encounter by saying "yes" (or whatever your mark happens to be) and offering a treat away from the other dog making encouraging sounds. Try your best not to pull on the leash, though a light tug may be necessary, if the treat does not work.

You will be able to extend the time your dog interacts with that particular dog with each encounter. Brief encounters are always better than extended ones.

We want our dogs to have pleasant experiences with nothing bad happening. There will be times when two dogs appear to be best friends with the first greeting.

Even though they get along great, it is far better to keep the encounter short and arrange a play date in a neutral area, so they can play off lead and not be tangled with leashes. Meeting in a neutral area eliminates the possibility of one of the dogs guarding familiar territory.

Always supervise the play, if the play starts to escalate just step in and give them a break. You can add a command cue like "time out" each time you step in.

DECOMPRESSING YOUR FOSTER

Decompression Phase

When adopting or fostering a rescued pet, it's a happy time for you and a relief for a foster pet. As the new owners or foster of the pet, you're also excited because you're bringing in a new member of the family into your home.

Wait

Before you go showing off your new pet to your family, friends, and resident pets, please give the new foster pet time and space to relax for a while. The last thing you should do at this point is rush them into a whole new dramatic situation that could get them into trouble if they're not ready for it.

Dogs that have been at the shelter for an especially long period of time need to decompress and get themselves back into a calm state of mind.

Decompression time varies with each and every foster pet. Some need more time than others, but it's safe to recommend at least one week to start.

Give every foster structure, exercise (walks, playing), and love and you will see them begin to blossom. If after the decompression phase the foster pet starts to show behavioral problems that you feel ill-equipped to handle, please contact your foster coordinator immediately.

DECOMPRESSION CHECKLIST FOR FOSTER PETS

In some cases, the buildup of stress **prior to rescue** can make a foster pet difficult to tire out. This will improve with time, but there are several things a foster should do to make this process go smoothly.

Suggestions for Decompression:

- Prepare needed supplies in order to engage your pets mentally. You may want to use food filled-frozen Kongs, puzzle toys, etc.
- Continue walking, either at the shelter, a park or in your neighborhood until your foster pet appears to relax.
- Consider only using essential (safety-related) commands during the first 24-48 hours.
 - Don't want the foster pet to jump onto your couch while jumping around the house? Think about saving the lesson for another day when they are more calm and available for learning and engage your foster in another task that's incompatible with jumping on the couch, like a puzzle toy.
- Make sure your activities don't overstimulate the foster pet.
- When you arrive home, ensure that any family members who are meeting the foster pet for the first time are seated. They should let the foster pet come to them for attention, as opposed to soliciting attention from the foster pet.
- Keep your foster pet separated from your own dogs until your foster is visibly relaxed.
- If your foster is unable to settle down (panting, whining, constantly in motion, etc.) channel their energy into a task such as fetch, puzzle toys or any game that engages their brain until they are able to relax.
- Do only essential meet-and-greets for the first 48 hours to week, depending on the dog's comfort level.
- Consider playing soft music. Classical, reggae, and ambient electronic work well for helping pets decompress.

Try to stick it out for the first 24 hours. It will get better, we promise!

Body Language of Canine Anxiety

DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



ALERT



SUSPICIOUS



ANXIOUS



THREATENED



ANGRY



"PEACE!"
look away/head turn



STRESSED
yawn



STRESSED
nose lick



"PEACE!"
sniff ground



"RESPECT!"
turn & walk away



"NEED SPACE"
whale eye



STALKING



STRESSED
scratching



STRESS RELEASE
shake off



RELAXED
soft ears, blinky eyes



"RESPECT!"
offer his back



FRIENDLY & POLITE
curved body



FRIENDLY



"PRETTY PLEASE"
round puppy face



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"
belly-rub pose



"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"
greeting stretch



"I'M FRIENDLY!"
play bow



"READY!"
prey bow



"YOU WILL FEED ME"



CURIOUS
head tilt



HAPPY
(or hot)



OVERJOYED
wiggly



"MMM..."



"I LOVE YOU,
DON'T STOP"

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Body Language of Cats

CAT LANGUAGE



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Foster Care Agreement

I, _____ agree to act as temporary Foster Home for **[organization name]**. I agree to abide by the following conditions whenever fostering **any** animals.

All animals entering foster care must have gone through protocols prior to leaving [organization name].

1. Any animal(s) fostered by me will be kept in a **[organization name]**-approved facility. I understand that any animal(s) I foster is/are the property of **[organization name]**, and I agree to turn it/them over to **[organization name]** immediately upon request. I agree to bring any animal(s) fostered by me to the vet for exams, vaccinations, weight checks, or other reason deemed necessary by **[organization name]** at a mutually agreed upon date and/or time.
2. I understand that I am responsible for adhering to **[organization name]**'s standards of care and applicable local and state laws dealing with animal welfare.
3. I agree to a premises check upon the request of **[organization name]**, which can include a visual inspection of the living quarters of all **[organization name]** foster animals in that environment.
4. Any animal(s) fostered by me will be fed, watered and exercised appropriately. I agree to provide an adequate and nutritious diet, including any necessary supplements, as recommended by regarding the feeding of specific brands or types of supplemental food and/or nutritional supplements to my foster animals. Although **[organization name]** will make every attempt to furnish food and/or litter for those foster care volunteers who are unable to afford these supplies on their own, I understand that the availability of these supplies is based on donations from the public and limited to stock on hand and that I will be responsible for providing necessary supplies in the event that they are not available through **[organization name]** cannot and does *not guarantee* to be able to provide free food, litter, or supplies for my foster animal.
5. I will not allow any foster dogs or puppies to have any unsupervised off-leash time. I will provide a kennel, crate and/or securely fenced yard for their safety. I will not allow foster cats or kittens to go outside at any time except to transport them to and from a veterinarian, if needed. I agree to transport any foster cats, kittens, puppies and small dogs in a sturdy carrier. I agree to transport any foster animal(s) in an enclosed vehicle only, and I will not allow them to ride in the bed of a pickup or a convertible.
6. I agree that animals will not be kept outside unless otherwise discussed and approved by **[organization name]**.
7. I understand that **[organization name]** will take every precaution to ensure that any animal(s) I foster are reasonably healthy and that any known health problems will be disclosed to me prior to me taking the animal into my home, but **[organization name]** cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen health problem that may develop after the animal(s) is/are in my care. I understand that **[organization name]**

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- may require me to return my foster animal(s) to a staff member to assess or treat any health problem, at their discretion.
8. I understand that I am not authorized to seek outside veterinary care for **[organization name]** foster animals without approval from **[organization name]** staff or foster coordination team and may be dismissed from the foster program for doing so. If I choose to treat the animal(s) at a veterinarian of my choice, I understand that I will assume full responsibility for payment of the vet bill, and that **[organization name]** will be unable to reimburse me for any such payment.
 9. I agree to provide adequate, positive socialization for any animal(s) fostered by me to help ensure their temperament will be as sound as possible. I also agree, when requested, to give a progress report to **[organization name]**. I agree to bring my foster animal(s) into the vet for any required vaccinations, de-worming, or other medication prescribed and provided by **[organization name]** at no cost to me. When the foster period is over, I will return the animal(s), and will do so at the agreed upon time.
 10. I agree to keep my foster animal(s) separate from my own pets, and that the possibility of foster animals fighting, injuring, or spreading illness to my own pets does exist. I agree that I will keep my own pet up to date on vaccine and de-wormers according to my own veterinarian, while I am fostering any animal(s) for **[organization name]**. I understand that if I choose to allow my foster animal(s) and my pet(s) to have access to each other, I do so at my own risk, and will not hold **[organization name]** liable for any illness or injury that may occur to my own pet(s).
 11. I agree to keep **[organization name]** animals safe from harm/illness as a result of contact with resident pets.
 12. I understand the potential for contagious illness is high in animals. Therefore, I agree not to mix any of my foster animals or animals more than one litter unless approved by **[organization name]**. I also agree not to foster animals from any other organization while I am fostering **[organization name]**, unless granted specific approval by **[organization name]**.
 13. I understand that the **[organization name]** Foster Coordinator staff have the right to also limit the number of animals in my care at any given time.
 14. I assume responsibility for any events that occur in connection with my fostering of an animal for **[organization name]**. I understand the possibility of my children or others being bitten, scratched, or contracting disease does exist. I agree to be responsible for my children and anyone else handling any animal(s) fostered by me in a safe and hygienic manner and will not hold **[organization name]** responsible for any injuries that may result from my failure to do so. **I AGREE TO NOTIFY A [organization name] REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY BITES OR BAD SCRATCHES** that occur to any person or animal while any foster animal is in my care.
 15. Any animal fostered by me is to be adopted to a permanent home only under supervision of **[organization name]**, to an adopter approved by **[organization name]**, even if the adopter is me or a member of my household. All foster animals **MUST** be returned to **[organization name]** for sterilization and completion of adoption paperwork prior to permanent adoption. I understand that if I find a suitable home for any

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animal that I am fostering, all of the above conditions must apply, and that the adopter must pay the adoption fee.

16. I understand that **[organization name]** cannot and does not make any representations or warranties either expressed or implied concerning the temperament, habits, health, pedigree, disposition, age, sex or background of this animal and that I have no right to reimbursement of medical, adoption or other professional fees. Furthermore, I understand that the animal's future reactions to me, my family or any other person are completely unpredictable because animals, like people, have their own personalities.
17. In consideration of receiving any **[organization name]** foster animal, I, as a foster caregiver, hereby release **[organization name]**, its officers, agents and employees from all claims of injury or damage that a fostered dog/cat/other may cause me or my property. I agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify **[organization name]**, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims of liability to other people for injuries.
18. If for any reason, I do not comply with all provisions of this agreement, I agree to return the fostered animal to **[organization name]** upon demand of the enforcement agent. If I refuse to return the fostered animal to **[organization name]** upon demand of the enforcement agent, I understand that **[organization name]** reserves the right to impound them as legal owner of the animal.
19. I acknowledge that a staff member has reviewed documented information about this animal with me and that I have received said documentation in writing. I am fostering with awareness of any documented medical or behavioral history.

I have read and agree to the above terms:

Print Name: _____
Email: _____

Signature: _____
Phone: _____

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