

Foster Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between Animals Depend on People, Too! Pet Rescue, Inc., hereafter referred to as "A.D.O.P.T.," and the following individual(s), hereafter referred to as "Foster." This agreement is valid for any animals in Foster's care on behalf of A.D.O.P.T.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

A.D.O.P.T. and Foster, intending to be legally bound by this agreement, hereby agree to the following:

1. Foster will provide compassionate and loving care for any and all dogs or cats placed into Foster's home for as long as necessary until the dog(s)/cat(s) has (have) been successfully placed in a permanent home or are moved to a new foster home. This care includes, but is not limited to, adequate food, water, shelter, and medication, when required.
2. Foster will carefully review the Foster Guidelines provided by A.D.O.P.T. and will ask any necessary clarifying questions before taking any dogs/cats into his/her care.
3. Foster will be patient and tolerant with the dog(s) and/or cat(s) during the transition period (which can last from a few days to a few months). Foster is prepared to work with the dog(s)/cat(s) on basic training, such as housebreaking. Foster will keep the dog(s)/cat(s) primarily inside the home; foster will never leave the dog(s)/cat(s) outside in a yard or elsewhere without adequate adult supervision.
4. Foster will notify A.D.O.P.T. if any medical treatment becomes necessary during the time Foster is caring for the dog(s)/cat(s) and will see that the dog(s)/cat(s) get necessary medical treatment as soon as they need it. Foster will not hesitate to provide necessary emergency care. Foster will advise A.D.O.P.T. of any medical expenses over and above the standard care A.D.O.P.T. provides (all routine vaccinations, spaying or neutering, heartworm test, worming). Foster will not authorize veterinary treatments, procedures, or medications without the direct approval and authorization of A.D.O.P.T. *unless* the situation is life-threatening.
5. Foster will not keep the pet outdoors unsupervised for any period of time, regardless of provided shelter (i.e., doghouse, kennel, etc.), nor shall the pet be chained or tied outdoors or left in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen.
6. Foster will never allow physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the pet. Foster will never strike or choke the dog(s)/cat(s) in an attempt to discipline them. Foster will not use prong collars or employ harsh training methods.
7. Foster will not allow strange people or animals (people or animals unknown to the dog(s)/cat(s)) to approach the dog(s)/cat(s) without being in full control of the dog(s)/cat(s) and the situation.
8. Foster will work cooperatively with A.D.O.P.T. to find the dog(s)/cat(s) a permanent, loving home as quickly as possible. If Foster decides he/she would like to adopt the foster dog(s)/cat(s), Foster understands and accepts that the procedure for adoption will be the same for him/her as it would be for any other potential adopter, and Foster will be asked to sign the same contract and make the same donation to A.D.O.P.T. that any adopter would. Foster understands and accepts that Foster may not keep the dog(s)/cat(s) without the approval and consent of A.D.O.P.T.
9. Foster understands and accepts that prospective adopters may wish to visit the dog(s)/cat(s) before adopting them. Foster is willing to allow people to meet the dog(s)/cat(s) either at his/her home or at a mutually convenient place.
10. Foster understands and accepts that the dog(s)/cat(s) is (are) and shall remain the sole property of A.D.O.P.T. Foster further understands and acknowledges that Foster does not have any right or authority to keep or place foster dog(s)/cat(s) in other homes or with other individuals without the approval of A.D.O.P.T. Moving the dog(s)/cat(s) or placing them in permanent homes can only be done with the full knowledge and approval of A.D.O.P.T.
11. Known background and medical history of the dog(s)/cat(s) has (have) been discussed with Foster by A.D.O.P.T. Foster understands and accepts that A.D.O.P.T. makes no representations or warranties concerning the health, temperament, behavior and/or previous ownership of the dog(s)/cat(s).
12. Foster understands and acknowledges that A.D.O.P.T. may remove the animal from Foster's home, at any time, without prior consent or permission.

13. Foster releases A.D.O.P.T. from any and all liability arising out of this foster care agreement. Foster agrees not to make any claims against A.D.O.P.T., its officers, employees, agents or volunteers and hereby releases, discharges, waives and relinquishes any and all actions or causes of action as a result of any conduct by A.D.O.P.T. or the action or activity of the dog(s)/cat(s). It is Foster's intention to exempt and relieve A.D.O.P.T., its officers, employees, agents or volunteers, from all liability for personal injury, property damage or otherwise. Foster agrees to indemnify and hold A.D.O.P.T., its officers, employees, agents or volunteers from and against any liability, claims, judgments or expenses arising out of the care of the dog(s)/cat(s) by Foster.
14. A.D.O.P.T. may make inquiries about and/or examine the dog(s)/cat(s) at any time upon reasonable notice to Foster.
15. If Foster resides in rented housing, Foster will provide proof of the landlord's permission to house dog(s)/cat(s) prior to pet being placed with Foster. A.D.O.P.T. has the right to confirm such proof.
16. Foster represents that neither Foster nor any member of Foster's household has been convicted of any animal welfare law such as neglect, cruelty, abuse or abandonment.
17. I, _____, the undersigned, do declare that I am aware:
 - a. That animals are different than human beings in their responses.
 - b. That the actions of animals are often unpredictable.
 - c. That animals should be closely supervised when they are with children.

This agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior understandings. No modification of this agreement will be valid unless in writing, signed by both parties. This agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any disagreement arise with respect to the rights and responsibilities of the parties that cannot be resolved between them, the parties agree to waive any right to jury, and further agree that their dispute shall be resolved by binding arbitration in Franklin County, Ohio. IF the parties cannot agree upon the manner of arbitration, the American Arbitration Association Consumer Rules shall apply. I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with A.D.O.P.T.

Foster's Signature: _____ Date: _____

A.D.O.P.T. Representative: _____

Items belonging to A.D.O.P.T. and provided to Foster (crate, leash, etc.): _____
