



Requirements for Foster Parents

- Fill out Foster Application
- Upon acceptance, the foster agreement will be covered, questions answered, and a signature will be required.
- Upon the start of each new year, all foster homes will be asked to review and sign a new foster agreement.
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must have a safe and secure space inside your home to ensure a good quality environment
- Have reliable transportation
- Willingness to transport your foster dog to meet potential adopters, vet visits, meet and greets and adoption events.
- Provide veterinary references
- Provide landlord contact (if so applicable)
- All members of the household must be agreeable to fostering
- All dogs in the home must be spayed or neutered
- All dogs in the home must be current on DHLPP and Rabies vaccines.
- All dogs in the home must be on routine flea/heartworm/tick prevention
- We ask that canine visitors to the home that are exposed to the foster dog(s) would likewise be spayed or neutered, up to date on vaccines and on prevention
- Agree to and sign the Foster Dog Parent Agreement
- Respond in a timely manner (24 hours) to all communications regarding Dogworks activities.
- Communication with ALL board members and volunteers may be required, and the willingness to do so is not optional.

- Open, consistent, and clear communication from fosters to Dogworks is vital to successful permanent placement and your foster experience.
- We may also ask you meet potential pre-screened adopters at your home, adopter's home or at a neutral location
- Read and follow the Foster Manual
- Please remember that you are representing Dogworks and all the humans and canines in the rescue. You will need to conduct yourself in a professional and positive manner. Disrespect, prejudice and slander will not be tolerated.

Expectations for Foster Parents

- Provide daily care including food, water, socialization, and a clean, safe environment
 - Attend Meet & Greets whenever possible
 - Socialize and exercise your foster dog
 - Communicate with adoption team and potential adopters to ensure a good match between the dog and their adoptive family (understanding your dog's temperament and activity needs)
 - Provide age appropriate training to move your foster dog toward being a well-behaved indoor companion
 - As a foster parent, you are asked to help make the dog its "most adoptable-self." This might mean working on: house-training, leash-pulling, basic manners, commands, and providing controlled and positive exposure to new places and people.
 - Please keep in mind, these dogs are coming from highly stressful situations and have been in multiple homes that each have their different rules and schedules.
 - We expect fosters to be patient and understanding, use positive reinforcement only and never excessive force or physical punishment.
 - We ask our fosters take many pictures and videos of their dog to help us promote them.
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This Agreement is made and entered into on _____/_____/_____ by and between

Dogworks, and the following individual(s) _____, (hereinafter "Foster.").

WHEREAS: Foster wishes to foster one or more animals for Dogworks, Inc. This executed Foster Agreement is binding for any and all future animals fostered for Dogworks, Inc. If there is a break in the fostering of more than one year, a new agreement will be executed by all parties.

Please initial the following:

_____ **Compassionate and Appropriate Care:**

- Foster will provide appropriate care for every Foster Dog that is taken into their home, until the Foster Dog has been successfully placed in a permanent home or, in the event this foster placement does not work out for any reason, until the Foster Dog is placed into another Foster home.
- Foster will provide the care without expectation of reimbursement for any normal and customary out-of-pocket expenses. Dogworks covers 100% of all medical care.
- Food will be provided when available (it is not always available). Dogworks asks that you notify the foster coordinator if you will be feeding food other than the food provided by Dogworks. The Medical Coordinator will advise the Foster if a specialized diet or feeding plan is necessary.
- This care shall include, but is not limited to, loving and humane treatment, proper and nutritional foods, regular exercise, and appropriate toys. Foster will also provide at all times fresh water, shelter from adverse weather and temperature extremes, a safe fenced yard, and when necessary, all necessary and appropriate medication provided by Dogworks.

_____ **Training/Helping Foster Dog to Become More Adoptable:**

- Foster will be patient and tolerant at all times while fostering. Foster acknowledges that one of their primary goals in fostering is to help the Foster Dog become more adoptable.
- Foster agrees to work with the Foster Dog on house- and crate-training, if necessary, and to address anything else which will help to make the Foster Dog more adoptable.
- Foster will not employ harsh training methods, will never physically or emotionally abuse the Foster Dog, and will not let any other person or animal physically or emotionally abuse the Foster Dog.

_____ **Grooming:**

- Foster will provide regular grooming of the Foster Dog to include bathing, brushing the coat, cleaning the ears, trimming nails, and cleaning nose flaps and tear residue.

Indoor Only Dog:

- Foster agrees to keep the Foster Dog as an “indoor only” dog (living inside the home), and the Foster Dog will not be left outside at any time without proper adult supervision or when no one is at home.

Medical Expenses:

- Foster will advise Dogworks of any medical expenses over and above the standard vet care Dogworks provides. Standard care includes, but is not limited to: DHLPP, Bordetella, Rabies vaccine, spay/neutering, heartworm prevention, flea and tick prevention, deworming, and microchip installation. Foster dogs over 6 months of age will be tested for heartworm disease, ehrlichiosis, Lyme disease, and anaplasmosis. Any symptomatic dog will also be tested.
- Foster will not authorize veterinary treatments, procedures, or medications without the prior approval and authorization of the medical coordinator.

Standard Medical Treatment:

- Foster will notify Dogworks if any medical treatment becomes necessary during the time they are fostering and will obtain necessary medical treatment as soon as needed, after notification to, and approval by the Medical Coordinator.

Emergency Medical Treatment:

- If the Foster Dog needs emergency (life-saving) medical treatment, Foster will provide necessary emergency care immediately, with no required pre-approval by Dogworks. If emergency is not life-threatening, foster must first get approval from the Medical Director.

Administration of Medications/Supplements:

- Foster agrees never to administer medications of any kind without prior approval from a Dogworks-approved vet or the Medical Coordinator. This shall include, but is not limited to, aspirin, vitamins, supplements, flea or heartworm preventative, and prescription medications.

Collar and ID Tags:

- Foster will make certain that the Foster Dog is wearing a martingale collar or harness that securely fits and that the identification tag provided by Dogworks is securely fastened to the collar at all times.

Never Off-Leash:

- Foster agrees that at no time will the Foster Dog be allowed to be off-leash outside of a fenced area.

Strangers and/or Unknown Dogs:

- Foster will not allow strange people or animals - people or animals unknown to the Foster Dog - to approach the Foster Dog without being in full control of the Foster Dog and the situation.

Cooperation with Permanent Placement:

- Foster will work cooperatively with Dogworks to find the Foster Dog a permanent, loving home as quickly as possible after the Foster Dog is ready for adoption. Re-homing process includes application review, phone interviews, home check and adoption (if distance permits), and follow-up.

Foster Option to Adopt:

- The Foster Home shall have the first option to adopt their Foster Dog. If Foster decides they would like to adopt the Foster Dog, Foster understands and accepts that the procedure for adoption will be the same for them as it would be for any other applicant.

Visits from Prospective Adopters:

- Foster understands and accepts that prospective adopters need to visit the Foster Dog before adoption. With prior notice, Foster agrees to facilitate a meeting between Foster Dog and potential adopter, be that in the home of either party or at a central location.

Lost, Stolen or Death of Foster Dog:

- If the Foster Dog is lost, stolen, or dies, Foster shall notify Dogworks immediately.

Right to Inspection:

- Foster grants Dogworks and its representatives the right to inspect the Foster Dog's environment and living arrangements at any reasonable time while they are fostering. Foster agrees not to withhold access to the Foster Dog or the Foster Dog's medical records from Dogworks.

Sole Property of Dogworks:

- Foster understands and accepts that the Foster Dog is and shall remain the sole property of Dogworks at all times.
- Foster further understands and acknowledges that Foster does not have any right or authority to keep or place the Foster Dog in any other home or with any other individual or in boarding, at any time.
- Temporarily or permanently moving the Foster Dog to, or placing the Foster Dog in, any other home or in boarding can only be done with the full knowledge and approval of Dogworks, which must be done in advance of moving.

Representations:

- Foster understands and accepts that Dogworks makes no representations or warranties regarding the health, temperament, behavior and/or previous ownership of the Foster Dog.

Hold Harmless:

- Foster fully understands and agrees to assume all risks involved in any and all activities, tasks or duties performed for Dogworks in a volunteer capacity.
- Foster understands that the behavior of domestic animals may be unpredictable and may result in serious personal injury or death as well as extensive property damage.

- Foster understands that while they are acting within the scope of their duties as a Foster family for Dogworks, and agrees to release, discharge and hold Dogworks harmless from any and all liability, claims and damages arising out of or as a consequence of any personal injury or legal damages that may result to members of the public as a result of any activity performed within the scope of the Foster family and volunteer activities for Dogworks provided they are performed in accordance with Dogworks's Foster policies and procedures.

_____ Communication of Other Issues:

- Foster will immediately notify Dogworks of any problems or difficulties resulting from taking care of the Foster Dog.

_____ Legally Binding Agreement:

- No provisions of this Agreement may be altered, modified or in any way changed unless the same is in writing and agreed upon between the Foster and Dogworks.

_____ Default of Agreement:

- Foster agrees that if they are found to be in default of any of the provisions of this Agreement, the Foster Dog may be removed from the Foster Home immediately, with no prior notice, and they further agree not to withhold the Foster Dog.

_____ Recourse for Breach of Agreement:

- If the Foster breaches this Agreement, Dogworks will be entitled to enforce its rights by an action for specific performance.
- Foster agrees to pay all expenses incurred by Dogworks in enforcing its rights under this Agreement, including reasonable attorney's fees.
- This Agreement contains the entire agreement by and between the parties, unless amended in writing by all parties.

_____ Dissolving Foster Position:

- If, for any reason, Foster is not able to continue fostering, Foster agrees to notify Dogworks immediately.
- Dogworks will make arrangements for removal of the Foster Dog, and Foster agrees to cooperate in those arrangements.
- Dogworks would appreciate as much notice as possible in order to locate another suitable placement for the Foster Dog.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I understand and will comply with the provisions of this contract.

Printed Name (Foster Parent)

Signature Date

Printed Name (Dogworks Agent)

Signature Date

WAIVER

1. I understand that there is always a slight risk that the foster animal could harbor a contagious illness.
2. My animals are currently vaccinated and should they or a family member happen to become ill, (allergies, etc.) as a result of my foster dog, I hereby expressly agree that I (we) will not hold Dogworks financially or otherwise legally responsible.
3. Although I also acknowledge that I also understand that while Dogworks takes every precaution to not place aggressive dogs in foster homes, that there is the risk that a rescue dog could inflict a bite or scratch to myself or family members.
4. I understand that if I witness any aggressive or other dangerous behavior from my foster pet (or from any members of my own family/pets toward the foster pet) that I will immediately notify Dogworks Foster Coordinator to have the pet removed from the home.
5. I agree that I will not hold Dogworks financially or otherwise legally responsible for any injuries that might occur from fostering a dog.
6. I release Dogworks from any and all liability of damage, injury, illness to my family, pets, property or myself while I am volunteering as a foster parent.

→ I certify that I have read and understand the above foster agreement & waiver.

Printed Name (Foster Parent)

Signature Date

Printed Name (Dogworks Agent)

Signature Date