

FOSTER HOME GUIDELINES, RESPONSIBILITIES, & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

(Operation Pet Rescue is referred to as OPR throughout this document)

INITIAL EACH SECTION

I AGREE to care and love ANY foster pet given to me by OPR as if it were my own.

I AGREE to provide the pet with exercise, basic obedience training and house training.

I UNDERSTAND that obedience training is available on a regular basis with Rescue Dog Trainers, an OPR approved trainer; and that training greatly increases a dog's chance of being adopted.

I AGREE to bring the pet to at least one OPR mobile adoption event as needed.

SPAY/NEUTER & VACCINATIONS

I UNDERSTAND that all pets placed in foster care need to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated. If I receive an unfixed pet, OPR may request that I schedule an appointment with a designated OPR veterinarian and assist in transporting the pet to and from the appointment. If I cannot arrange to do the transport myself, I will call my OPR representative and assist in any way I can.

I UNDERSTAND that no pet CAN be adopted before being spayed or neutered. EXPENSES COVERED BY OPR.

I UNDERSTAND that all basic medical expenses for each foster pet that comes into my care will be covered by OPR, provided that an authorized OPR representative has approved the medical expenses, and the care is from a OPR designated veterinarian.

I UNDERSTAND that if I choose to go to a vet of my choosing, I may be responsible for most of the vet bill.

I UNDERSTAND that OPR appreciates willingness to donate toward the pet's general expenses, like food, treats, etc., and OPR will offer donated items, as available, for use by foster homes (Such general expenses, if paid for by a foster home and not by OPR, may be tax deductible.) Crates can be lent to foster homes and returned to OPR when a foster pet is adopted.

DOG DESCRIPTION AND PHOTO ON WEBSITE

I AGREE to assist in getting a photo of each foster pet that comes into my care for the OPR website. I agree to either take a photo and write a short description myself, and submit it to my OPR representative for review and assistance, or ask for assistance in taking the photo and writing the description of each foster pet in my care.

ADOPTION/TRANSFER

___ I UNDERSTAND that any potential adopter MUST be screened, interviewed and approved by an authorized OPR representative. I understand that my input will be appreciated and a part of the process, and that the final decision to place or not to place any particular pet with any particular potential adopter will be made by an authorized OPR representative.

___ I AGREE to let OPR know if prospective adopters contact me directly by phone or email, and to send copies of any email inquiries to my OPR representative. If it is possible for a prospective adopter to visit my home to meet the animal, I will arrange for a OPR representative to be there during the visit.

PROTOCOL WITH CHILDREN

___ I understand that the following protocol should be followed regarding children in the house:

- Do not under any under any circumstances leave a child unattended with any pet.
- Do not leave bones around the house when children are present and be cautious and observant when children are eating and the pet is in the room.
- If there is a child in the household under the age of 5, the pet must be in a crate or separate room while the pet is eating or sleeping to prevent accidents.
- Children under the age of 13 will not walk the dog unless supervised by an adult.
- Whenever a child is in the house with a pet, the child is at risk of being accidentally knocked over, scratched or bitten etc.
- Should you have ANY concerns or feel uncomfortable with a situation between the pet and a child contact your foster OPR liaison. OPR will either take the pet out of your home immediately or have Rescue Dog Trainers come and meet with you, depending on the severity of the situation and type of pet.

CATS AND DOGS CO-EXISTING

___ I understand that even if this animal has been housed with cats in its foster home that OPR cannot guarantee the behavior with a new cat(s) will be the same. Please use caution when introducing a new dog to existing cats in the household and do the introduction slowly over a period of a few weeks, keeping the dog on leash. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact an OPR representative.

MULTIPLE DOG HOUSEHOLDS

___ I understand that the following protocol should be followed when bringing additional dogs into the house.

- Do not leave multiple dogs at home in the same room unattended.
- Do not feed the dogs in the same room and don't leave toys and treats laying around the house.
- OPR can put you in touch with Rescue Dog Trainers to assist you with a dog to dog introduction if necessary.

GENERAL AGREEMENTS

I UNDERSTAND that the OPR ID tag must be worn on the dog's collar at all times, because this is its link back to OPR. If the dog loses its tag, I agree to immediately contact OPR for a new one.

I AGREE to keep each foster dog that comes into my care on a leash when outside my home or my own securely fenced yard.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE that no foster dog that comes into my care will be allowed to run or play off-leash in a dog park or other open public area.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE that I am responsible for the safety of each foster pet that comes into my care, for the safety of other pets and people the pet comes into contact with.

I AGREE to immediately notify my OPR contact in the event of a missing or injured foster pet.

I UNDERSTAND that if I decide to adopt a foster pet in my care, I must go through the adoption process, including paying the requested donation. (Donations are used to help cover costs to save and help more pets.)

I UNDERSTAND that if I need to return a pet to OPR's care, for any reason, enough forewarning is necessary for OPR to locate a new foster home placement for the pet, and that this process may take a week or more, depending on the pet and the number of other pets in foster care.

Operation Pet Rescue retains the right to remove a foster pet from my care at any time.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

This document provides for the release of liability of Operation Pet Rescue (OPR) and its volunteers on account of the actions of any pet of any breed, which has been released into the ownership of OPR and placed into the care of a Foster Care Provider.

I, _____ the Foster Care Provider named above, understand that OPR and its volunteers cannot guarantee actions or disposition of any fostered pet placed into Foster Care with me. I understand that although reasonable effort has been made to assess the disposition of each pet released to OPR beforehand but, being living animals, they may act unpredictably in any given situation, and that I must take necessary precautions to prevent accidents and guard against unpredicted actions by any fostered pet in my care.

I promise to take adequate care of any fostered pet in my care by providing nutritious food, plentiful water, and adequate shelter, as well as control of external parasites (fleas and ticks).

I promise to notify OPR if any fostered dog in my care is in need of veterinary care such as vaccinations, routine testing and refill of heartworm preventive or treatment for illness. At no time will I allow any fostered dog to be a nuisance to people or other animals.

I promise to keep any fostered dog in my care safely confined in a fenced yard with appropriate shade or inside the house when the pet is not with me or a member of my family.

I promise that at no time will any foster pet be placed outside on a tie-out (in a yard, in front of café, store etc.)

I promise that when off of my property, any fostered dog will be kept on a leash at all times unless I have approval from a senior OPR volunteer.

Signature, FOSTER CARE PROVIDER

Printed Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip code _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Signature, OPERATION PET RESCUE Foster Liaison / Key Volunteer

Printed Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip code _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____