

Foster Care Contract

Foster homes are temporary homes designed to help rescues save more animals from euthaniza. A foster home may have animal for a few weeks or possibly a few months. There is no guarantee of exactly how long the animal will be in foster care. You must read this contract thoroughly and understand exactly what is required of you as a foster home. The term foster home will refer to one or more individuals, of legal age, entering into this contract. The foster home represents that no member of its household (whether permanent or temporary) has been charged with cruelty to animals. The foster home agrees to accept the following conditions and restrictions in order to be eligible as a foster home for Animal Education and Rescue (AEAR). In order to foster for AEAR, adult members of the household, i.e. partners/spouses must agree to the conditions found within this contract and indicate their agreement by signing with the AEAR volunteer below.

- 1. Experience:** The foster home represents that it has a reasonable working knowledge of the proper care and humane treatment of animals.
- 2. Daily Care:** The foster home agrees to provide the rescued animals with sufficient food, water, exercise, socialization, obedience training, competent vet care (including transport to the vet), annual vaccinations, heartworm, de-worming, prompt vet care in case of illness or accident, and flea/tick prevention (if necessary). The foster home will also provide the care and attention necessary to ensure the animal adapts to their new temporary home. Obedience training and crate training may be just a few of the tools necessary to help the foster adjust.
- 3. Reimbursement:** The foster home will be reimbursed for any medical, training or other *previously approved* expenses that may occur during the foster period. Payment will be made to the foster home by AEAR. All foster homes will provide receipts for proof of payment to AEAR and fill out any forms required in order to receive payment. Any routine or ordinary expense will require pre-approval prior to treatment. In an emergency situation, the foster home must notify the foster home coordinator at the earliest possible time. Foster homes are currently **NOT** reimbursed for food, toys, treats, and crates. But those items may be available at our offices that have been donated to us.
- 4. Spay/Neuter:** All foster dogs will be spayed/neutered (unless due to illness or age) prior to adoption. AER will have prior approval of all spay/neuter expenses.
- 5. Housing Requirements:** No AEAR animal will be left outside at night, tied out unattended or placed in any situation where physical harm could befall them. The foster home agrees to give the foster dog proper exercise (whether in a fenced area or on a leash) to maintain its health. If the foster dog is lost or stolen, the foster home will immediately notify AER and assist in attempts to recover the dog.

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6. **Health/Temperament:** The foster home understands that AEAR has no prior knowledge of the health or temperament of its foster dog. The foster home further agrees that it will hold us AEAR harmless in the event the foster dog is responsible for any injury, property damage, illness (including if the disease is spread to any other animals) or for harm to any person(s) who may come into contact with the foster dog while it is under the care of the foster home. While AEAR will attempt to see that the foster dog is compatible with the foster home, AEAR does not warrant the foster dog's temperament or behavior in any way. The foster home will not hold AEAR liable for any acts of the foster dog during its stay at the foster home. The foster home will also notify the foster coordinator immediately should any problems occur with the foster dog. (i.e. incompatibility, medical, behavioral changes etc).

7. **Bites:** The foster home agrees that it will report to the foster coordinator any bite (whether inflicted on a human or animal) within 12 hours of the incident. The foster home will abide by the decision of the foster coordinator as to the disposition of the rescued dog should a bite occur.

8. **Ownership:** The foster home may not give, lease, sell or otherwise transfer custody of the rescued pet to anyone while it is under the foster homes care. AEAR will retain ownership of all foster dogs and will make final decisions (with the input of the foster home) regarding adoption or euthanization . The foster home also agrees that AEAR may, as it deems necessary, make visits to the foster home to check on the foster dogs status. Should AEAR decide that the foster dog require any behavioral training or medical attention, the foster home agrees to abide by AEAR's decision(s).

9. **Other:** The foster home agrees that it will notify AEAR immediately of any upcoming change of address or telephone number. The foster home will also provide a copy of the lease (if the property where the foster dog is housed is rented) stating that it has permission of the landlord/leasing agent to house a foster dog.

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In consideration of the Animal Education and Rescue program, I/we agree to fully assume responsibility for the conduct of the rescued/foster dog during its stay with us.

I/we further agree to hold Animal Education and Rescue, or any individuals associated with Animal Education and Rescue, harmless and to indemnify such organizations or individuals for any damages or costs resulting from liability; known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, as a result of the rescue pets during its foster care stay with me/us.

Foster home Name: _____

Foster home address: _____

Foster home Phone # _____

Foster home email: _____

Name of Foster dog : _____

Microchip/ID number: _____

Sex of foster dog: _____

Foster home Signature: _____ **date:** _____

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AEAR Representative Signature: _____ **date:** _____

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