

Foster Home Name: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for providing a foster home to an animal in need. Your help in saving an animal's life is greatly appreciated by all the humans and animals who are part of Animal Aid, Inc. (hereafter referred to as "AA"). The expectation is that foster pets will be treated as "part of the family" while they are being cared for in your home. We wish you a very rewarding experience. The following list describes the expectations for providing a quality foster home so that you and the cat/dog will get the most out of your time together.

PLACEMENT GUIDELINES:

- ♥ All rescues and adoptions will be approved through AA adoption committee. New animals added to a foster home must be cleared through an AA foster coordinator. If, at any time you are unable to provide the care outlined above, you must contact AA to pick up the pet. **DO NOT** adopt, temporarily house, or board any animal without first speaking to a foster coordinator.
- ♥ Foster home capacity is not to exceed ____ (fill in blank according to capacity of the foster care environment and county laws) animals, both fostered and "owned," without the approval of the Board of Directors of AA, Inc.
- ♥ AA cannot guarantee an adoption time frame to any foster provider. Please be aware that there is an undetermined time commitment prior to fostering. Every effort to place your foster pet will be made once the pet is both physically and socially ready for adoption. Mother cats and kittens usually require a longer commitment.

CARE:

- ♥ Foster pets will be provided a safe, clean, secure, sheltered environment.
- ♥ Foster families provide food, shelter, and supplies for the animal's care. AA will supplement any of the aforementioned items, as they become available.
- ♥ All foster animals will wear a collar with license (if applicable) and nametag, including phone number. Cat collars must be breakaway-style 'safety collars'.
- ♥ All foster pets will be fed an appropriate high-quality diet (e.g. Innova, Precise, Petguard, Wellness, Solid Gold) and provided fresh water daily.
- ♥ All foster animals will be spayed/neutered (at the appropriate age) and receive a vet check at AA expense before or as soon as possible after foster placement. All medications & veterinary care will be provided by AA and must be administered as instructed by the veterinarian or Foster Coordinator.
- ♥ Foster families notify the Foster Coordinator immediately of any issues with a foster pet that requires immediate attention (medical, behavioral, or in-home placement issues). Failure to notify Foster Coordinator or AA Staff of medical emergency may result in foster family incurring financial responsibility for any vet care.
- ♥ **INITIALS REQUIRED:** Should any Animal Aid pet in my care need veterinary attention, I agree to contact Animal Aid's Foster Coordinator, Office Manager or Executive Director immediately, for approval of any veterinary expenses. To the extent that it is possible, in the event of an emergency or urgent medical situation with any foster animal or pet in my care, I agree to contact Animal Aid staff as soon as possible before expenses are incurred. **Initials:** _____
- ♥ Foster families are responsible for documenting and maintaining records on each foster pet. This includes veterinary visits, shot and medication information (dates and type) and any additional information pertinent to pet placement (i.e. behavioral observations, etc.). A form will be provided with a schedule to assist with record keeping.

- ♥ Foster pets are shown by appointment only. The interested party must have submitted a completed adoption application reviewed by an adoption counselor before an appointment is scheduled. Usually an adoption counselor will be present during the appointment. If the foster pet meets an interested party outside of an Animal Aid event, please instruct the interested party to complete and submit an adoption application for consideration.
- ♥ If the foster family is going out of town, be sure to notify the foster coordinator well in advance to determine the best arrangement for the foster pet's care.
- ♥ No prescription or over the counter drugs will be given to the foster animal without prior Veterinary or Foster Coordinator approval.

OTHER:

- ♥ In an effort to find the pet an adoptive home, AA will place adoption information for each pet on the AA web site. Additionally, adoption clinics are held on select Saturday and Sundays. Each foster parent is required to make arrangements with the Foster Coordinator prior to showing at an adoption clinic.
- ♥ The AA Foster Coordinator or an AA Board of Directors member may inspect the foster home premises any time with 24 hours notice.
- ♥ AA reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time it is deemed the animals are not receiving appropriate care. All AA animals will be returned to AA upon termination of this agreement.
- ♥ All animals will be kenneled or restrained when transported.
- ♥ Only adults (18 or over) will be allowed to transport animals to vet visits, outreach events, the AA office, and other AA approved locations.
- ♥ **INITIALS REQUIRED:** I have the appropriate means (i.e. kennel, restraints) to transport my foster animal to vet appointments, outreach events, and the AA office. **Initials:** _____
- ♥ **SIGNATURE REQUIRED:** By signing below, I acknowledge that as an animal foster care provider for Animal Aid, Inc., I am assuming any and all risk associated with caring for an animal in my home. I assume all responsibility to provide a safe, healthy and secure environment for the animal (pet) assigned to me. I understand that Animal Aid, its staff, volunteers and board are to be held harmless and are not liable in the event that injury, damage to persons or property, death or dismemberment occurs caused by the animal or interactions with the animal in my care.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CATS:

- ♥ Cats will remain indoors at all times. Cats will not be exposed to any cats that go outdoors.
- ♥ Cats will be allowed to free roam within a designated area (den, guestroom, or extra bedroom). Cats will not be caged for extensive periods of time.

DOGS:

- ♥ Dogs must be on leash when off property.
- ♥ Dogs will be indoors with fenced yard access or secure area (NOT chained).
- ♥ Dogs shall be fed twice a day, each with their own separate food bowl. NO free feeding.
- ♥ Dogs are NOT to be taken to dog parks or doggy day care (due to potential liabilities) unless approved in advance by the Foster Coordinator Manager.
- ♥ Only adults (18 or over) will be allowed to take dogs off foster home property (this includes walks with a leash).