



Foster Care Agreement

Between

Northumberland Humane Society

(hereby referred to as "NHS")

-And-

The Foster Parent

The Foster Parent agrees:

- The NHS will be held free from any liability for damage to persons or property while the Foster Animal is in their care.
- To complete any training as deemed necessary by the NHS. It is the foster parent's responsibility to ensure any Foster Animal that enters their care is commensurate with their level of training and to request additional training if they do not feel confident in their ability to provide appropriate care to the Foster Animal.
- To allow the NHS entrance to their home to inspect before or at any time during the foster period, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the animals in their care. These inspections will be made with all due consideration to the Foster Parent's convenience, unless there is uncertainty with regard to a NHS animal's safety.
- To provide a suitable environment, husbandry, and nursing care, as appropriate given the needs of each foster animal, in accordance with the animal's rehabilitation plan, to be established by NHS veterinarians, behaviour specialists, and management.
- To ensure that each foster animal has access to timely medical care, as directed by NHS veterinarians. **Foster parents are required to have each foster animal seen by a NHS representative once every four weeks, unless otherwise directed.**
- To schedule all regular (non-emergency) veterinary appointments with the NHS in a timely fashion, with appropriate foresight into the animal's regular medical needs. Consideration must be given to the limited appointment times available for NHS, and scheduling well in advance is recommended.
- To ensure the Foster Animal has appropriate access to emergency medical care, through the NHS or one of the NHS's partner clinics, as detailed in the 'Information for Foster Parents' handout.
- With the exception of Foster-to-Adopt cases, all food and supplies are provided by the NHS. To acquire supplies, the Foster Parent must contact the NHS at least 10 (ten) days in advance of any intended supply pickup, to ensure that supplies that are not in stock may be ordered and assembled in a timely manner.
- To ensure that any supplies not provided by the NHS are in accordance with the directions given in the rehabilitation plan, including but not limited to food, medication, supplements, litter, bedding, and housing.

- The NHS is not liable for any expenses not agreed to in advance.
- To care for the foster animal on a temporary basis, for a period of no more than 12 (twelve) calendar weeks, unless explicit permission has been granted by the NHS which extends this agreement.
- To return the animal at the Request of the NHS, at any time during the foster period.
- To be the Primary Caregiver of the animal and to care for the animal at the address provided on the Foster Application.
- Foster animals remain the property of the NHS and cannot be relocated, sold or given away without the consent of the NHS's authorized representative. Furthermore, the NHS (and veterinarians of the NHS's partner clinics) are empowered to make any and all medical decisions, including euthanasia.
- Communication with partner clinics conducting specialized and/or referred procedures on a Foster Animal is not permitted. All communication must go through the NHS.
- To maintain an open line of communication with the NHS throughout the foster period, including contacting the NHS no less than once every four weeks, in accordance with the 'Information For Foster Parents' handout.
- If, under any circumstance, there has been no communication between the Foster Parent and the NHS for a period of 6 (six) months, and the NHS is unable to contact the Foster Parent, the NHS reserves the right to transfer the ownership of the Foster Animal to the Foster Parent, who will then assume all legal responsibility, and cost of the day-to-day and medical care, for that animal.

By signing below, I, _____, the Foster Parent, acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Signature of Foster Parent

Date

Signature of NHS Representative

Date