

Stray Paws Rescue Foster Terms and Conditions

The purpose of foster care is to allow a dog or cat to live in a home environment while awaiting permanent placement, permitting the Foster Family to evaluate the pet and to work with the pet to incorporate him or her back into a home environment. A home environment is less stressful on the pet than a boarding facility or shelter. The exposure the pet gets from being treated as "one of the family" (walks, outings, etc.) often speeds up the adoption process. Stray Paws Rescue considers our Foster Families to be essential to the welfare and proper placement of our pets and wishes the experience to be enjoyable and free from misunderstandings. Please note that we have the following guidelines:

1. The Foster Family will follow all relevant procedures and guidelines of Stray Paws Rescue regarding the pet placed in the foster home and will not make decisions or take actions regarding the pet's veterinary care or placement without prior approval from Stray Paws Rescue. If taken to a veterinarian without approval from a rescue representative, no expenses will be reimbursed, and this may result in immediate removal of the pet and return to Stray Paws Rescue.
2. The Foster Family agrees to notify Stray Paws Rescue as to any behavioral or health problems of the animal. The rescue reserves the exclusive right to determine the proper course of action to take upon such notification.
3. The Foster Family will provide the pet with humane care and maintain the pet in accordance with all current state, county, and municipal laws and ordinances while the pet resides with the Foster Family.
4. The Foster Family will provide the pet with necessary exercise and will not keep the pet chained or restrained. Pets should not be kept as "outside only" pets unless prior approval has been received from Stray Paws Rescue.
5. The Foster Family agrees to provide the pet with adequate food (at least twice a day), water (must be available at all times), shelter, affection, socialization, exercise, and medical assistance (if needed), and will strive to increase the adoptability of the pet. If assistance with food is needed, Stray Paws Rescue will provide food upon request, and it will be whatever type has been donated to the rescue. If the Foster Family wishes to provide a different type of food, it must be approved by Stray Paws Rescue, and the Foster Family will not be reimbursed for their choice of food for the pet.
6. If the pet cannot be kept by the Foster Family, the Foster Family shall notify Stray Paws Rescue immediately. The pet **SHALL NOT BE SOLD, ABANDONED, RELINQUISHED TO A SHELTER OR POUND, OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF STRAY PAWS RESCUE.** If the Foster Family cannot keep the pet for any reason, the foster must tell a Stray Paws Representative and give 48 hours' notice so we can place the pet into a new foster home. If not given prior notice, the

Foster Family will be responsible for boarding expenses until a new foster is found for the pet.

7. The Foster Family agrees to take dogs to obedience training classes as a puppy and/or as an adult if requested by Stray Paws Rescue.
8. The Foster Family agrees that in the event the pet becomes lost or dies, they will immediately notify Stray Paws Rescue.
9. The Foster Family agrees to immediately notify Stray Paws Rescue of any change in contact information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) within 48 hours. Failure to maintain or provide current contact information may result in removal of the foster pet.
10. The Foster Family understands that stray paws rescue and its representatives have limited information regarding the temperament of the pet and its habits. The Foster Family will take all reasonable precautions (through the use of crates, leashes, supervision, and common sense) to ensure the pet does not run loose, become a nuisance, destroy property, injure (or be injured by) another animal, or injure (or be injured by) any person.
11. The Foster Family agrees that accidental animal bites or other injuries to humans and other animals do occur. To protect Stray Paws Rescue from any claim or suit filed by anyone as a result of such an incident, the Foster Family agrees that Stray Paws Rescue is not responsible for such injuries to any person or pet in the Foster Family's care. In addition, Stray Paws Rescue will not be responsible if an animal should damage or destroy property belonging to the Foster Family, or if a foster pet transfers any disease or internal or external parasites to other animals belonging to Foster Family.
12. The pet is and shall remain the property of Stray Paws Rescue and may be removed by Stray Paws Rescue from the Foster Family at any time and without prior notice.
13. The Foster Family agrees to be courteous, helpful, and honest with potential adopters and to fully cooperate in accommodating those who wish to see the pet.
14. In the event the Foster Family wishes to permanently adopt the pet, the Adoption Contract must be submitted to the rescue along with the requested adoption fee.
15. The Foster Family should insure that all of their pets are up to date on vaccinations (dogs: Bordetella, parvo, corona, rabies, distemper; cats: rabies, FVRCP) and must be spayed or neutered prior to bringing the foster pet into the home.

Thank you again for your interest in fostering with Stray Paws Rescue.