



Congratulations, New Foster!

Welcome to Coastal Sheltie Rescue! THANK YOU for choosing to foster a CSR+ animal! Volunteers and Fosters are our backbone. Fostering an animal means providing a temporary home for a dog while Coastal finds them a permanent home. Without people like you to foster, we are unable to pull these abandoned animals to safety. Most of our rescues come from shelters where they are at high risk of being euthanized. In fact, about half of the animals languishing in shelters across the country will run out of time waiting for a rescuer that will never come...YOU CAN HELP US CHANGE THAT!

Our Mission Statement

Coastal Sheltie Rescue + is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit animal rescue. As a rescue, it is our mission to end the neglect of animals across the east coast by rescuing them and helping find their forever home. We want to save the lives of pets and enhance the lives of people by finding the perfect new fur-baby for each family! We do not have a facility; our fosters accept these rescue dogs into their homes out of their love for animals.

FOSTERING INTRODUCTION

Fostering an animal typically requires a commitment of, on average, three weeks. From time to time, this commitment could be longer, especially for older animals, or ones with medical conditions. Whenever possible, our rescue pets will receive veterinary attention prior to being delivered to their foster home. If known, their temperaments will be shared with you, but remember that most of these animals are coming from extremely stressful situations, so their true temperament may not be known. Coastal will cover any medical expenses that might be incurred while the pet is in foster care. We also provide any and all supplies needed, but do ask that if the fosters are able and willing to provide their own supplies that they do so as much as possible, as that is a huge expense.

Many first-time fosters fear that they will become too attached to their rescue pup to be able to give the animal up when an adopter comes along. Actually, most of our fosters will say that fostering is one of life's most rewarding experiences. They knew from the start that their home was a landing place for an animal in desperate need. By fostering, they had the joy and comfort of knowing that they have assisted in saving a precious life. Many of our fosters keep up with the adopters via email, forging a lasting relationship with the pets they helped save.

Primary Foster Responsibilities:

- Taking great, high resolution pictures of your foster for his/her profile on our website
- Providing your foster pet with basic daily care, love, training and socialization

Contacting the Executive Director or a Board member when your foster pet requires vet care

- Transporting your foster pet to veterinary appointments
- Working with the Application Processors find your foster pet the best fit for a loving, forever home
- Attending adoption events with your foster pet and talking to potential adopters
- Handling medical paperwork for care administered while in foster, and transfer of your foster pet to his/her adopters

PREPARING YOURSELF TO BECOME A FOSTER

The role that you play as a foster is one of the most crucial aspects of the adoption process. You will become intimately familiar with your foster pet, making invaluable observations about your foster's personality. You will be able to tell the Application Processors and potential adopters what makes your foster feel safe, comfortable and happy. If you are invested in the process, you will be able to help the Application Processors find the perfect home for your foster. This should be a very empowering feeling; however, along with that comes responsibility.

Here is how you can help ensure success for you and your foster:

- Be Prepared and Committed

You have made a big decision! You are a key player in the fate of your foster! By opening up your home, you have saved an animal's life, undeniably. Your foster will look to you for all of his or her needs. You must be willing to give your foster exceptional care, unconditional love and lots of attention. You will be devoting a large amount of time to your foster, daily care, meeting vetting needs and attending adoption events. Foster animals will come with some imperfections, but they are a diamond in the rough. You will most likely need to work on basic training skills and modify some undesirable behaviors that have been the result of neglect, an ill-prepared, previous owner or life in a shelter. This may include housebreaking. You must be committed to the success of your foster; however, the reward that you will feel will far outweigh the challenges. The love and affection you give will definitely be reciprocated by your foster!!!

- Realize Your Limits and Communicate

Meeting the needs and demands of your foster will be a huge investment of time and effort. While you may be tempted to take on more fosters, you cannot save all of the animals in need of a home. You will need to recognize what is feasible for you and your family. You want to be fair to yourself as well as your current foster. It is better to save yourself from burnout so that you will be available for the next animal in need once your foster has been adopted. Please be sure to communicate with anyone on the Board of Directors, or Administrative Team regarding any concerns that you may have throughout the process. Let someone know if you feel like you will be taking on too much.

- Display Dependability and Punctuality

Remember that you have become a part of our organization and represent us as well as the animals that we rescue. It is important that you are punctual to all vet appointments, adoption events and meetings

with prospective adopters. We have worked very hard to forge partnerships with our designated vets. They provide us with discounts as well as exceptional care. We must nurture these relationships, as vetting costs are our biggest expenditure. Further, we do not want to turn off a potential adopter by making them wait. We understand that things do happen, but we also realize that a lack of dependability creates a negative impact and reflects poorly on Coastal Sheltie Rescue.

- Be Creative and Proactive

The more creative and active you are in promoting your foster, the quicker you will find your foster a forever home. You need to get your foster out into the community, where he or she can be seen. The greater the exposure, the greater are your chances of finding the perfect adopter. One of your roles will be to create a profile of your foster that can be posted on our social media pages and website. You will need captivating pictures, endearing videos and a fabulous description of your foster's personality. The more detailed, the better. Never make up things about your foster. You want to be truthful but positive. Focus on the best attributes of your foster and why you love him/her. Most likely, someone else will be attracted to those same qualities.

- Keep Up with All of Your Pets' Vaccinations and Preventative Medications

Prevention is the best cure! Despite the fact that our animals have received standard vaccinations, it is still possible that your foster dog will arrive with viruses and/or diseases. It is best that you protect your current pets by ensuring that they are up-to-date on all of their vaccines. This will help you feel secure that they will not pick up an illness from your foster.

- Have Fun Being a Foster Parent

While you will be putting in a lot of hard work, you can take the time to enjoy the company and companionship of your foster. Rescue animals have tons of love to give and are grateful to have a safe, comfortable and loving place to stay while they are awaiting their forever homes. As they become more reassured and gain their confidence, they are free to really be themselves. Enjoy your foster while he or she is with you

GETTING YOUR HOME READY FOR YOUR NEW FOSTER

In many ways, having a pet in the house is like having small children. There are many things to consider so that you can safeguard your home, not only for your animal's protection but also for your own comfort and peace of mind.

- **Store Human Food In "Out-of-Reach" Spots.** Leaving food on countertops, coffee tables or end tables may be too much of a temptation for your foster. Not only does this inadvertently encourage undesirable behaviors, but it can also pose an imminent danger to your foster. Many dogs have died after getting into foil-lined potato chip bags and suffocating!

- **Avoid Foods that are toxic to dogs and cats.** Please review and familiarize yourself with the list of foods that are toxic for dogs. Some common ones are chocolate, onions, grapes, garlic, and chewing gum.

- **Make Trashcans Inaccessible.** Be thoughtful and strategic about where you would like to place your trashcan. Do not put the trashcan on top of your stove. A dog could jump up and accidentally turn on the stove switches, igniting the trashcan and causing a serious fire.

- **Beware of poisonous plants.** Many common houseplants are toxic to pets and can kill them if consumed such as Daffodils, Azaleas, Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane), Lilies, and holiday plants such as poinsettias. Be cautious of fungi and mushrooms. For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poisoncontrol/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>.

- **Store Fragile or Valuable Items.** Your foster dog will want to become familiar with your home. Depending upon your foster's energy level and personality, the dog may want to run, jump and play. Your foster may accidentally knock things over, scratch surfaces or use some of your things as unintended chew toys. The dog may also have household accidents until he or she grows accustomed to your home and develops a routine.

- **Protecting Furniture.** As you may be aware, many dogs and cats shed and may leave hair on your bedclothes or upholstery. They may also leave behind oil from their coats or dirt from being outside. You may want to decide which areas are "off limits" by using childproof gates or use dog blankets, sheets, towels or furniture covers to protect sofas and chairs.

NEEDED TO FOSTER

There are some basic care items that you will need to acquire before you begin fostering. If you currently have pets, you may already have some of these items at home. If not, Coastal will provide some of these supplies to you. All other items will be your responsibility to obtain for your new foster dog. If you are not able to provide any of these supplies, please let us know BEFORE picking up your foster animal. We receive an assortment of useful, donated items and can often provide blankets, beds, toys and food, depending upon their availability.

Coastal will see to it that you have the following items to get started:

- Leash – NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES AT ANY TIME.
- Collar/Harness
- Crate
- Adoption Folder with vet records –this goes to the adopter when the dog is adopted
- Dog/food
- Dog waste bags, puppy pads,(per availability of donations) and other related supplies

You will need to Provide:

- Dog walking and socialization
- Nature's Miracle or other enzymatic cleaner (for accidents in the house)
- Snacks and Training Reward Treats
- Toys – **Please be conscious of your foster dog's need to chew on an appropriate item. Also, be sure to monitor your foster's toys for parts that could be swallowed; therefore, they may present a choking hazard or another medical emergency.
- Grooming supplies—brush, flea comb , shampoo, grooming wipes, nail clippers
- Food and Water bowls
- Dog bed and/or blankets

**Please keep a record of your expenditures so that we can give you an in-kind donation receipt at the end of the year.

FOSTER GUIDELINES:

- Upon arrival, your new foster has had a very busy and confusing 24 hours. Many have traveled between 7 and 15 hours. They may be stressed, depressed, scared and withdrawn or have a lack of appetite. Please inform the Executive Director or a Board Member immediately if your dog is experiencing any concerning symptoms.
- Your foster will need space and time in order to acclimate to their new surroundings. All foster dogs, especially adult dogs, should be given time to settle into their foster home.

The Two Week Shutdown:

MUST be followed for ALL dogs over 6 months of age. Puppies often acclimate more easily, but some younger dogs may need this time as well. By shutting down the dog, it gives the dog TIME to see you, meet YOU, hear and take in the new sounds and smells of your home and all the people in it.

In the 1st two weeks:

- 1) Crate the dog in a room by itself if possible. (this is not meant to be a 24/7 along situation)
- 2) Leash the dog. Even in a fenced in yard, the dog should be leashed. If outside of a fenced in yard, the dog should be double leashed with a non-slip collar and a slip lead. Dogs should be leashed in the house as well at first as they get to know their surroundings. No car rides, no other dogs, (unless crated beside them), no pet stores, no dog parks, nothing but you and household family, your home, your yard. (Unless of course the dog needs to go to the veterinarian)

- 3) Short walks can be started after about 72 hours, but the dog **MUST** be double leashed **at all times** for the first two weeks. Do everything possible to keep the walk as uneventful as possible. No meeting people or other dogs while on the walk.
 - 4) In the house take the dog out only for about 20-30 minute intervals. Play with your foster (without your own pets present) as exercise is important, but don't set him/her up for failure.
 - 5) Then PUT THE DOG AWAY. Let it absorb and think and relax. Ignore crying or barking. Just like a newborn baby, he must find security when you are not right there, and if you run to him each time he will think barking and crying will get your attention. Adding a blanket or crate cover will often make your foster feel more secure.
 - 6) Do not introduce resident dogs for these two weeks. If absolutely necessary, they can be side by side in the crates, (not nose to nose for they can feel defensive). Use a divider between crates such as cardboard.
 - 7) When you allow your foster to meet your resident dogs, do so in a neutral territory. All toys, bones, rawhides and even beds need to be put away to decrease possessiveness and subsequent aggressive behaviors. The fewer items for the dogs to "claim", the better. Beds can be introduced within 48 hours and the other items within a few days to a week, depending on how all is going. Food and bones should be given separately for at least the first week. It may be best to feed your foster dog in his or her crate
- If you have any concerns about the health of your foster dog, please contact the Executive Director or an Administrative Team member right away.
 - ALL VET VISITS AND TREATMENT MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR A BOARD MEMBER. ****Many of our foster pets have intestinal worms when they arrive. This is NOT a reason for a vet visit. If you suspect your foster may have worms, please contact an Administrative Team Member and we will provide you with dewormer.
 - If preventative medicines are given to you, make sure they are given when scheduled
 - **HOUSE BREAKING TIPS:** You can keep the new dog leashed to make sure he doesn't run off or urinate on anything. Every hour or so, take the new dog to the exit door (always use the same one), then outside to the spot where you want the dog to do his/her "business". Take him/her to the same spot every time, and give the command to "go potty" or whatever phrase you designate to initiate the behavior. If the dog "goes", reward him/her with treats and praise, then go directly back into the house. This is potty time and not playtime. The more consistent you are with the routine, the quicker the dog will learn. Please also keep in mind that many of these dogs have never lived inside of a house, so housebreaking may take more time.

- **Feeding Your Foster Dog:** Many new foster dogs arrive with diarrhea. They either develop it due to stress or a change in food. The following method can be used as a preventive measure upon arrival. This may not be necessary in all cases but will not harm the dog with short-term use. This method can also be used as needed for diarrhea, assuming the dog has no other medical issues.

1. Offer the dog a small meal consisting of one-part cottage cheese or chicken to two parts rice. If dehydration is a concern, mix in a small amount of water. A Small amount of canned pumpkin (NOT pumpkin pie mix) can also be added to increase the stool's firmness.

2. If this is well tolerated, you can offer several, small meals throughout the day. Start the transition to regular food as soon as the stool is normal. IF, after 48 hours, the dog is still experiencing diarrhea, contact the Executive Director or a member of the Administrative Team.

3. Gradually begin to mix in a small amount of regular dog food. Over several meals, increase the amount of regular food and decrease the cottage cheese or chicken/rice mixture until the dog is eating only the regular food and is tolerating it well.

4. No table scraps or feeding from the table! This could cause unwanted side effects such as weight gain, diarrhea, begging at the table, refusal to eat nutritionally formulated dog food, etc. This starts a bad habit that can be hard to correct once established!

5. Adult dogs should be fed twice a day and puppies 3-4 times a day. If you have dogs of your own, feed the dogs separately. Dogs should be able to eat in peace with no threat of the other possibly invading their space.

** Food Aggression with other dogs is a fairly common trait; however, food aggression towards people is obviously not acceptable. If your foster dog is growling when you are near his food, you need to inform an Administrative Team Member, who can offer tips on how to work on correcting this behavior.

HOW TO PREVENT ESCAPES

We know that no one sets out with the idea that they are going to lose their foster dog but accidents do happen. Most escapes take place within the 1-2 weeks of a dog entering its new living environment. This is when you are just becoming familiar with your foster's behaviors and how he or she reacts to situations. Your foster is also learning, is unsure and scared. Please be very vigilant and very strategic! Below are some helpful hints that may save you from experiencing what it is like to have a lost dog and spare you a long search:

- Crate your foster dog whenever you leave the house. This will prevent the dog from escaping when you are leaving or returning. Sometimes, dogs will charge the door and bolt once it is opened.
- Be very careful not to leave any doors open – even for a split second when you step outside! If you have children, warn them of the same, but remember, it is ultimately your responsibility.

- Make sure that your foster dog's collar is on AT ALL TIMES, even inside the house. For outdoor activities, we recommend that your foster wear a martingale, no-slip collar as well as a slip-lead.
- Keep a leash (NOT a retractable one) on your foster. For very skittish dogs, keep a leash on and let him/her drag it while in the house until they become familiar with you. Never leave your foster unattended in your fenced yard, even after the first two weeks. You'd be amazed how quickly dogs can jump/climb a fence or even dig a hole that will give them just enough room to squeeze under the fence. Dogs must be double leashed when outside of a fenced yard.

NON-URGENT MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

First, contact the Executive Director or a Board Member. DO NOT GO TO THE VET WITHOUT PERMISSION. If a visit is deemed necessary, and it is a non-emergency issue, we will help you determine the closest vet partner. You are then responsible for taking the dog to the vet. Any treatment recommended by the vet MUST first be authorized by the Executive Director or a Board Member.

ADOPTION PROCEDURES

Advertising Your Foster for Adoption:

Coastal will post your foster on our website, and Social Media sites but you can also help in many different ways!!!

- Post your foster on your own social media site for greater exposure.
- Take captivating and dynamic photos and incorporate them into your medium whenever possible. Natural light works best, and try to avoid flash photography. Have fun!
- Once your dog has fully acclimated to your home, get your foster out into the community, if your foster is comfortable around other people and animals. Go for walks in your neighborhood, parks and trails, dog parks, at local outdoor or pet friendly events. Place an "Adopt Me" bandana on your foster dog to let people know that your foster is up for adoption or use one of our "Adopt Me" leashes. **Please note:** There are some "off-limits" places for puppies. You should NOT take your foster puppy to stores like PetSmart or Petco or let them play in dog parks. This is for the puppy's protection. Puppies have an underdeveloped immune system, even after vaccination.
- What Do I Want To Highlight About My Foster Dog? Below is a list of information that you want to include in your discussion when writing or talking to someone about your foster. The more detailed information you are able to provide, the better able you will be to find the best forever home for your foster.
 - Is your foster good with other dogs, cats and/or children?
 - Is your foster food aggressive or have specific sensitivities?
 - Is your foster crate trained, housebroken or leash trained?
 - Is your foster timid in the public, around new people or animals, afraid of loud sounds, etc.?
 - Are there any health issues of which a future adopter should be aware?

- What are some cute, interesting or unique aspects of your foster's personality?
 - If there are any challenging behaviors, describe the training techniques you have implemented to modify the behavior.
 - What commands does your dog understand? Does he or she know any clever "tricks"?
- Adoption Events: Fosters are strongly encouraged to attend as many adoption events as possible! Adoption events are an essential aspect of rescue. These are the primary venues that give potential adopters the chance to meet multiple dogs at one time or the specific dog that they have honed in on. By having events in the public arena, you can also attract those individuals who stumble upon the event by luck. They may soon turn into adopters. You may also recruit other fosters to help us save more animals. You can educate the public on the need for rescue and the plight of millions of abandoned animals. The individuals that you meet could become donors, volunteers or host fundraising events. The possibilities are endless. If you cannot attend but want a ride for your dog, you must tell a member of the Administrative Team so that they can try to find transport for you. If you are fostering a puppy, please discuss your foster puppy's attendance in advance with an Administrative Team Member.
 - The following foster dogs should not go to adoption events:
 - Dogs without proper vaccinations
 - Dogs with kennel cough, upper respiratory illnesses, have diarrhea or vomiting
 - Dogs who are aggressive with other dogs
 - Female dogs who are in heat or lactating
 - Dogs who are extremely scared of people and/or public places
 - Your own dog. Space can be very limited. We also want to make sure that potential adopters are not confused as to which dogs need a home.

APPLICATION AND ADOPTION PROCESS:

The following is a brief outline of our adoption process. It can be found on our website under the "Adopt" tab.

The adoption process consists of your completion of an application (which , our review of the application and contacting relevant references, including your vet, verifying the application information and then contacting you with a decision about approval. Please note that this process may take up to seven days so your patience is appreciated as we receive many applications each day and have many animals to care for.

Once the application is approved, the adopter is contacted and arrangements are made to complete the adoption contract and take their new animal home. You will be required to read and sign the adoption contract before we will give the animal to you.

Adoption Fees are as follows:

- For Sheltie's, Collies, full breed dogs or highly sought after mixes, Doodles, or any other dog who is under 20lbs.
 - Less than 16 months old -\$550 (\$450 is tax deductible)
 - 16 months to 4 years of age – \$450 (\$350 is tax deductible)
 - 5 through 7 years of age – \$400 (\$250 is tax deductible)
 - 8 to 10 years and older – \$300 (\$275 is tax deductible)
 - 11 to 12 years – \$175 (\$150 is tax deductible)
 - 12 years + - \$100 (\$100 is tax deductible)
 - some puppy prices may be higher due to costs see dog for listed adoption fee.
- For Mixed Breeds over 20lbs
- Less than 6 years of age – \$350 (\$350 is tax deductible)
- 6 through 7– \$300 (\$250 is tax deductible)
- 7 through 9 years of age – \$250 (\$250 is tax deductible)
- 10 years and older – \$150 (\$150 is tax deductible)

Additional Considerations

We understand the desire to meet our animals as soon as possible. But because we operate entirely out of foster homes, we need to limit pet visitation to approved applicants only. Once your application is completed by you and approved by Coastal, we will be glad to schedule your visit.

When you meet the animal, the Coastal volunteer will make a determination if it is a match. If it is, you are welcome to adopt the animal at that time. You are NEVER obligated to adopt the animal. If it is a match, it is then your decision whether to adopt.

Children must be at least 5 yrs old in the home some dogs require older children this determination is case-by-case. We love children and animals together. However, we DO expect that all children will be respectful, gentle and kind to the animals and be supervised by the adult in the family, closely supervised if the children are very young.

You must be at least 21 years of age to adopt dogs or puppies.

While we do welcome out-of-state applicants (see website for states), we highly encourage you to look around at your local shelters to see what they may have to offer before contacting us.

We do not “ship” our animals.

Coastal Sheltie Rescue reserves the right to refuse an adoption to anyone for any reason.

Meet and Greets

Once there is an approved applicant for your foster, an Application Processor will contact you with the potential adopters information. **Once your foster is available to be adopted** (cleared from quarantine hold, medical hold, etc), please contact the adopter to set up a mutually agreeable place to hold the meet and greet. This can be at your house, the adopter’s house, or a public location. Do **NOT** set up any meet and greets prior to the foster being available for adoption, unless you have specifically been asked to.

At the meet and greet, be prepared to answer questions the adopter may have about the animal. Be truthful, but also highlight the qualities that make you love him or her.

If the adopter chooses to adopt, they may do so at that time, unless you have been told otherwise. The adopter will have been sent a contract via email to sign. Please ensure that they do so before leaving with the animal. They will also need to pay the adoption fee, via venmo, check, or online. Checks should be made out to Coastal Sheltie Rescue Inc. If the adopter pays by cash or check, please contact the Application Processor who contacted you to arrange for transfer of the money.

NOTE: Do NOT set up any meet and greets unless you have been contacted by an Application Processor about that particular animal, even if it is a previously approved adopter. There is often a waiting list for animals. If a previous adopter reaches out to you about a current foster, please ask them to reach out to their Application Processor to be put on the list for a meet and greet.

Foster to Adopt

What if I want to adopt my Coastal Sheltie Rescue Foster? We would be thrilled to have you give your Coastal Sheltie Rescue Foster a permanent home – with a couple of exceptions.

- 1) No foster may adopt their first foster dog. It is important that all fosters go through the entire fostering experience, and that includes their foster going to their new forever home. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- 2) There is a point during the adoption process where we have made a commitment to our adopters that they will get a particular dog or cat. If that point has been reached, (i.e., if the meet and greet has taken place, and/or there is a verbal or written agreement between the adopter and their application processor that they will be able to adopt the animal) then it is too late.

FAQs

How long am I expected to foster?

We wish that we could provide you with a concrete answer; however, the amount of time will vary and is dependent on many variables. One average, you may foster your dog for a few weeks to a couple of months, depending upon the attributes of the dog, the number of applications we receive for your foster and, of course, the compatibility of the applicants and living environment. Many aspects must be considered such as your foster animal's breed, age, temperament, health and the time of year, as well as how much you have participated in "marketing" your foster and attending adoption events.

What if my foster does not seem happy at my home and is not "fitting in"?

We would never ask you to continue fostering a dog that is not working out in your home. This is neither beneficial to your foster nor is it fair to your family and other pets. However, unless the dog presents an immediate risk of injury to you, your family or your pets, finding a new foster may take a little bit of time. Please remember that we are a volunteer based organization. We ask to have at least 2 weeks notice if you are unable to care for your foster any longer.

What if I have to go out of town when I have Coastal Sheltie Rescue? Let us know of your plans as early as possible, and we will work to either find a temporary foster for your Coastal Sheltie Rescue dog, or an appropriate boarding environment. We ask to have at least 3 weeks notice.

What if I cannot foster all the time? You can still help the Coastal Sheltie Rescue! When fosters go out of town, we need people who can foster temporarily to give that pup a place to stay!

Can I take my dog to the dog park or hiking? Yes; however, we do require that your dog has gone through the required two week shut-down first. You need to know with some certainty how your foster will react in different environments. It is best to start off slow and simple, like a walk in your neighborhood. Going to the dog park before you are sure if your dog is responsive to you or you can control your foster may result in a fight. This could be catastrophic for your or someone else's dog, depending upon the outcome. Never take your dog off-leash unless you are in a fully fenced, secure area with no escape routes.

Do I have to use the crate for my foster dog? It is recommended that you crate train your foster and use it regularly. You may need the crate for safe transport to and from the vet, especially for puppies, dogs that may try to escape or those who do not travel well in the car. It is best if your foster is accustomed to it. This is not only a good attribute to use to "market" your foster to potential adopters, but it can benefit you, your house and your foster. We cannot guarantee that a dog is housebroken, won't chew your items, hurt him/herself when unattended or escape when you open the door to your house. The safest way to protect your home and the dog is to use the crate. Coastal cannot be held responsible for damage done by a dog left unattended and uncrated. We also cannot pay any vet bills incurred if your own pet is injured by an uncrated and unattended Coastal foster dog. As time progresses, you may need to rely on the crate less and less as you get to know your foster and his/her behaviors are more predictable. As with all things, start off slowly! See how your foster does in intervals. Remember, on the flip side, your foster should not live in the crate. The crate should be used during specific times. Any soiled crates must be disinfected immediately for proper hygiene, and you should check to see if your foster needs a bath.

if my pet gets sick from my foster pet? This is why we strongly encourage you to keep all of your pets current with their vaccinations and on a flea and tick preventative. We do our best to make sure we inform our fosters of any potential illnesses, medical issues or infestations. In order to prevent your pet from getting intestinal worms (which are passed through the dog's stool), clean up all fecal matter immediately and dispose of it properly.



Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement

Name of Foster Guardian(s): _____

Address (where foster animal(s) will reside): Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

_____ It is agreed this pet is owned by Coastal Sheltie Rescue Inc. until officially adopted with an adoption contract. It is understood CSR+ can have the pet at any time from the Foster Guardian (or anyone in possession of the dog) or foster care at any time.

_____ Foster Guardian understands what a two week shutdown is. Foster Guardian understands that the two week shutdown is mandatory, and Foster Guardian has the ability to properly ensure that the two week shutdown will be followed properly.

_____ Foster Guardian understands that periodic updates with photos are required to foster a pet for CSR+. It is understood that CSR+ may inquire and physically visit the animal at any time to ensure the animal's welfare and happiness. Foster Guardian agrees to respond to any and all inquiries in a timely manner - within 24 hours.

_____ Foster Guardian has been told of the animal's known temperament and behavior and understands a pet is an individual animal with its own mind and there are inherent risks with the guardianship or fostering of any animal - there is no expressed or implied temperament guarantee. Foster Guardian agrees to be fully responsible for the pet while fostering the animal - until it is safely returned to CSR+. If any unmanageable condition or issue arises or is discovered, the Foster Guardian shall immediately notify and safely return the animal to CSR+.

_____ CSR+ will cover all necessary medical needs of the foster pet while in foster care. In case of medical needs or emergencies, Foster Guardian agrees to notify and transport pet to either your CSR+ representative or agreed upon Medical representative (Veterinarian/Animal Hospital). Any medical expenses outside of those obtained at approved or recommended facilities are the sole responsibility of the Foster Guardian

_____ CSR+ will do its best to provide additional food to its Foster Guardians to assist in taking care of the CSR+ animals. However, this is not guaranteed and Foster Guardians must be able and willing to provide food and/or litter to their foster animal.

_____ If the animal is no longer wanted or cannot be kept by the Foster Guardian, the Foster Guardian shall immediately notify and/or safely return the animal to CSR+ as soon as possible.

_____ All transportation of the animal shall be in a secure, safe, and proper way. Animal shall not be transported in the open bed of a truck at any time.

_____ If the pet is ever lost or stolen, the Foster Guardian shall immediately notify CSR+ (within 2 hours) and make every effort to find the animal and file official reports through law enforcement and all county animal control agencies (within all bordering counties).

_____ In case of the pet's death, unless agreed by the parties otherwise, the body or remains of the animal shall be returned to CSR+ as soon as possible (within 12 hours) and protected from insect infestation.

_____ This pet shall be under adult supervision at all times. It is agreed the Foster Guardian shall take extra care and responsibility to ensure a harmonious and safe environment for both the pet and anyone that comes into contact with the animal at any time - especially when allowing the pet outside (pet theft) and introducing or allowing the pet to interact with people, children of any age, dogs, cats, or other animals, etc.

_____ The Foster Guardian understands that CSR+ approves applicants for all of its animals, and the Foster Guardian cannot guarantee that an individual will be approved for their foster pet.

_____ The Foster Guardian is responsible to bring foster dogs to adoption events and assist in keeping their profiles updated until it is adopted.

_____ If Foster Guardian wishes to adopt the pet, Foster Guardian will notify CSR+ as soon as possible and complete the adoption agreement and pay the adoption fee so that other applicants are not disappointed or turned away after applying for the pet in the Foster Guardian's care.

_____ CSR+ has the right to deny adoption by the Foster Guardian. The Foster Guardian shall be responsible for the safe return of the animal to CSR+ within 24 hours of the request by CSR+.

_____ I have received a copy of the Foster Handbook. I have read and understood everything contained inside of the Handbook and agree to comply with all aspects of the Handbook.

I (Foster Guardian) understand and agree to all of the above and I promise and agree to be solely responsible for any foster animal in my care as long as I am a Foster Guardian for CSR+. I agree, indemnify and hold harmless Coastal Sheltie Rescue Inc, or any other individual (representative, rescuer, volunteer, sponsor, etc.) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by me, my children, my pets, or to any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence of the releases, or otherwise, while participating with CSR+ as wither a Foster Guardian or volunteer generally. This Release of Liability and Indemnification shall apply to all known, unknown and unanticipated damages resulting from my choosing to foster and control the animal.

By signing this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, I acknowledge that I have read and that I understand this agreement and will abide by all the rules contained therein.

Date (mm/dd/yy):

Foster Guardian: (copy of photo ID is required) _____

Phone: