



SHORT TERM FOSTER AND/OR TRANSPORT OF RESCUE DOG(S) AGREEMENT

Instructions: Please read, fill out and sign the below agreement. Once considered, please send a copy to us via email to: contact@nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz and retain a copy for yourself. If you cannot scan the document back to us by email, you may send the Agreement in photos (must be clear and legible) please let us know as soon as practicable if this is not an option and we will organise for a courier to complete the same. This must be completed prior to pick up/collection of the dog. If it is not returned prior to the same, you are deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement by performing the action of collecting the dog on behalf of the Trust.

Date: _____

Personal Details:

First Name: _____ **Middle:** _____ **Last name:** _____

Residential Address: _____

Email: _____

Best contact number: (0) _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Your Regular vet clinic: _____

Bank account for any reimbursements (name and account no.): _____

Pets in household: _____

I can collect a dog from the following areas in New Zealand *(Please list areas close to you that you could collect a dog from if required – consider how far you are willing to travel):* _____

I am comfortable collecting and/or retaining _____ **amount of dogs** *(list answer)*

I CAN / CAN NOT **retain the dog for a max of 7 nights if required** *(circle one)*

I DO / DO NOT **have my own vehicle and/or licence to transport dogs to/from surrenders and the airport** *(circle one)*

I DO / DO NOT **have a collar, leash and crate for use while the foster dog(s) are with me** *(circle one)*

Agreement between you as the “short term foster / transporter” and New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue:

- 1. Process:** The dog(s) will be transported (by vehicle or plane) to Christchurch and into the care of a Trustee or foster-carer, at a time to be advised to you by the Managing Trustee. No exceptions. This is the process and it will not be deviated from, regardless of whether any person ‘falls in love’ with the foster dog(s). The Trust has engaged you to collect the dog(s) and ensure the dog(s) is to be transported to Christchurch for its medical and behavioural assessments.
- 2. Ownership:** Take care not to become overly attached to the foster dog(s). The dog(s) remains the sole property of The Trust, irrespective of the amount of time the dog(s) is with the short term foster carer / transporter and until such time as

The Trust determines the permanent placement of the dog(s). You acknowledge that the Trust is the sole owner of the dog(s) and retains all ownership and rights to the dog(s). Short-term fostering the dog(s) or collecting the dog(s) on behalf of the Trust creates no legal or beneficial interest in the foster dog(s) for the short term foster carer / transporter. The foster cannot unilaterally decide to retain the foster dog(s). They must receive express approval from the Trustees confirming they are accepted to be the adopter of the dog(s).

- 3. Adoption of Dog:** If you become interested in the foster dog(s), you will need to submit an application to the Trust for consideration. However, the dog will still be transported to Christchurch as planned. If any family members or friends are interested, please direct them to do the same. Do NOT pass on personal numbers of team members or “promise” the dog(s) to any person. The short term foster carer / transporter may suggest a permanent placement for the dog(s) (ie. Family member who has bonded with the dog(s)). However, The Trust reserves the right to approve or decline said Applicant. If the short term foster carer / transporter believes they have a prospective Applicant, they must refer the Applicant to the trust and ensure the appropriate forms are completed. The dog(s) is not the property of the short term foster carer / transporter and as a result, cannot be adopted or otherwise given to any other person without express authority from the Managing Trustee. Let the prospective Adopter know that any further correspondence is to be via the trust email: contact@nzchihuahaurescue.co.nz we do not deviate from that application process. No exceptions.
- 4. Safety:** We ask that the dog(s) are to be contained inside your premises. If outside of your house / car / vehicle, the dog(s) is to be leashed or crated to ensure it cannot escape. When travelling in a vehicle, foster dog(s) are to be restrained – either attached to the seat of a car or in a crate. They cannot be transported on the laps of people or unrestrained in any vehicle.
- 5.** Foster dog(s) are not to be left unsupervised or in close proximity to personal dog(s) of the foster, small animals, cats, children or babies. Employ strict supervision. The Trust assumes no responsibility for any omission of the short term foster carer / transporter to follow this clause which results in damage to the same. The Trust assumes no liability for any harm caused medically to the pets of a foster as a result of their decision to foster.
- 6. Social Media:** Do NOT post pictures of the foster dog(s) on any website or social media under any circumstances. We will announce their arrival into care once the dog(s) are in Christchurch. This is to be strictly adhered to.
- 7. Vet treatment and health:** The trust is to be advised as soon as practicable if you notice any potential injury or illness relating to the foster dog(s) or they appear to be unwell. No homeopathic, herbal or natural medicines are to be given to the foster dog(s). This includes any “home remedies” that would normally be used on personal dog(s). In the event that veterinary care is required for the dog(s) the short term foster carer / transporter is to notify the Managing Trustee immediately. We may arrange a phone/video consult with the Trust’s vet in Christchurch.
- 8.** Short term foster carer / transporters cannot re-assign their usual vet in the place of the trust vet. Do not take the foster dog(s) to your personal vet and/or spend your own funds on de-sexing, microchipping, vaccinations or other vet care expecting to be reimbursed without express authorisation from the Managing Trustee. The dogs will receive all vet care and testing once they arrive in Christchurch.
- 9. Grooming:** Should the foster dog(s) require any grooming, please advise the Trustees and we will organise the same for them upon arrival to Christchurch.
- 10. Obligations:** The Trust expects that all short term foster carer / transporters have registered dog(s) and are appropriately licenced to care for the foster dog(s) and any permanent dog(s) at their property. The Trust takes no responsibility for ensuring that the Short term foster carer / transporter carries the appropriate license for the dog(s) at their property.
- 11.** The Trust shall not be held financially or legally responsible for any damage or loss suffered by the short term foster carer / transporter to any property, person or vehicle, which has been caused by the dog(s), while in the short term foster carer / transporters care. It is expected that short term foster carer / transporters shall at all times ensure that the dog(s) is not involved in any destruction or deemed a nuisance.

- 12. Reimbursements:** Should the short term foster carer / transporter wish to be reimbursed for any items purchased on behalf of their foster dog(s), they must contact the trust prior to the purchase to confirm the item and price, the trust will confirm whether or not they agree to reimburse. Once purchased the foster must submit a dated receipt. The Trust will decline to reimburse any expenses that have not been expressly agreed to by the Trustees. Any personal funds spent on the dog(s), while property of The Trust, does not constitute a right to ownership for the short term foster carer / transporter of the dog(s).

Please read through the above Foster Agreement and contact us if you have any queries. Then sign your name (or type your name in the box below in replacement of your signature) and tick the box below to confirm that you have read and understood the contents of the above, you accept the terms of our Foster Agreement and agree to be bound by them and/or any updated or subsequent Foster Agreement and/or policies.

Yes – I have read the above terms and I agree to be bound by the same *(please tick)*

Signed by:

As a prospective “Short term foster carer / transporter” for the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust