

Southern States Mastiff Rescue

AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA
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FOSTER AGREEMENT

The purpose of a foster home is to provide for the needs of a homeless mastiff and to obtain information for SSMR about the personality, habits and behavior of that mastiff to aid in its successful placement in a permanent adoptive home.

This agreement between Southern States Mastiff Rescue, hereinafter SSMR,
and , hereinafter the foster, is entered into to achieve this result
for , I.D.# , hereinafter the mastiff.

The parties agree as follows:

1. SSMR is the owner of the mastiff.
2. The foster has been approved by SSMR to foster a mastiff.
3. The foster will provide food, shelter, and necessary physical care in a loving environment for the mastiff. The foster will not allow the mastiff to be outside the house unattended and unrestrained by a fence or leash. The foster will not place the mastiff in any situation that might present a risk to the health or welfare of the mastiff, another dog or a person.
4. SSMR will provide the following by a veterinarian of their choosing:
 - a) A basic health exam for the mastiff to assess general condition, vision, hearing, and heart and lung function.
 - b) A heartworm test. Appropriate heartworm preventative, as well as flea/tick preventative, will be provided to the foster for the duration of the foster placement.
 - c) Vaccinations, unless current, for rabies, and distemper, parvo, and bordatella.
 - d) Micro-chipping of the mastiff.
 - e) Spay or neuter at a time and location approved by SSMR.
5. The foster shall have the right to provide additional health care at his/her expense. The foster will keep SSMR informed of any such care but SSMR shall have no obligation regarding such

expenses except in case of emergency.

6. The foster will notify SSMR of any and all problems or changes in the condition of the mastiff, whether physical or behavioral. In the event the foster is of the opinion that the mastiff has a significant health issue he/she shall immediately notify SSMR so that a determination may be made concerning the necessity for diagnostic work and treatment.
7. In the event of a health emergency the foster will immediately contact Kelly Meyer (912-238-3170) for a decision and authorization concerning treatment.
8. The foster shall allow an authorized representative of SSMR to examine the mastiff at a time convenient to the foster and make inquiry regarding the mastiff to any person at any time. An SSMR Trustee shall have the right to determine at his/her discretion that a termination of the foster placement is in the best interests of the mastiff.
9. The foster understands and agrees that the goal of SSMR, and the purpose of foster, is to accomplish the permanent adoption of the mastiff by an approved applicant. SSMR shall make the mastiff available to the public for adoption on the SSMR website and other media locations. The foster agrees to be available to discuss the mastiff with prospective applicants when requested and will make the mastiff available for meetings with potential adopters at a time and location convenient to the foster.
10. The foster shall have the first option to adopt the mastiff. This option must be exercised and finalized by a signed adoption contract and payment in full of the adoption fee within seven days of notification of an adoption applicant's request to meet the mastiff. In the event that the foster does not exercise this option within the time specified, the option shall terminate.
11. In the event any litigation shall be necessary to enforce this agreement that litigation shall take place in the State and County in which a Trustee resides.
12. The foster is fully aware of the risks that are involved in any interaction with dogs and is fostering a mastiff for SSMR voluntarily. He/she knowingly assumes all risks that exposure to dogs may entail, including but not limited to, serious bodily injury and death.
13. The foster hereby waives, releases, discharges and holds harmless and promises to indemnify and not to bring suit against SSMR, Inc., its directors, officers, volunteers, staff and all other agents and attorneys for any of the referenced parties, from any and all rights and claims which he/she has or which may hereafter accrue to him/her and from any and all damages which may be sustained by them, directly or indirectly, in connection with or arising out of exposure to such dogs.

Signature of Foster: _____

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
		Zip:	
Date:			
Phone:			

Signature of SSMR Representative: _____

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
		Zip:	
Date:			
Phone:			