



FRANKLIN ALL ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM, INC. ANIMAL FOSTERING CONTRACT

Date: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. representative: _____

Full Legal Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Your address – not Post Office Box (where the animal will be fostered):

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Which is the best number to reach you? _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Emergency contact telephone number: _____

Foster animal information

Name of animal being fostered: _____

Species: _____ Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Health information about the animal:

Reason for animal's need for a foster home:

Other pertinent information about foster animal:

Animal fostering is the providing of custodial care of an animal that belongs to another. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. foster animals are the property of Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. and have been surrendered to Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. either by owner surrender, custodial transfer, or through the legal transfer of custody of the animal from a jurisdiction's animal shelter to Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc.

In all cases, animals fostered by Volunteer Foster Custodians of Franklin All Animal Rescue Team remain the property of Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. throughout the duration of the fostering process, until the fostered animal is either adopted to a third party, adopted permanently by the VFC, or transferred by Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. to the custody of another rescue organization.

A **foster home** is defined as temporary housing for any animal(s) within the Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. custody, while it is recovering, maturing, and/or being screened and approved for permanent adoption. As the **Volunteer Foster Caregiver**, you represent that you have reasonable knowledge regarding the proper care and handling of the type of animal(s) you will be assigned by Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. to care for while in foster care.

REGARDING QUALITY OF CARE:

1. Foster agrees to care for foster animal as if it is their own pet, providing lots of love, attention, and positive reinforcement. If at any point, Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. has concerns regarding the level of care that the foster animal is receiving, the Rescue reserves all rights to remove the animal from the foster home.
2. Only authorized foster volunteers may care for foster animals. Foster animals must not be left under anyone else's care without authorization from Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc.
3. Foster agrees not to alter in any way the appearance of the animal being fostered without permission of the rescuer. This includes declawing and cropping of ears or tails.
4. Foster agrees to provide adequate food, water, shelter, and kind treatment for always said animal(s). In addition, the foster volunteer must adhere to all state and local animal laws. The foster volunteer agrees to follow all additional written instructions from the owner and/or shelter. Food and necessities are provided by the Rescue.
5. Foster agrees to keep foster animals indoors, except when walking dogs. Foster dogs should never be let outside unsupervised. Supervision should be provided when the dog is in the backyard, and dogs traveling outside the home and backyard for any reason must be leashed.
6. Foster agrees to notify Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. *immediately* if the foster animal goes missing or becomes sick.
7. Foster agrees to administer flea, tick, and heartworm preventative on a monthly basis, as noted in the supplemental page of this contract.

Foster caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. witness signature: _____

REGARDING OWNERSHIP RIGHTS AND ULTIMATE PLACEMENT:

8. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. retains all rights and ownership of any animal in the Foster Program, and the Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. has the right to recall any fostered animal to the rescue at any time.
9. If fostering a dog, Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. will provide the dog with a collar and a tag. The tag will contain contact information for Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. in the event the animal is lost. *Foster caretaker may not remove this tag from the collar*, and the dog must always wear the collar and tag. Although the foster caretaker may not remove Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. identification

tag from the dog's collar, the foster caretaker may affix an additional tag with your own personal information if desired.

10. All adoption inquiries about foster animals in your care must be directed to Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc.. Do not make any promises to any interested parties about placing the foster animal in their home. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. will handle the vetting and approval or denial of all adoption applications.
11. If the foster wishes to adopt said animal, the foster must go through the rescue adoption program screening process. The rescue reserves to determine final disposition of the animal.
12. The foster volunteer on this contract is agreeing to be the primary caregiver for the foster animal at the address on this contract. Foster caregiver will notify, Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. in the event any change occurs in the address or telephone number listed.
13. Foster caregiver understands and acknowledges that he/she does not have any right or authority to keep the foster animal, place foster animal in other homes or place with other individuals unless permission is given in writing by the shelter.
14. In the event that a foster caregiver is going out of town overnight and cannot care for the animal, the foster will contact Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. as soon as possible so that other temporary arrangements can be made. Foster animals cannot be placed in temporary boarding facilities or given to friends/family to temporarily care for without explicit written permission from Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. Foster.
15. caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. witness signature: _____

REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF PET AND STAYING IN TOUCH WITH FRANKLIN ALL ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM

16. Foster animals must be returned to Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. as soon as possible upon request by Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc.
17. The foster agrees to respond to inquiries Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. regarding the foster animal as soon as reasonably possible. Failure to respond to an inquiry within 24 hours can be grounds for repossession of the animal.
18. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. may visit a foster home at any time providing that the foster volunteer is given reasonable prior notice (typically 24 hours). Prior notice is not required for the repossession of an animal when a foster volunteer fails to bring the animal back to Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. as requested or fails to respond to inquiries from the Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc..
19. Foster agrees to notify 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.

20. Foster agrees to be reasonably accommodating in scheduling meet and greets between the foster pet and potential adopters. Meet and greets may be scheduled to occur at the foster home, depending on the animal and the situation.
21. The foster agrees to stay in touch with the Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. on a weekly basis *at minimum*. The foster will send an email each week on your assigned day with any news about the foster animal. Failing to send an email on your assigned day is cause for concern and may result in removal of the foster animal from the foster home.

Assigned day to send update email: _____

Email address to which the update should go: **franklinallanimalrescueteam@gmail.com**

Foster will notify Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. *immediately* if the foster animal exhibits any aggressive behavior.

Foster caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team witness signature: _____

REGARDING CURRENT PETS ALREADY IN THE HOUSEHOLD:

22. All dogs belonging to the foster volunteer must have up to date DHLPP and rabies vaccines and be spayed or neutered. We also recommend, but do not require, a Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccine for your existing pets before the foster pet arrives at your house.
23. The foster volunteer must isolate foster animals from existing pets in the household as long as indicated by Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc.
24. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. facilitates initial introductions between your existing pets and your foster pet. In the event that the pets do not get along well or there are any concerns, Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. reserves the right to deny placement of that foster animal into your home.
25. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. is not responsible for any veterinary bills for resident pets. The foster caregiver assumes responsibility for any veterinary bills that result from resident pet becoming ill or injured due to exposure to a foster animal.

Foster caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team witness signature: _____

REGARDING VETERINARY CARE:

26. Foster volunteers must contact Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. first for all foster animal care needs and questions.
27. Foster animals should not be taken to any veterinarian unless authorized by Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. in advance.
28. Emergency protocol provided in the foster manual is to be followed at all times. No veterinary expenses will be reimbursed unless authorized *in advance* by Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc.
29. In the case of a life-threatening medical emergency, get the animal to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Inform Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. *as soon as possible* that a medical emergency is in progress and that necessary steps are being taken.
30. Depending on the age and health status of the foster animal, veterinary appointments may be made by Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. for routine vaccinations, check-ups, spay and neuter appointments, etc. Foster agrees to transport the foster animal to these appointments as necessary. If necessary, transport cannot be made because of scheduling conflicts, foster must contact Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. as soon as possible to make other transportation arrangements. It is extremely important that foster pets keep their scheduled veterinary appointments.

Foster caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team witness signature: _____

REGARDING SUPPLIES:

31. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. will provide a feeding plan for your foster pet. Foster volunteer agrees to feed the type of food dictated in the amounts dictated and will not change food for any reason. Food plan changes will be made by Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. only, in consultation with a veterinarian as needed. The food brand and type that *must* be fed and the food plan are noted in the supplemental page of this contract.
32. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. encourages foster homes to provide as many supplies for the foster animal as possible, including toys, bedding, a crate, etc., as needed for the animal.
33. Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. heavily emphasizes crate training for foster dogs and will provide a crate if the foster does not have one of adequate size or durability.
34. Any supplies borrowed from Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. must be returned when the animal is removed from the foster's custody. Supplies borrowed from the Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. at the time of the signing of this contract are noted in a following page.

Foster caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. witness signature: _____

REGARDING FOSTER DOG SOCIALIZING AND TRAINING:

- 35. Foster recognizes that appropriately training and socializing a foster dog helps to make that dog much more adoptable and attractive to potential adoptive families. Foster caregiver will make every effort to train and discipline the dog, using positive reinforcement techniques and patience.
- 36. Foster caregivers will NOT socialize the foster dog with other dogs until foster dog has ALL required shots and vaccinations. Depending on the age of the dog, the foster animal may already come to the foster home up-to-date on required vaccinations, or may be too young to have received any. Foster parent will not socialize the foster animal with any other animals until all required shots and vaccinations are completed.
- 37. Foster caregiver recognizes that discipline is important when working with a foster dog. Foster caregivers will likely end up being more firm and rigid with their foster dogs than they are accustomed to being with existing or former dogs. It is important that foster dogs receive consistent training and discipline. The better trained the dog, the more adoptable he or she becomes, and the more attractive to potential adoptive families.
- 38. Positive reinforcement training techniques are necessary. See the foster manual for tips and techniques for working with your foster dog.
- 39. Crate training is extremely beneficial in making a dog attractive to potential adoptive families and can be extremely helpful for dogs not already house-trained. Foster caregiver agrees to crate training the new foster animal unless explicitly noted otherwise.

Foster caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team witness signature: _____

CONCLUDING STIPULATIONS:

- 40. Foster is undertaking these obligations with no said claim, now or in the future, to any type of compensation or reimbursement for caring for said animal, and the further consideration for undertaking this obligation and caring for said animal is that the foster is receiving satisfaction and enjoyment from undertaking this obligation of his or her own free will and because he or she wants to do so and derives satisfaction from doing so.
- 41. Foster agrees that accidental animal bites or other injuries to humans and other animals do occur, and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify, and protect Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, from any claim or suit filed by anyone as a result of such an incident. In addition, the rescue will not be responsible if animal should damage or destroy property belonging to the foster, or shall transfer any disease or internal or external parasites to other animals belonging to the foster.
- 42. This agreement is the entire agreement of the parties, and there are no oral promises or representations made in addition to this contract and it may only be changed in writing signed by both the Stafford SPCA and foster.

Foster caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. witness signature: _____

Supplies borrowed

As stated in the contract, as the foster caregiver agrees to provide as many supplies as possible on his/her own. However, Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. is willing to help with supplies as needed. We especially mandate crate training for foster dogs, and will thus provide (on a temporary basis) appropriate sized crates for foster dogs if you cannot provide one on your own.

We ask that all supplies borrowed from the shelter be returned once the foster animal has been placed in a permanent home. The following list details the supplies you have borrowed that we will ask to be returned:

Foster caregiver signature: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. authorized witness signature: _____

FOSTER AGREEMENT

I understand that the Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. reserves the right to examine and make inquiry about the foster animal at any time. If I fail to keep animal in accordance with the terms of this agreement, if I deny Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. right to examine, if I fail to respond to any Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. inquiry, or if I have made any misrepresentation of fact, Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. may retake custody of animal. Additionally, any costs associated with such retaking of custody shall be my sole responsibility. If any medical care is required as a result of any intentional or negligent act of mine, any costs associated with said medical care shall be my sole responsibility.

It is the expressed intention of Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. and the foster caregiver that the release provided for in this paragraph is designed and intended to protect Saving Shepherds Rescue (and its members and volunteers) from the consequences of any accident, injury, illness, negligence, attack,

aggressive or destructive behavior or other action by animal, and from the consequences of any act or omission, or negligence on the part of Saving Shepherds Rescue (and its members and volunteers) in obtaining custody of animal, in providing care for animal, or in failing to provide timely or adequate warning to any person concerning animal. Saving Shepherds Rescue will use all reasonable efforts to provide accurate information about the animal, but as with all living things, there are no guarantees.

Caregiver understands that Saving Shepherds Rescue makes no warranties (express or implied) or representations as to the health, fitness, demeanor or well-being of animal. The foster caregiver accepts animal “as is.” Because of this, the foster caregiver understands that Saving Shepherds Rescue (and its members and volunteers) accept no responsibility if animal should die after being released to caregiver, or if the animal should bite, scratch, injure, or cause the death of any person or animal, or cause damage to property after being released to the foster caregiver’s custody.

I fully understand my rights and obligations as described above and that failure to comply with these obligations will be considered a breach of contract. Said breach of contract gives the Stafford SPCA the rights contained in this contract and any and all rights afforded by law to terminate any ownership of animal, and thereby the legal right to reclaim the animal without refund, and recover any and all expenses associated with the enforcement of this contract.

Printed name of foster caregiver:

Signature of foster caregiver:

Date: _____

Franklin All Animal Rescue Team, Inc. authorized witness signature:

Date: _____

