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**FOSTER PARENT CONTRACT**

**\*\* THIS CONTRACT IS TO BE COMPLETED AFTER YOUR FOSTER CARE APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED. \*\***

Name of foster parent(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of foster animals(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The aforementioned person shall hereinafter be referred to as “I” or the “foster parent.” Kings S.P.C.A. Halfway Home shall hereinafter be referred to as “KINGS”

Any animal offered for foster care is the sole property of KINGS and has been surrendered as such by prior owners or animal care facilities. To the best of KINGS’ knowledge a foster animal is not the owned property of another person. However, KINGS will not be held liable for any unknown misrepresentations regarding the status of a rescued animal.

The foster animal’s health and behavior has been accurately represented to the foster parent, to the best possible knowledge of KINGS. KINGS cannot, and does not, make any guarantees as to the health, temperament, mental disposition, or training of the foster animal. KINGS shall not be held liable for any injury or damage that the foster animal may cause. The foster parent hereby fosters the animal at his/her own risk.

I agree to foster an animal for KINGS for a limited period of time. I understand that I am acting as a temporary custodian of any and all animals fostered for KINGS, and that KINGS retains sole ownership rights of any animal offered for foster care. I consent to the following terms and conditions of this foster agreement:

**GENERAL CARE**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will care for the foster animal humanely. The foster animal will be a household companion and will live in the house. If the foster animal is a dog, it will not be kept outside except for reasonable periods of time, such as for play, exercise, and to go to the bathroom. The foster dog will never be kept on a chain or on a tie line. If the foster animal is a cat, it will be kept inside at ALL TIMES.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide the foster animal with affection, mental stimulation through play and training, socialization, and regular exercise, appropriate to his/her health and physical condition.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide the foster animal with a good quality food and fresh water, and maintain him/her at a proper weight.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide the foster animal with comfortable and clean bedding, and appropriate toys.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will advise KINGS when the foster animal needs to be groomed and arrangements will be made. I will request KINGS' permission to groom the dog myself (if other than bathing), or to take the animal to a professional groomer (which will be at my own expense).

\_\_\_\_\_\_ If the foster animal is a dog, I agree to always keep the dog on a leash when outside, and will only allow him/her to run loose in a securely fenced yard. I will obey all leash laws.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ If the foster animal is a dog, I will clean up after the dog in public places, and obey all “pooper-scooper” laws.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will never leave the foster animal without proper care for more than 12 hours.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will never leave the foster animal unsupervised/unattended in any vehicle.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will never crate the foster animal for more than 8 hours at a time, and never for more than 16 hours during a 24 hour period. The foster animal will not remain solely in a crate while indoors. If I use a crate it will be large enough to allow the foster animal to sit, stand, turn around, and lie down comfortably.

**HEALTH CARE**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will contact KINGS immediately if the animal becomes ill or injured, and that I must have authorization from the Shelter Manager of KINGS before proceeding with veterinary care. I will provide a detailed description of the situation and a number where I can be reached. I understand that I will NOT be reimbursed for any illness/condition without prior consent for treatment by a KINGS representative. Any injuries/sickness to the foster animal cause by my abuse or neglect as determined by a licensed veterinarian will result in my being responsible for any and all veterinarian charges to treat the injury or illness.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will not have any cosmetic surgery performed on the foster animal that will alter or change his/her appearance in any way, shape or form (i.e. ear cropping, tail docking, debarking, declawing).

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will not euthanize the foster. I will notify KINGS **immediately** (within 2 hours) upon the death of the foster animal. I understand that I am responsible to return the remains to KINGS immediately. KINGS will make arrangements for proper disposal of the body.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will make sure the foster animal is taken to KINGS within 3 days of being notified by KINGS that it is time for vaccinations. I understand that I cannot have the animal vaccinated at my personal vet, that I must take the foster animal to KINGS for vaccinations until the adoption is completed.

**BEHAVIOR AND TRAINING**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will use my best judgment and take all necessary precautions to protect myself when providing daily care and training for the foster animal until I have had sufficient time to become familiar with his/her personality and behavior. I will use my best judgment and take all necessary precautions when first introducing the foster animal to other members of my household and other family pets, as well as with new people and new situations until the foster animal has become fully adjusted to my home. I will closely supervise all interaction with children.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide appropriate and humane behavior modification for behavioral problems including, but not limited to housebreaking accidents and urine marking, chewing, barking, digging, aggression, and biting. I will contact KINGS if the foster animal exhibits behavioral problems that are beyond my ability to reasonably manage.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will never use harsh physical discipline, and will never physically abuse the foster animal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will never train or encourage the foster animal to behave in an aggressive manner for the purpose of protection.

**FOSTER CARE RESIDENCE**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will advise KINGS immediately if I plan to change my address and/or phone number. I will request KINGS' permission to transfer the foster animal to my new address.

I understand that a physical inspection of my new home will be required before a KINGS foster animal can be housed there.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will advise KINGS immediately if the foster animal is lost or stolen, and make every reasonable effort to recover the foster animal, including, but not limited to posting flyers, and contacting local shelters and veterinarians.

**FOLLOW-UP STATUS OF FOSTER ANIMAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will advise KINGS regularly (every 2 weeks) as to the condition and adjustment of the foster animal. I will allow a KINGS representative to visit my home, as often as needed, to check on the health and welfare of the foster animal, and for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

**TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am acting as a temporary custodian of any and all animals fostered for KINGS, and that KINGS remains the lawful owner of the foster animal. I will surrender the foster animal to a KINGS representative within 24 hours if requested to do so for **any** reason.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will never abandon the foster animal. I will never give, sell, or transfer ownership of the foster animal to another person, relative, rescue group, humane association, shelter or pound, pet store, or any medical or experimental laboratory or similar organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I transfer the foster animal without the knowledge and approval of KINGS, I understand that KINGS will reclaim the dog from the transferee and will pursue legal means to do so if necessary, and will pursue legal means to redress any harm done to the foster animal.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I decide that I would like to adopt the foster animal, I will advise KINGS and follow all adoption procedures. I understand that while I have been permitted to foster an animal, this does not precipitate permission to adopt. I understand that KINGS makes the final decision regarding the adoption of this animal, which is based on the best interest of the animal.

**NO LONGER ABLE TO FOSTER**

\_\_\_\_\_ If I am no longer able to foster the animal, I will contact KINGS immediately. Arrangements will be made within 24 hours for a KINGS representative to reclaim the foster animal.

**LIABILITY**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that KINGS cannot, and does not make any guarantees as to the health, temperament, mental disposition, and training of the foster animal. I hereby foster the animal at my own risk.

\_\_\_\_\_\_I fully and completely release KINGS, its founder and volunteers, from any and all claims and liability, including, but not limited to, any defects or illnesses the foster animal may have or develop, and for any injury or damage to persons, property, or other household pets, which may be caused by the foster animal. I further agree to indemnify and hold KINGS harmless against any and all claims and liability, including, but not limited to, those asserted by third parties for any injury or damage to persons or property caused by the foster animal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that all the animals in my home are current in their vaccinations. I fully and completely release KINGS from any and all claims and liability for any illness that my animals might develop, even if said illness might have been procured from the animal fostered for KINGS.

**SPAY/NEUTER AGREEMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_\_I will never breed an animal fostered for KINGS if he/she has not been spayed or neutered while in my care. I will take all necessary precautions to prevent a foster animal from breeding.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I cannot have the animal spayed/neutered by a vet of my choosing. I must bring the animal in to KINGS to be spayed/neutered when notified.

**CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment by a court of law or other governmental authority.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that I have read this foster agreement in full (all \_\_\_ pages), and that I understand all of the terms and conditions. I understand that if I made any misrepresentation about myself or home environment, or if I don’t abide by all of the terms and conditions of this agreement and my failure to do so in any way jeopardizes or adversely affects the health and welfare of the foster animal, that KINGS can terminate this contract for foster care and reclaim the foster animal without notice, irrespective of any expenditures that I have made, and may pursue legal means to do so if necessary.

**I certify that I have completed the Foster Care Application and have been approved to foster animals on behalf of Kings S.P.C.A. Halfway Home and I will abide by the terms and conditions set forth in the Application, and the terms and conditions set forth herein.**

**I understand that Kings S.P.C.A. Halfway Home may pursue legal means to redress any harm done to the foster animal. I understand that this contract for foster care is legal and binding, and will be governed by the laws of the State of California.**

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PRINTED NAME OF FOSTER PARENT

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SIGNATURE OF FOSTER PARENT

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KINGS S.P.C.A. HALFWAY HOME REPRESENTATIVE

Foster Care Application to be attached and placed in Foster Parent’s file.