

Save the Strays Foster Parent / Home Agreement

This Foster Agreement hereinafter ("The Contract") is made on the date listed below by and between Save the Strays Schuylkill. Hereinafter ("SSS") and Foster residing at the address listed below. This agreement is valid for any current or future animals hereinafter ("Cat") in Foster's care on behalf of Save the Strays Schuylkill. The parties hereby agree to the following:

SSS has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of the cat. SSS makes no guarantees regarding a cat's age, breed, health, temperament, medical status or history, behavior, or disposition. Foster hereby releases SSS and its directors, members, volunteers, and representatives of any possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by the cat to any person or property. Foster accepts this cat as is with all defects, either observable or unobservable, and assumes all risk for the cat upon signing this contract.

Foster releases, discharges, and shall indemnify and hold SSS, volunteers, directors, representatives, volunteers, and affiliates harmless for any injury, damage, liabilities or other claims that arise out of or result from Foster's possession of the cat or the activities of the cat while in the possession or care of Foster and which are caused by Foster's breach of this agreement, negligence, or willful misconduct.

CARE OF CAT

A - Foster shall accept and consider the Cat as a household companion, not as an outside cat. You will provide the Cat with a safe environment, humane treatment, and proper food, fresh water, shelter, and exercise. Foster agrees this Cat will not be abused in any manner.

B - Foster shall immediately notify SSS if the Cat is lost or stolen and shall make every reasonable effort to recover the Cat.

C - Foster shall not give up or sell the Cat to another person, relative, friend, or any other individual, or any rescue group, humane association, shelter, or adoption center, or any medical or experimental laboratory or any organization without prior approval.

D _ Foster permits SSS to visit at reasonable convenient times to check on the well-being of the Cat.

E - Foster is assigned a Foster Coordinator team and must schedule vet appointments through them. Fosters may need to transport the Cat to and from appointments including spay and neuter, or make arrangements with SSS to make cat available for transport..

F - Foster shall immediately notify Foster Coordinator team in the event of the Cat's injury, illness, or death during the foster care period.

G - Save the Strays Schuylkill will provide food and litter pellets (on request, when available from donations.). The Foster home does acknowledge that we do rely on donations to support foster homes, and that foster homes may have to supply food and litter when donation are low.

H - Foster will not give any medication to the cat without prior approval from SSS unless prescribed by our vets. This does not include things like dewormer, flea treatments, supplements recommended by vet or SSS.

I - Foster agrees to separate the fostered Cat from all other animals in their household for the first 14 days after receipt, unless they were quarantine prior to arrival. Each household needs to deem what is appropriate for your household and for time for the fosters to settle in. For the safety of Foster's household and other resident cats, Foster is required to carefully plan the Cat's introduction into the home. If this is not followed, SSS reserves the right to relinquish the Cat from Foster's home and relieve Foster of their duties.

J - Foster agrees to not bring in other fosters into the home with out prior approval of SSS.

K - We ask that you help out and be involved in the foster program by attending events, helping with transport to pick up donations, to vets or clinics, or helping in capacities that fit your skill set or interests.

Initial to confirm you have read and understand the above _____

FOSTER PERIOD

A - Foster understands the commitment he or she is making by agreeing to foster. Foster understands it may take weeks or possibly longer for the Cat to be adopted, and there is no guaranteed time period.

B - If Foster can no longer care for the Cat, Foster shall notify SSS so SSS can make every effort to find a suitable foster or adoptive home for the cat. SSS will do everything possible to place the Cat accordingly. However, the Foster understands that it may take time to find the Cat a sufficient home for its needs.

C - Foster understands that during the foster period, SSS has ownership of the Cat. SSS may recover the Cat from Foster at any time during the foster period.

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ADOPTION

A - SSS markets cats available for adoption through various methods including Facebook and website. Foster is responsible for assisting in marketing his or her foster cat by providing photos and a good description of the Cat for marketing. Please include in photo cat name and sex.

B - If Foster decides to permanently adopt the Cat, Foster shall notify Foster Coordinator and upon approval, shall follow established adoption procedures including signing an Adoption Contract. Foster must tell the adoption team of their desire to adopt PRIOR to an approved adopter selecting the Cat.

C - If Foster finds a permanent/adoptive home for the Cat, they must direct the potential adopter to fill out an application and follow adoption approval procedures.

D - Foster will make every effort to find a mutually agreed upon time for adopters to finalize the contract and set a meet up time, and place.

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Illness

Animals brought into our foster system are required to be isolated for 14 days and / or deemed healthy by a veterinarian before being placed in your home, but need to be quarantined. However, there are some issues that may not become evident within that first few days.. Additionally, animals rescued locally and are from the same colony (if yours are from colonies) are not required to be isolated, but then need time to adjust and decompress. Illnesses of concern may be caused by bacteria, viruses or even fungal infections. Most of these pathogens are not capable of surviving outside of the host animal for more than a few hours, but some can hang around for significantly longer than that. Prime examples are the viruses that cause Canine Parvovirus and Feline Panleukopenia, which can live in the environment for up to a year. The Division of Animal Health strongly suggests that newly acquired foster pets be kept separate from other animals in the home and remain in a part of the house that can be easily cleaned and disinfected, such as areas with tiled floors and limited upholstered furniture, for the first two weeks. Should any germs wind up on upholstered furniture or in carpeting, it may not be possible to remove it. If you cared for an animal with this type of disease, your home will need to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before any other animals could be taken in. Unfortunately, cleaning efforts may include removing carpeting or upholstered furniture that came into contact with the affected animal.

Parasites

Along the same lines of illnesses caused by pathogens are illnesses caused by parasites. Foster animals may be infested with fleas, ticks, intestinal worms or other parasites. Many of these parasites are easily spread from animal to animal, and in some cases, from animals to humans. Some parasites are capable of remaining in your home for long periods of time, even without a host. Always ensure an animal was properly washed and that they are free of external parasites before bringing them into your home. If you notice the presence of internal parasites, notify the organization immediately and be sure the animal is seen by a veterinarian promptly. Keep that animal and its droppings away from other animals in your home.

Unknown Behaviors

Your foster animal may show signs of aggression, be overly timid, or may not be fully house trained. If you feel that these complications can be safely overcome with your own training abilities, please feel free to work with the animal. However, if the animal becomes overly aggressive and you fear for your own safety or that of other animals, you must immediately notify the organization for which you are providing foster care,

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

A - While fostering, the Foster will gain knowledge of certain Confidential Information belonging to SSS.

B - In the event of the Foster's breach or threatened breach of this Agreement, SSS shall be entitled to a preliminary restraining order and an injunction restraining and enjoining the Volunteer from disclosing all or any part of SSS Confidential.

C - The parties expressly agree that, in the event of a breach of this Agreement by Foster, SSS shall be entitled to recovery of attorney fees and costs for enforcement of this Agreement.

D - Foster agrees to engage in conduct that is consistent with the law and this Agreement. If not, Foster agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SSS and the SSS Team.

By printing full name below, you are acknowledging that you have received, read, and understand the above information.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Foster Coordinator Team

Vet / Clinic

Foster Mentor

Pet Supplies