

Intervention Agreement & VSPA Legal Commitments

Issued by Pause For Paws Animal Sanctuary & the Volunteer Sanctuary Pool Alliance

By your dog through our service, you, the surrendering party, hereby enter into a legally binding agreement with Pause For Paws Animal Sanctuary and the VSP Alliance. Please read the following terms carefully.

1. Nature of Our Rescue Service

Pause For Paws Animal Sanctuary is a **non-centralized, volunteer-powered rescue network**. We do not operate a traditional shelter facility. Instead, all intakes, foster placements, and adoptions are coordinated through our **Volunteer Sanctuary Pool Alliance (VSPA)**; a community-based system of vetted caregivers, fosterers, and adopters.

2. Automatic Enrollment into the VSPA

By surrendering your dog through our service:

- You are **automatically enrolled** into the **VSPA** at no cost.
- VSPA membership allows you to stay informed about your dog's placement and provides access to support resources if needed.
- You agree to abide by the **VSPA standards of ethical guardianship and community conduct**, even as a surrendering member.

3. Legal Intake Acknowledgments

By submitting our Intervention form, you affirm and agree to the following:

- **Ownership & Authority:** You are the **legal owner** of the dog being surrendered or have **documented authority** to act on behalf of the legal owner.
- **Voluntary Surrender:** You are surrendering the dog **voluntarily**, without coercion, and understand that this action is **permanent and legally binding**.
- **Transfer of Custody:** Upon acceptance into the VSPA network, **custody of the dog is transferred** to Pause For Paws and its designated caregivers. You relinquish all rights to reclaim, direct, or interfere with this placement.
- **Health & Behavior Disclosure:** You agree to provide **complete and truthful information** regarding the dog's health, behavior, temperament, and history. Failure to disclose known issues may result in legal liability.
- **No Compensation:** You understand that **no financial compensation** will be provided for surrendering your dog.