

1. Intervention Privacy/Safety Policy

As part of our network-based intake process:

- Your **surrender application** will be shared with the **current or prospective caregiver** responsible for evaluating the dog's placement.
- **Personal identifiers** (e.g., phone number, email, address, legal documents) will be **redacted** to protect your privacy.
- All **dog-specific information**, including behavioral notes, living conditions, and care history, will be transmitted to ensure proper placement.

2. Disclaimer & Limitations

Pause For Paws Animal Sanctuary and the VSPA are **volunteer-based organizations**. While we strive to ensure every dog receives ethical care and a loving home, we make no guarantees regarding:

- **Timeline of placement**
- **Specific adopter or foster selection**
- **Ongoing updates post-surrender**

We reserve the right to **decline intake** if the dog poses a safety risk or if resources are unavailable. We also reserve the right to **rehome, foster, or transfer** the dog within our network based on professional judgment and VSPA standards.

3. Safety & Oversight

The VSPA is a **community-powered alliance** committed to the welfare of dogs across our region. Its parent organization, Pause For Paws Animal Sanctuary, retains the authority to:

- Dispatch funding and personnel to investigate any reported abuse or neglect
- Revoke VSPA membership for violations of ethical care
- Coordinate legal action when necessary to protect surrendered animals

If you have concerns about any caregiver or placement, you may contact the **VSPA Management Team** for assistance.

4. Final Affirmation

By surrendering through our service, you confirm that:

- You have read and understood this agreement
- You are legally authorized to surrender the dog
- All information provided is truthful and complete
- You accept the terms of VSPA membership and relinquishment of custody

5. Role of Pause For Paws & the VSPA

Pause For Paws and the VSPA serve primarily as **logistics coordinators and network facilitators**. We do not directly manage every adoption or foster placement. Instead:

- The **meet-and-greet** and final arrangements are coordinated **between the applicant and the current caregiver**.
- If requested, a **Pause For Paws liaison** may attend the meet-and-greet to support the process. However, as a **volunteer-based organization**, this service is **not guaranteed**.

6. Safety Guidelines for All Parties

We strongly encourage all members of our community to prioritize safety:

- **Never share sensitive personal information** (e.g., financial data, legal documents, or home access details) without verifying the identity and role of the recipient.
- If you feel **uncertain or suspicious** about any interaction, contact the **VSPA Management Team** immediately by emailing them at vspalliance@gmail.com. We are here to help mediate, investigate, and ensure the safety of all parties involved.

7. Respectful Conduct & Community Trust

Pause For Paws Animal Sanctuary and the VSPA are built on **mutual respect, transparency, and ethical care**. We ask that all adopters, fosterers, and caregivers:

- Communicate clearly and respectfully
- Honor commitments made during the adoption or foster process
- Report any concerns or misconduct promptly

Stay safe, stay kind, and thank you for being part of a network that protects and uplifts our animal companions. For questions or concerns, please contact the VSPA Management Team at any time.