



Thank you for your interest in fostering a dog for Foster 2 Home. The purpose of a foster home is to provide temporary care and access for Dogs in need of a loving environment until a suitable permanent home is found.

Please read, complete, initial and sign the following agreement.

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between Foster 2 Home (hereinafter called "F2H"), and _____ (hereinafter called "the Caregiver") in regards to the dog described below (hereinafter called "the Foster"):

F2H's Dog Name: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Neutered/Spayed? ____ Yes ____ No

Description (color, markings, etc.): _____

Notice: This agreement applies to all Foster dogs that a Caregiver will foster in the future.

By consenting to foster and signing this agreement, the Caregiver agrees to:

- Foster 2 Home's Web site lists some of the guidelines - www.foster2home.org
- Be available to provide love, care, and attention to the Foster.
- Provide adequate food, water, shelter, and humane treatment for the Foster at all times.
- Treat your Foster as a member of the family.
- Socialize with your Foster. Many of these dogs are scared after all they've been through. Socializing helps them be more adoptable.
 - However, I will limit introducing my Foster to family members (human, canine, feline or others), guests and potential new owners for the first 7 days while they adjust after any stress they've recently dealt with.
- Do not alter the appearance of the Foster without permission of F2H. (Bathing and grooming being the exception)
- Do not change the F2H given name of the Foster.
- Contact F2H before seeking any veterinary care. F2H will not arrange or pay for any non-emergency veterinary care without prior approval from F2H.
- Follow all oral and/or written instructions from F2H, including special medical instructions, providing transportation for approved medical care and transportation to adoption events.
- Learn about the Foster animal (their preferences, dislikes, etc.) to provide F2H with details they might not otherwise know. This will aid F2H in finding the best possible fit for their forever home.
- Take photos and videos of the Foster so F2H can share those with potential adopters and post on their social media. Bios written in the 1st person are the cutest and most appreciated. Dog adoptions have become a marketing experience, so please let us know if you need assistance writing your Foster's bio.
- Immediately notify F2H if the Foster goes missing, becomes sick, injured or has any significant changes to their health or behavior.
- Return the Foster to F2H as requested for medical care, vaccines, tests, and any visits with potential adopters.

- The Caregiver understands this animal is the property of F2H (the Foster is a temporary owner and agrees not to give, sell, or surrender the Foster to anyone other than F2H.)
- The Caregiver agrees to keep their Foster separate from their animals for a minimum of 1 week. If the Caregiver does otherwise, and harm comes to the Foster, the Caregiver will be responsible financially for any injury to either F2H's Foster or the Caregiver's own animals.
 - After one week, the Caregiver will attach a lead on all dogs to aid in their meeting. If they are introduced properly, it will be a success.
 - F2H will provide kennels or baby gates for this acclimation period. No Foster is to be tethered outdoors (No Exceptions).
- The Caregiver will ensure their own dogs are up to date on their vetting (including Bordetella). F2H will not be responsible if the Foster contracts kennel cough due to the Caregiver's dogs not being up to date on their vaccinations.
- The Foster must never be left in a car.
- F2H will provide all basic needs for the Caregiver's Foster.
 - If a Caregiver chooses to purchase non-basic needs for their Foster, they will not be reimbursed.
 - If no food is available, a Caregiver will be reimbursed up to \$40/month (with receipts).
 - Specific brands of wet or dry food can not be guaranteed.
- If a homeowner, the Caregiver is required to maintain homeowner's insurance. In the case of any incident's with the Foster, the homeowner's insurance will be the first line of defense.
- **Upon request, the Caregiver must return the Foster to F2H at any time.**

Having read and agreed to the guidelines in this contract. I understand and agree to comply with all the Shelter's policies as a Caregiver and that non-compliance with any of the above guidelines will result in the immediate return of any Foster in my care. By signing this agreement I also certify that I have not been convicted of any animal cruelty or mistreatment of an animal in the State of Illinois or any other state.

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Adoption Shows

As a Foster Caregiver, it is imperative that you bring the Foster to all adoption shows. If the Foster is not there, the potential adopter will look elsewhere to adopt. Many of the potential adopters will arrive at the show early, expecting to see the available dogs.

We understand there are prior obligations for our volunteers; reach out immediately to F2H if you need assistance getting your Foster to a show. If it becomes a regular occurrence where the Caregiver and Foster are not at the shows, or are late or unable to stay for the entire show, we reserve the right to dissolve your Caregiver status and F2H will take the Foster back.

Guidelines for Adoption Shows

- Have the Foster at each show, on time and for the full event.
- It is your role to talk about your Foster to potential adopters.

- Make sure to listen to potential adopters too (listen for flags that may indicate they aren't a good fit for your Foster)
- It is our job to find our Fosters' forever homes. At the shows, be present.
 - Do not use it as social time to catch up with other volunteers.
 - Do not turn chairs away from the public, Caregivers need to be open to communicating with potential adopters about their Foster.
 - Watch for and report potential dangerous situations to F2H.
 - Clean up after your Foster if they make a mess on the floor. There are stations located all around the store.
- Do not let a potential adopter walk the Foster without an escort. Foster's have been stolen in the past, they need to always be within F2H's sight.
- Direct all potential adopters to the website, www.foster2home.org, or the Procedures to Adopt informational flyer.

Adoption Shows Information TBD

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Potential Adoption Requests

When receiving inquiries via email to adopt the Foster, responses must take place within 24 hours

- Fast communication is vital so we do not lose a potential adoption for your Foster.
- If you need assistance managing inquiries, contact F2H for help.
- Direct potential fosters to F2H's website to fill out an application www.foster2home.org
 - Guidelines to adopt and adoption fees are addressed on the website.

If after communicating with a potential adopter and you feel your Foster may not be the right fit for that adopter, suggest one of the other foster dogs. Questions can be directed to F2H.

If the adopter would prefer a puppy:

- They must have a person available at home to train
- All dogs under 2 years must be enrolled in an approved training class at the adopter's expense, within 60 days of adoption.

F2H condemns inviting potential adopters to the Caregiver's home to meet your Foster dog, no exceptions. All meets must take place at adoption shows. All individuals living in a potential adopters home must come to meet the Foster. If this isn't a possibility, please speak with F2H.

All potential adopters must meet with Cathy @ F2H before a final adoption decision will be made.

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Social Media Code of Conduct

As we all work very hard to conduct F2H in a professional manner, abiding by positive ethics is vital to all.

- Use common sense when posting on yours or F2H's social media.
- We will delete or block any inflammatory or negative attacks to F2H.
- Show respect and support to each other on social media.
- If you have a comment or suggestion for our social media sites, let F2H know.

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Foster Health Care Requirements

Medication for Foster's will be dispersed at the 1st Saturday show of the month. This includes:

- Heart Worm preventative
 - If a Foster does not attend the Adoption shows to receive their preventative, and tests HW+, F2H is not responsible for paying for their treatment.
- Flea Medication
- Puppy Vaccinations
- Additional meds as needed

A Caregiver will immediately notify F2H of any health problems or if there are any changes in the condition of their Foster (includes medical, behavioral or physical).

All medical needs must be brought to F2H's attention first, and then taken to a F2H approved vet after F2H has been notified and approves the Foster receive medical care.

Caregiver's must be proactive in providing medical care for their Foster and staying current with treatment for any health issues.

The Caregiver must notify F2H immediately if an unspayed female Foster goes into heat. The Caregiver, under the direction of F2H, will have the Foster neutered/spayed at an agreed upon date and vet, and will care for their Foster's needs after the surgery. If any complications occur from the surgery, the Caregiver will notify F2H. At the time of the Foster being spayed/neutered, other vet treatments may be done, such as rabies vaccination and HW test. Each F2H network vet will only what has been approved by F2H's instructions. All paperwork regarding the vet appointment will be faxed to F2H, the Caregiver is not responsible for taking any paperwork with them.

Important: F2H will not pay for any unplanned vet visits. Always contact F2H for approval before taking the Foster to the vet.

Caregivers are responsible for ensuring their Foster is cleaned including being bathed, ears clean (no plucking) and nails cut before the Foster is placed with their adoptive family. A \$40 allowance is allowed for professional grooming at a F2H network groomer, if necessary.

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Caregiver Adopting the Foster

A Caregiver adopting their Foster is discouraged, especially if it's the Caregiver's 1st Foster:

- If a Caregiver wishes to adopt their Foster, don't 'try' out a highly adoptable dog. It's more work for F2H and unfair to others/prospective adopters.
- If there is a special needs Foster, F2H will decide if Foster 2 Adopt is necessary.
- F2H's mission is to rescue and save dogs. By agreeing to be a Caregiver, you're helping F2H with that mission being part of the Caregiver base. This isn't possible if a Caregiver signs up to foster, adopts their 1st Foster dog, and drops out of being a Caregiver for other potential Fosters.

We do understand Foster failures happen and Caregivers want to adopt their Foster. This will only be considered if the Caregiver has fostered at least 2 Foster dogs.

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Temporary Need to Move or Pull Foster

- Caregivers can not release their Foster to another Foster home without approval from F2H.
- No nights away from the Caregiver's home are permitted without permission from F2H.
 - Ex: If Caregiver is going on vacation, a Foster can not be given to a friend or family member to be cared for without F2H's permission.
 - A Foster will never be approved to be taken to a boarding kennel.
 - In home dog sitters will be permitted, as long as the Caregiver provides F2H with that sitter's contact information.
- F2H must always be aware of where the Foster dog is located and who is caring for them.
- If a Caregiver can no longer provide a home for their Foster, they must immediately notify F2H and give F2H ample time to locate another Caregiver who can take the Foster. The current Caregiver will be responsible for transporting the Foster to their new residence.
- F2H is authorized to examine and make inquiries regarding the Foster at any time.
 - If determined that the Foster's condition or care is unfavorable, the Caregiver will be instructed to return the Foster to F2H, along with any supplies that have been loaned.
- If a Caregiver is no longer able to foster, they will return the Foster, along with all supplies loaned, back to F2H.
 - Supplies belonging to F2H must be returned within 1 week, or a bill will be generated for the Caregiver to cover the cost of the supplies.
 - A supply checklist is kept on hand with F2H. If any supplies are broken, bring it to the attention of F2H at the time of drop off.

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My Foster is Being Adopted, Now What?

- Caregivers can not release their Foster any home until the Adoption Application and Contract has been completed and signed, and the permanent home has been approved by F2H.
- Caregivers must contact F2H when the right adopter for their Foster has been found.
 - F2H's team will check references and complete a thorough home visit. Process estimated to

take 1 week. F2H will inform Caregiver when approval is given, and then Caregiver can inform Adoptive family of the approval.

- Timeline will be as follows: Adoptive family meets Foster at Show 1, application submitted and approved, Adoptive family attends Show 2 and adopts Foster.
- Fosters can not be held or adoption delayed for more than 2 weeks.
- If a potential Adopter is not approved, the Caregiver will be informed, but F2H will contact the potential adopter to let them know the situation isn't favorable for the Foster.
 - Potential adopters are advised via the guidelines not to promise children, or purchase items for the pending adoption, until the process is completed. This is in everyone's best interest, including the Foster.
- All Adoption fees are Cash only (no Checks, Debit or Credit are accepted).

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F2H Contact Information

TBD

Caregiver and Foster Information

Foster Information

Dog Name	
Intake Date	
F2H ID # Dog Gender	
Color	
Approx. Age	
Weight	
Spayed/Neutered	
Microchipped	
Microchip #	
Special Needs or instructions noted on arrival	
Date Placed into Foster care	

Caregiver Information

First Name	
Last Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Work Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Mobile Phone Number	
Email Address	
Best time to contact Caregiver	
Interested in other rescue opportunities?	

F2H Items Loaned

Items Loaned

Kennel & Size _____

Prong Collar _____

Bed _____

Shampoo _____

Other _____

Value _____

The Caregiver agrees to be responsible with the return all loaned items and in good and clean condition or a bill will be issued for their used value. It is easiest for all to be returned at the time of your foster's adoption IF you are no longer able to foster. All items will be checked for damage.

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Hold Harmless Clause. This section requires a separate signature.

► I understand and agree that Foster 2 Home, Inc. makes no express or implied warranty, representation or promise relating to my ability to obtain or maintain insurance for any personal injury or property damage caused by the animal. I understand that such liability insurance may be unavailable or denied.

I understand and agree that Foster 2 Home, Inc. makes no express or implied warranty, representation or promise as to the age, health, breed, habits, disposition or safety of the animal. I do hereby, fully and forever release, acquit and discharge Foster 2 Home, their insurers and agents (collectively the "Released Parties"), from any and all manner of action and actions, suits, debts, claims, liabilities, controversies, damages, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, and demands of any nature whatsoever, whether compensatory or punitive in nature, including, but not limited to, any liability for personal injury or property damage caused by the animal to another animal or person, illness to the animal, or illness or parasite transmitted by the animal to another animal or person. I further promise and agree to indemnify the Released Parties against any and all liability incurred by the Released Parties, including, but not limited to, all judgments, settlements, penalties, forfeitures, fines, costs, expenses and actual attorneys' fees, that arise out of or relate to my adoption or ownership of the animal.

I further understand if I do not adhere to these terms, if I have misrepresented myself, or if I have fostered the animal under false pretenses, Foster 2 Home, Inc. may reclaim this animal and I will be responsible for all costs associated with this return including, including court and attorney fees, but not limited to transportation costs and veterinary costs any and all legal costs (ie: Attorney Fees, Court Filing Fees etc.) and that for purpose of the law I am the "temporary owner" of the dog while it is in my care. In the case of an incident my homeowner's policy is the first line of defense.

If F2H has determined I may no longer foster for their organization, I must relinquish the foster or pay any and all legal fees incurred to return the foster dog to Foster 2 Home.

I agree to the above terms

Caregiver Signature

Date

► I have been made aware that I should not take this dog into any public area outside of my home or when I have company in my home I will restrict access to my foster dog for a **minimum of 1 week** in order to allow the dog sufficient time to bond with the family and learn the home routine. I further understand that the dog should have the same restrictions anytime that a medical procedure is performed.

Caregiver Signature

Date

► I further acknowledge the Foster 2 Home contract contains information **forbidding** a foster dog from being taken to a home visit at any time and that the dog will not be taken anywhere during any recovery period for a medical procedure. I have read and agree to terms provided here.

Caregiver Signature**Date**

► This contract remains active for all dogs you foster. Please read and fill out completely. Any questions, please contact Foster Care Director.

Caregiver Signature

Foster 2 Adopt

Certain Dogs will qualify for the Foster 2 Adopt Program. Extra time is needed for some of them, and the fosters interested in helping them. A Foster can only be part of this program if F2H approves.

Foster 2 Adopt Dog Name: _____

Foster Family: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ZipCode _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell : _____

Email Address: _____

Length of Foster: _____

Down Payment received: _____

Date Foster begins: _____

Date Foster ends: _____