



VALLEY ANIMAL HAVEN

Foster Contract

Name of foster parent: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #() _____

E-mail: _____

The aforementioned person shall hereinafter be referred to as "I" or the "foster parent." Valley Animal Haven shall hereinafter be referred to as "VAH"

Any animal offered for foster care is the sole property of VAH and has been surrendered as such by prior owners or animal care facilities. To the best of VAH's knowledge a foster animal is not the owned property of another person. However, VAH 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 VAH. VAH cannot, and does not, make any guarantees as to the health, temperament, mental disposition, or training of the foster animal. VAH 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 Valley Animal Haven for a limited period of time. I understand that I am acting as a temporary custodian of any and all animals fostered for VAH, and that VAH 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 VAH when the foster animal needs to be groomed and arrangements will be made. I will request VAH's permission to groom the dog myself (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 24 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 VAH immediately if the dog becomes ill or injured, and that I must have authorization from a representative of VAH 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 VAH representative.**
- **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 never breed the foster animal if he/she has not been spayed or neutered due to age or for health reasons while in my care. I will comply with all of the terms and conditions of the spay/neuter agreement.**
- **I will not euthanize the foster. I will notify VAH immediately upon the death of the foster animal. I understand that VAH will make arrangements for proper disposal of the body.**

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 VAH 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.**

Safety

- I will advise VAH immediately if I plan to change my address and/or phone number. I will request VAH's 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 VAH foster animal can be housed there.
- I will advise VAH 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

- I will advise VAH regularly as to the condition and adjustment of the foster animal. I will allow a VAH representative to visit my home 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 if deemed necessary.

Transfer of Ownership

- I understand that I am acting as a temporary custodian of any and all animals fostered for VAH, and that VAH remains the lawful owner of the foster animal. I will surrender the foster animal to a VAH representative within 48 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 VAH, I understand that VAH 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 VAH 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 VAH makes the final decision regarding the adoption of this animal, which is based on the best interest of the animal.

Return

- If I am no longer able to foster the animal, I will contact VAH immediately. Arrangements will be made within 48 hours for a VAH representative to reclaim the foster animal.

Liability

- I understand that VAH 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 VAH, 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 VAH 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 VAH 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 VAH.

Spay/Neuter Agreement

- I will never breed an animal fostered for VAH 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 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 VAH 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 understand that VAH 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.

Printed name of foster parent

Signature of foster parent

Date _____

Valley Animal Haven Director

Date _____