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Funds for Furry Friends

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FOSTER HOME TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Funds for Furry Friends Terms of Agreement

The following document outlines the terms of agreement and processes involved when fostering a dog through Funds for Furry Friends (FFF).

THE FOSTER ENVIRONMENT

Funds for Furry Friends operates primarily with the assistance of foster homes. While we occasionally board dogs, foster homes are a preference as they allow the dog available for adoption to adjust to a home environment, allowing the animal to learn, live and play in a home environment. Foster homes also provide a more accurate means of assessing the rescue animals, and foster families assist in providing information on each dog as an individual. This is done on a volunteer basis, and Fund for Furry Friends does not expect any home to extend their efforts beyond what they are willing to offer. Regular updates and new photos are required and expected from the foster home to help promote their foster dog for adoption.

CHOOSING TO FOSTER

We understand that not all foster homes are able to accommodate every breed, type and personality. We request that anyone interested in fostering provide us with information, which includes what types of dogs they are willing to foster. Specifications including size, age, and temperament you are willing to work with are carefully considered, and information including the number and ages of children and other pets in your home will assist us in selecting a dog that will work for you. **Please note: fostering is intended as temporary care for dogs seeking homes and is not a way to take a dog on trial while you consider adoption! We offer a trial period with our adoptions so if you are wishing to foster a specific dog with the intent to adopt, please apply for the dog.** If there are any changes to the types, sizes or issues you are willing to work with in a foster dog, please notify us as soon as possible.

ADOPTING A FOSTER DOG

We do realize that foster homes sometimes get attached and want to apply to adopt their foster dogs. ALL dogs in rescue must be put up on the website when they come into rescue, and all dogs are open to applicants. If you are interested in adopting a dog that you are fostering, you must fill out the adoption paperwork and apply for the dog. Preference is always given to our foster homes, but we will not bump an interested applicant if we are notified *after* applications from another party are received. If you would like to adopt your foster dog, please let us know. *Please note: long term foster homes may be granted special privileges in this area.*

RESCUE POLICY

The rescue only adopts to homes that have altered and vaccinated animals. This also applies to our foster homes, and we can not use a foster home that does not meet our base adoption requirements. This includes ALL cats and dogs in the care of the foster home. In signing this document, you acknowledge that your pets are spayed or neutered and current with their vaccines.

DONATIONS

Funds for Furry Friends covers the costs associated with our dogs and cats in foster care. If a foster home wishes to purchase food, toys, etc. for an animal remaining in their care, Funds for Furry Friends would be pleased to provide an income tax receipt for any donated items, so be sure to keep your receipts. If you have any questions about donations, please contact our Chief Financial Officer at 204-725-7221.

EQUIPMENT

Dogs are always accompanied by a collar and leash, which will remain with them when they are adopted. Additional items, such as kennels or crates, food dishes, tie-outs, baby gates and other such equipment will be lent out to foster homes on an as-needed basis. Equipment will remain the responsibility of the foster home while it remains in their possession, and it is expected to be used for the purpose it is intended. Damages caused by misuse will be the responsibility of the foster home. No foster home will be held liable for damages caused by proper equipment use, and damages incurred by chewing, scratching, etc. are expected. Kennels or crates, dishes, and other items should be rinsed clean of dog hair, feces, urine and dirt upon return to the rescue.

FOOD

While some of our foster homes provide food for the dogs in their care, Funds for Furry Friends is happy to supply food for the pets on an as needed basis. Fund for Furry Friends can also provide treats and chews on an as needed basis.

VET CARE

Funds for Furry Friends assumes responsibility for vet care as needed for the dogs in the care of our foster homes. While foster families are often willing to drive their foster dog to and from the vet clinic for an appointment, we are willing to assist if needed. Vet care must be approved by Funds for Furry Friends, and vet appointments *will be made directly by one of the directors of the rescue* to ensure all billing is placed on our account and to maintain proper records of any health concerns with any of the dogs in our care. Please report any health concerns to us, regardless of how small. Please remember that animals in your care belong to the rescue, and absolutely no medications, supplements, treatments or procedures may be performed or provided to the animal in your care without approval from one of the rescue directors. If you have any concerns about a dog in foster care, and suspect the dog may need to see a veterinarian, please don't hesitate to contact any of the rescue directors. Should you have an emergency, and are unable to reach ANY of the directors, please contact Grand Valley Animal Clinic, during working or after hours, at 204-728-0033 or the after-hours vet on call and follow the direct advice of a licensed *veterinarian*. Foster homes must agree to not seek council regarding our animals from friends (even if they have animal experience, such as a breeder) and understand that advice regarding Funds for Furry Friends animals must be obtained from a rescue director or directly from a licensed veterinarian.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have agreed to work with a special needs animal, additional concerns and risks are assumed by the foster home. Special need cases can range from fear aggression to disabilities. Medication will be supplied at the expense of Funds for Furry Friends for any animal with an on-going medical condition that requires treatment. Foster homes accepting such a dog will be expected to administer the treatments according to the vet recommendations. Funds for Furry Friends may also cover the costs of obedience classes or special equipment needed for the dogs with special issues. Special need expenses will be decided by Funds for Furry Friends on a case-by-case basis.

THE ADOPTION OF YOUR FOSTER DOG

Applications for adoption must be done through a representative of Funds for Furry Friends, and foster homes are not authorized to approve adoptions. If there is an inquiry about a dog in your care, a representative will pre-screen applicants prior to providing them with your contact information. They will then contact you and arrangements for them to meet your foster can be made at an agreeable date and time for both of you. If they wish to adopt your foster dog, they must fill out an adoption form and sign a copy of our terms of agreement prior to taking the animal home. Adoption paperwork is provided to potential adopters through a representative of the rescue. The adoption fee is also required prior to taking the animal home. All adult dogs MUST be spayed or neutered before they leave. If you have a friend, relative or acquaintance interested in adopting your dog, they must follow the proper adoption procedures *prior to the animal leaving your care.* **Unless you have been advised that the dog can leave your home with a person coming to visit, do not allow visitors to remove the animal you are fostering from your home.** If you are, for any reason, uncomfortable with an adopter after speaking with them on the phone, you are under no obligation to invite them to your home. Please contact us with any concerns about a potential adopter for the dog you are fostering. While the decision ultimately remains the choice of the rescue directors, we do care about the opinions of our foster homes and will consider any objections brought forth by any of our foster homes.

FOSTER DOG CARE

Foster homes are requested to provide as much information as possible regarding the types of issues they are willing to work with. As much information as possible will be provided about the foster dog to the foster home, and any issue we are aware of will be explained. Foster homes are provided on a volunteer basis and *foster homes can refuse to work with any dog for any reason.* Funds for Furry Friends may not always be aware of issues a dog has when coming into rescue, as cases exist where owner surrendered dogs come with misinformation or no information at all. Any concerns will be clearly explained prior to the animal going into foster care; however, Funds for Furry Friends wishes to make clear that these animals may respond differently in different environments, with different animals and people and the foster home does assume some risk when agreeing to take a rescued dog into their care. While most of the animals are very sweet natured and very few problems arise, we feel it necessary to point out that personality conflicts and reactions to different surroundings are not always predictable with live animals, and fostering is done at the risk of the foster home. The foster home also assumes the risk of accidents occurring within their home, and agrees to provide proper supervision of the foster animal. If a foster home wishes to discontinue working with a dog for any reason, Funds for Furry Friends will place the dog in a new foster home with the urgency expressed by the foster home. Fostering is done on a volunteer basis, and we fully understand that some dogs or cats do not work with some families. We will do our best to screen our animals prior to requesting assistance from any foster home, and ask that foster homes please notify us of any issues, sizes, ages or personalities they are unwilling to work with.

VACATION

Funds for Furry Friends will assume responsibility for any arrangements that need to be made for a foster dog in your care if you have plans to go away. If a foster home is going away for a weekend and has arranged for a pet sitter for their own pets and the foster, this is completely acceptable and very helpful to us. Please notify the rescue if the dog in your care will be with a pet sitter. However, Funds for Furry Friends does not expect foster homes to assume this responsibility and we will gladly make any arrangements as needed. During peak seasons for the boarding kennels, arrangements must be made with enough advance notice, especially during long weekend and holiday seasons as boarding spaces can fill quickly.

OBLIGATIONS

All dogs and cats residing in foster care are the legal property of Funds for Furry Friends. Funds for Furry Friends both legally and explicitly own each of the animals placed in foster homes. Dogs and cats may not be surrendered to any other facility or euthanized by any foster home, for any reason. Any problems, problematic behaviour or health concerns are to be reported to a representative of Funds for Furry Friends without hesitation, both to assist in keeping our records on the animals up-to-date, and to avoid any problems for the foster home. In the event a foster home is no longer willing to work with an animal in their care, the foster home must contact the rescue immediately.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

In the event of an emergency, day or night, please contact Jackie Sage 204-761-3703 or Melissa Peters 204-573-4907 or D'Arcy Barker 204-725-7221.

PRIVACY POLICY

Throughout your dealings with Funds for Furry Friends, information provided on your foster home application will be kept on record. This information will not be used in any solicitation and will not be provided to any organization outside of our rescue. If you have any concerns with any personal information being kept on file, please email adoptions@fundfurfriends.com

I, _____ understand the terms of agreement outlined in this document, and by providing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms as outlined by Funds for Furry Friends. I understand that Funds for Furry Friends can not, and does not make any guarantees as to the health, temperament, mental disposition, and training of the dog. I hereby foster the dog at my own risk. I fully and completely release Funds for Furry Friends, its directors and volunteers, from any and all claims and liability, including, but not limited to, any defects or illnesses the dog may have or develop, and for any injury or damage to persons, property, or other household pets, which may be caused by the dog. I further agree to indemnify and hold Funds for Furry Friends 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 dog. My signature also provides verification that I have retained a copy of these terms of agreement for my own records.

Foster Parent's Signature

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Date

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