

FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION PET FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

This Foster Care Agreement is entered into between FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION (the "Charity/we/us"), an Ohio non-profit corporation, and the undersigned (the "Foster Parent," "Foster" or "you"). In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the Charity and Foster agree to the following terms and conditions, intending to be legally bound.

1. THE PET(S)

With your agreement, FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION will periodically entrust pet(s) to you for temporary boarding and foster care until they are adopted into permanent homes or returned to us as provided in Paragraph 8 below. At the time of delivery, you will be given the case number(s) and names and dates of birth, and other background information, if known. If names are not assigned, you agree to work with the Foster Coordinator/Mentor to assign unique names to each pet **within 24 hours of arrival**.

2. FOSTER CARE RESPONSIBILITIES

You agree to

- provide wholesome food, water and clean litter pans on a daily basis (bottle feed, if necessary)
- provide a warm, safe place inside your home, separate from other household pets or fosters. **Note:** All resident pets must be up-to-date with vaccinations. Foster pets must be kept separate from other pets until they have had at least two FVRCP vaccinations (at least 3 weeks apart) and otherwise appear healthy.
- monitor the general health and progress of the pet, **including the weight of the cats/dogs at least monthly or whenever there is a question of an unusual weight loss or gain, and monitor kitten/puppy weights daily until they are at least 6 weeks old**
- bring the pets to vet appointments, as needed
- administer medicines, if necessary
- **NOT** show the pets to potential adopters, bring them to adoption events/centers or expose them unnecessarily to other animals until they have had at least two FVRCP vaccinations, deemed to be healthy enough to be adoptable, and are at least 8 weeks old and ready to be spayed or neutered.
- **transport** the pet(s) the vet and adoption centers and/or make arrangements for potential adopters to meet the pets, as soon as they are ready for adoption.
- **socialize** and play with the pet(s) on a daily basis.
- **keep cats indoors** (even if the cat was formerly an outdoor cat).

3. VETERINARY CARE

- FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION agrees to pay all veterinary treatment costs that may be incurred during the foster care period *provided that the treatment is pre-approved by the Authorization Team, Foster Coordinator or President*.
- In case of emergencies when you have tried but cannot reach an approver, pre-approval is not necessary. However, you must use your best judgement in the matter, continue to try to contact the authorized approvers, and if payment is absolutely necessary before you reach someone, you must provide receipts for any requested reimbursement.
- Unless otherwise instructed, you will use Able Animal Hospital, 5341 State Rd., Parma, Ohio 44134 (216-749-6990). After after-hour emergencies use West Park and have them contact the President or Adoption Team Leader for required credit card deposit.

4. GENERAL CARE SCHEDULE

The following is a general schedule for medical care for our pets.

- Kittens may receive their first FVRCP vax as early as 5 weeks old, and boosters every 3-4 weeks after that until the kitten is over 16 weeks old.
- The rabies vaccination and microchip are usually administered when the cat is spayed or neutered. **Note:** The cat must be at least 12 – 16 weeks old to receive the rabies shot.
- Kittens/cats should be dewormed. Generally, they are given Anthelban or Revolution on intake. If not, please contact the Foster Coordinator or Medical Team for deworming.
- Kittens can be spayed or neutered at 3 pounds or whenever recommended by the vet.
- Previously unvaccinated adults generally require **two** FVRCP vaccinations, 3-4 weeks apart, preferably by the FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION vaccination team. The rabies vax and microchip are administered by the vet when the cat is spayed/neutered, or on the first vet visit, if age appropriate.
- All post-adoption vaccinations (including rabies) and boosters are the responsibility of the adopters.

IMPORTANT: Call the Adoption or Foster Team Leaders to determine when and where to schedule appointments and obtain the required approvals.

5. FOSTER TEAM UPDATES

You agree to contact the Foster Team Leader and/or your Foster Mentor **as soon as possible**

- to advise of any emergencies involving the pets
- for pre-approval for non-emergency vet care, and
- for vacation/out-of-town coverage

IMPORTANT: If you are going on vacation or out of town, make advance arrangements with the Foster Coordinator to have someone else take care of the cats while you are away. NEVER leave kittens alone, even if someone is coming in to feed them daily.

In addition, you agree to update the Adoption Team **on a weekly basis** to advise of the pets' progress, condition, and/or readiness and availability for adoption.

6. COSTS AND EXPENSES

Forever Friends Foundation will provide supplies if you cannot. If you do want to provide supplies we will write you a Donation receipt provided you supply us with the receipts for the supplies. You are providing foster care as a volunteer, at no charge to FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION. You should maintain receipts if you plan claim these expenses on your tax return.

Note: FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION often receives donations of food, litter, bedding and toys. These donations are stored and are available to be used by the foster home. Please do not request specific food or litter unless medically necessary. We shop prices to ensure that we get the least expensive prices as possible. Please treat these materials as if you were paying for them. Please contact the Foster Coordinator or Office Manager for more information.

7. CAGES AND CARRIERS

FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION will temporarily provide you with the cages, carriers, scales and other equipment for use in providing foster care. You agree to return these items in good, clean condition (subject to normal wear and tear).

8. RETURNING CATS OR MOVING CATS TO ANOTHER FOSTER LOCATION

You agree to contact the FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION Foster Coordinator immediately, by phone, in the event that you are no longer able or willing to provide foster care to any or all of the pets. You will continue to care for the pets for a reasonable period until we are able to determine another location for the cats. **You may not entrust the care of the cats to any other person, including another foster volunteer, or relocate the cats without prior authorization from the Foster Coordinator.**

9. ADOPTION BY FOSTER

In the event that you wish to adopt any or all of the pets as household pets for yourself, you must complete the Adoption Application and Adoption Agreement. You must also pay the required fees. Discounts or waived fees may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

10. FOSTERING FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR CO-MINGLING PERSONAL PETS

As a FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION foster home, you agree that you will NOT foster or temporarily care for ANY pets that are *not* FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION pets. Further, you agree that you will maintain adequate separation of your personal pets to reduce any health risks to any of the animals and you understand that by co-mingling your owned animal(s) with FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION animal(s) there is a risk of illness or injury to your owned animal(s), for which you are responsible. For more information about separation requirements, see the Foster Coordinator.

11. LIABILITY

You are not liable to FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION for any injuries to, illness or disappearance of the pets in your care. FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION is not liable for any bodily injury or property damage, losses, or injuries or illnesses whatsoever caused by the actions, behavior, or health of the foster pets, or arising out of the foster care.

EXCEPTION: The foster parent or FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION will be held liable only if such damage, losses or injuries are caused by gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

SIGNATURES

By signing this agreement, you confirm that you have read and agree to abide by the FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION general policies and the foster policies described here and in the *FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION Foster Care Manual*. **You also agree that these terms apply to all current and future pets in your foster care. We also want to make sure you are on Facebook so we can communicate with you. Please confirm ____Y____N.**

Foster Name
Name

FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION Representative

Foster Signature
Signature

FOREVER FRIENDS FOUNDATION Representative

Date

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