

# *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue*

## **Foster Agreement**

Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that I will not sell, surrender to a shelter or other rescue of the dog being fostered.

I understand and agree that I am responsible for the safety of each dog that comes into my care, for the safety of other dogs and people the dog comes into contact with.

I agree to provide adequate food, clean water and comfortable bedding and adequate space to accommodate the dog.

I agree to keep the dog on a leash at all times when outside of my home and never left unattended in public areas.

I agree to provide a safe, fully enclosed area at all times which prevents the dog from escaping or any other animal obtaining access to them.

I agree that during trial, the dog under my care will NOT be allowed to go to any dog parks or run or play offleash in other public areas during the duration of the foster arrangement..

I/We understand that even if this animal has been housed with dogs in its foster home, that *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* cannot guarantee that the behavior with the new dog(s) will be the same. Please use caution when introducing a new dog and do the introduction slowly over a period of a few weeks, keeping the dog on a leash. If you need assistance. please do not hesitate to contact *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* representative.

I agree the dog on a trial adoption remains the property of *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue*. And as such, I agree that *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* has the right to seize the dog should they become aware of any situation that would be in contrary to the Animal Care and Protection Act, or any other legal requirement or when in the best interest of the dog.

I agree to immediately notify *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* in the event that a foster dog goes missing or is injured.

I understand that if at any time the animal needs to see a veterinarian, it has to be at an *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* approved veterinarian. I understand that if I choose to go to a vet of my choosing, I may be responsible for most of the bill.

**Protocol With Children**

- I understand that whenever a child is in the house with a dog, the child is at risk of being accidentally knocked over, scratched, or bitten, etc.
- Do NOT under any circumstances leave a child unattended with any dog.
- Do not leave bones/toys around the house when children are present and be cautious and observant when children are eating and the dog is in the room.
- If there is a child in the household under the age of 5, the dog must be in a crate or in a separate room when the dog is eating or sleeping to prevent accidents.
- Children under the age of 13 will not walk the dog unless supervised by an adult.
- I, the Foster Care Provider named above, understand that A Girl’s Best Friend Rescue and its volunteers cannot guarantee actions or disposition of any fostered dog placed into Foster care with me. I understand that although reasonable effort has been made to assess the disposition of each dog released to A Girl’s Best Friend Rescue beforehand but, being living animals, they may act unpredictably in any given situation, and that I must take necessary precautions to prevent accidents and guard against unpredicted actions by any fostered dog in my care.**

**By signing this application, I understand and agree to the terms of the Foster Agreement.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**We are so excited to welcome you to the A Girl’s Best Friend Family. On behalf of the dogs still waiting for a chance at life, THANK YOU!**

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND RESCUE'S FOSTER POLICIES:**

***Veterinary Care Policy:*** As a donation-based rescue, we provide veterinary care for conditions that appear to be serious or life threatening that we deem is ethically necessary. To determine whether treatment is ethically necessary, *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* reserves the right to make all decisions regarding whether a condition is considered life threatening and/ or ethically necessary. Foster families who disagree with the decisions of our directors always have the option of paying medical expenses themselves. For minor conditions that are not life threatening, we may allow the dog to recover on their own before seeking veterinary care. Please keep in mind that many shelter animals come to us with kennel cough or skin irritations and are already on medication. All dogs will be vaccinated, dewormed, flea treated, and all dogs over 5 months will be spayed/neutered at *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue's* expense.

***Off-Leash Policy:*** *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* has a strict policy that rescue dogs may not be let off-leash in an unfenced area during the duration of the foster arrangement, or brought to dog parks.

***Animal Return Policy:*** If you feel the need to return your foster dog, *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* will immediately try to make arrangements to transfer your dog to a different foster. However, we cannot guarantee that this transfer will take place within a certain amount of time – it may take us time to make arrangements. If adopters return your foster dog within the first six days, we kindly ask you receive the dog back into your care. However, if you have informed us ahead of time that you must stop fostering on a particular date, we will absolutely accommodate.

***Release of Liability:*** *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* makes every effort to communicate breed, age, health and behavior information about each rescue animal. We often rely on the health and behavior evaluations of the shelters before receiving an animal; As a result, we require foster families to release us of all liability resulting from any wrong or incomplete information they may receive about a particular animal. Dogs may also act unpredictably in new environments, new situations, with new people, and when scared/stressed. This is why we suggest the first week or so to not introduce the animal to new people or new animals in the home. When incorporating a dog successfully into your home with other pets, keeping the animals separate in the home, always monitored when together, and going for on-leash pack walks is the best way to integrate animals with one another. Foster families must release *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* of all liability for any injuries or accidents that result from their rescue dog and also accept liability for any incidents that arise out of introductions of rescue animals to third parties. *A Girl's Best Friend Rescue* does not require foster families to socialize dogs with people outside of their immediate family, and any decision to do so must be taken solely at the risk of the foster family.

*By signing the form below, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and are agreeing to the terms and policies stated above.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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