

## Foster Care Agreement Between Pet Owner and Foster Provider

*St. Francis Animal Resource Center is providing this contract as an example. If you plan to use this sample form, we strongly suggest that you review it carefully and have it reviewed by your attorney before using it.*

This agreement made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called "Owner"), and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called "Foster"). Owner is the owner of the animal described below:

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Male    Neutered                       Female    Spayed

Description (color, special markings, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*please provide relevant information for other animals on the back

1. **The initial contract date to foster begins on \_\_\_\_\_ and ends on \_\_\_\_\_.** Should the Owner not reclaim his/her pet(s) by \_\_\_\_\_, or if Owner states in writing to the Foster that s/he no longer desires return of said animal, the pet(s) will be considered permanently relinquished to the Foster. The Owner thereby relinquishes any claim, right, title, or interest in said animal and the animal becomes the property of the Foster. The Foster may exercise complete discretion as to what to do with the animal.
2. The Foster understands that the Owner may request an extension to the contract, but *realizes the request may be denied.*
3. The Foster will return the pet(s) only to the Owner. If the Owner is unable to retrieve his/her pet(s), the Owner will designate a person to take his/her place, and the Owner must notify the Foster beforehand.
4. The Owner will provide the Foster with accurate and honest information concerning the health and temperament of the pet(s). (See Foster Animal Information below.)
5. The Foster agrees to provide adequate food, water, shelter, and humane treatment for the pet at all times. In addition, the Foster agrees to adhere to all state and local animal laws. The Foster agrees to follow all oral and/or written additional instructions from the Owner.
6. The Owner will authorize the Foster to prescribe for, vaccinate, groom, and/or provide basic preventative care for the pet(s). The Owner understands the Foster will determine the acceptable level of care for the pet(s), and will perform any and all procedures the

Foster considers therapeutically and/or diagnostically necessary up to \$\_\_\_\_\_.

The Foster will attempt to contact the owner prior to elective procedures.

7. The Foster agrees not to alter in any way the appearance of the animal being fostered without written permission of the Owner. This includes declawing and cropping of ears or tails.
8. In the event that the pet(s) need(s) special services, medications, or life saving procedures, The Owner understands that the Foster will make reasonable attempts to contact him/her, but may make determinations on what is financially and humanely possible to ensure the health and safety of the pet(s). The pet Owner acknowledges that should medical care and attention for the animal be warranted, the Owner authorizes up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be provided to cover the cost for care. If care exceeds this amount, the Caregiver reserves the right to euthanize the animal. In addition, the Caregiver reserves the right to euthanize the animal should a veterinarian deem the animal's health to be so impaired that to sustain the animal would be inhumane.  
*\*The owner may want to consider providing the foster with cash or a pre-paid credit card for their animal's health care.*
9. The Owner understands the Foster will use all reasonable precautions against injury, escape, or harm to the pet(s).
10. The Owner understands and agrees that if the pet(s) need to be placed in a separate facility or a veterinary office, the Foster will attempt to contact him/her first.
11. If the pet dies or becomes accidentally injured, ill, or lost, the Owner does not hold the Foster responsible and releases the Foster from any claim arising from said injury. In addition, if said animal bites or injures any human or other animal, the Owner will hold harmless and indemnify, and protect the Foster, from any claim or suit filed by anyone as a result of such an incident.
12. The Owner will keep any information concerning the location of the pet(s) confidential unless the owner has been given permission by the Foster to share the information.
13. All contact between the Owner and the Foster should be made directly unless prior arrangements have been made.
14. The Foster has the right to return the pet(s) to the Owner for any reason.
15. The Owner will provide the Foster with at least 48 hours notice if he/she wishes to reclaim the pet(s) prior to the date established on this agreement.
16. The Owner understands it is his or her responsibility to notify the Foster if he/she changes housing. It is not the responsibility of the Foster to locate the Owner when it is time to relocate his/her pet(s). If the Owner changes locations and does not notify the Foster by the contract end, the Owner understands the pet will be considered abandoned and permanently relinquished.
17. This Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties, and there are no oral promises or representations made in addition to this contract and it may only be changed in a writing signed by both the Foster and Owner.

Owner name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Foster name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Foster Animal Information

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Neutered  Female  Spayed

Description (color, special markings, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the pet is a dog, is s/he: *Housetrained* *Paper-trained* *Sometimes has accidents*  
*Not housetrained* *Crate trained*

How was the dog kept confined to your property?

*Fenced area* *Cable/chain* *Not confined*

Does the dog jump fences? \_\_\_\_\_ Height of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_

How much time does the pet spend outdoors each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the pet kept when no one was home? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did the pet sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_ How many hours was the pet left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

How does the pet behave when left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the pet has lived in the same household with: Dogs Cats Birds

Children Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

How did this pet get along with the above family members? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this pet ever injured or killed another animal? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what type of animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe what happened in as much detail as possible on the back of this sheet.**

Circle as many of the following that describe the dog's behaviors and habits:

*Shy*                                      *Affectionate*                                      *Friendly to other animals*                                      *Playful*  
*Outgoing*                                      *Fearful*                                      *Separation anxiety*                                      *Reserved*  
*Friendly to people*                                      *Hyperactive*

This pet does **NOT** like the company of: Small children      Dogs      Cats

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain if any of the above are checked: \_\_\_\_\_

This dog is overly protective of: Family      Toys/treats      Food      Own property

How does this dog react to strangers? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this dog ever: Snapped      Bitten

**(Please provide as much detail about the event as possible in the additional information section.)**

This pet's diet is: Canned      Semi-moist      Dry food      Brand of food: \_\_\_\_\_

Feeding time is: morning      night      throughout the day

Current medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else the foster should know about this pet?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What veterinary clinic has this pet been to for vaccinations and medical care? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide a copy of any medical records or pet records you have on the pet and call the clinic and give the foster access to medical records.*

Additional information: