

Friends of the Conway Animal Shelter (FOCAS) FOSTERING CONTRACT

The purpose of foster care is to allow a dog or cat to live in a home environment while awaiting permanent placement, permitting the Foster Family to evaluate the pet and to work with the pet to re-incorporate him or her back into a home environment. A home environment is less stressful on the pet than a boarding facility or shelter. The exposure the pet gets from being treated as "one of the family" (walks, outings, etc...) often speeds up the adoption process.

FOCAS considers our Foster Families to be essential to the welfare and proper placement of our pets, and wants the experience to be enjoyable and free from misunderstandings. Please note that we have the following guidelines:

The Foster Family will follow all relevant procedures and guidelines of FOCAS regarding the pet placed in the foster home and will not make decisions or take actions regarding the pet's veterinary care or placement without prior approval from FOCAS.

The veterinarians working with FOCAS bill us directly for approved medical services provided to our pets. In the event of an emergency FOCAS will reimburse the foster family for veterinary bills.

The Foster Family will provide the pet with humane care and maintain the pet in accordance with all current state, county and municipal laws and ordinances while the pet resides with the Foster Family.

The Foster Family will provide the pet with necessary exercise and will not keep the pet chained or restrained. FOCAS pets should not be kept as "outside only" pets unless prior approval has been received from FOCAS.

The Foster Family agrees to provide the pet with adequate food, water, shelter, affection, socialization, exercise, medical assistance, and to strive to increase the adoptability of the pet. If assistance with food is needed, FOCAS will provide food upon request.

We realize that everyone has a life and things do come up. Once the dog is in your care as a foster, please call FOCAS. If you need to leave the foster for situations such as road trips, or need an emergency pick up. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT**

FOCAS KNOWS WHERE THE FOSTER DOG IS WHILE IN THE CARE OF THE HOST PARENT.

There is a process to adopt an FOCAS foster dog. If someone approaches you, even if it is close friend or relative, they will need to fill out an application and go through the adoption process. Do not give your foster dog to anyone until the application process is complete.

If the pet cannot be kept by the Foster Family, the Foster Family shall notify FOCAS immediately. The pet SHALL NOT BE SOLD, ABANDONED, RELINQUISHED TO A SHELTER OR POUND OR ANY THIRD PARTY WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF FOCAS.

THE FOSTER FAMILY UNDERSTANDS THAT FOCAS AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE LIMITED INFORMATION REGARDING THE TEMPERAMENT OF THE PET OR ITS HABITS. THE FOSTER FAMILY WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS (THROUGH THE USE OF CRATES, LEASHES, SUPERVISION AND COMMON SENSE) TO ENSURE THE PET DOES NOT RUN LOOSE, BECOME A NUISANCE, DESTROY PROPERTY, INJURE OR BE INJURED BY ANOTHER ANIMAL OR INJURE OR BE INJURED BY ANY PERSON.

The pet is and shall remain the property of FOCAS and may be removed by FOCAS from the Foster Family at any time and without prior notice.

The Foster Family agrees to be courteous, helpful and honest to potential adopters and to fully cooperate in accommodating those who wish to see the pet.

In the event the Foster Family wishes to permanently adopt the pet, an Adoption Contract must be submitted to FOCAS along with the requested adoption fee.

The Foster Family should insure that all of its pets are free of fleas and ticks, and up to date on their vaccinations (including, without limitation, bordatella, parvo, corona, rabies, distemper) prior to bringing the pet into the foster home. Their dogs must also be on current heartworm prevention.

THE FOSTER FAMILY DOES HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS FOCAS, AND ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION CHARGED OR CHARGEABLE WITH LIABILITY TOGETHER WITH THEIR HEIRS, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES, LOSS OF SERVICES, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, BELONGING TO THE FOSTER FAMILY DUE TO ANY ACTION OR OCCURRENCE ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOSTERING OF A PET FOR FOCAS.

BY SUBMITTING A FOSTER HOME APPLICATION YOU HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE FOREGOING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

SIGNATURE _____

FOCAS FOSTER CONTRACT –Part 2

Full Name _____ Email _____
Street Address _____
City, State _____
Zip / Post Code _____
Phone _____

Foster Pet Information

Is there a particular dog is you interested in fostering? _____

Do you have any restrictions on fostering (i.e. weight limits, gender, breeds, personality, etc)

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Do you have any restrictions on the length of time you can commit to an animal?

Have you fostered dogs for another organization?

Have you had any experience with medicating, syringe feeding, bottle feeding, or any other medical experience with pets?

Have you had any dog training experience/taken dog training classes? _____

Personal Information

Do you rent your home? _____

Do you have permission from your landlord to have a pet? _____

Landlord's name and phone number: _____

Please provide the name and phone number for two people willing to be a reference for you on this application.

Reference 1 _____

Reference 2 _____

Do you have a fenced in yard? _____

Note - a fenced in yard is not required, however our dogs must be leashed, harnessed and tagged at all times when they are not in a safe, enclosed area.

Where will the dog be kept during the day/night?

Do you have any other pets? _____

If so, do they get along with other animals? List name/breed/age

Do you have children in the home?

If so, what are their ages? _____

Agreement

Do you understand and agree that a dog placed with you for fostering will be owned by Conway Animal Shelter/FOCAS and that all medical treatment or veterinary services must be authorized by a FOCUS Board Member? _____

Do you understand that if you decide you would like to adopt your foster dog, you must complete an Adoption Application and pay the adoption fee? Let us know as soon as possible so that we don't make a commitment to another adopter first. _____

If needed, can you provide transportation to one of FOCUS's approved veterinarians? This will only be for pre-approved visits if they're needed. _____

Do you understand and agree that ONLY FOCAS can transfer or permanently place any dog you may foster? _____

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW WHERE THE FOSTER IS LIVING WHILE IN THE CARE OF THE HOST PARENT. If you need to leave the foster for situations such as road trips, vacations or need an emergency pick up, you must contact the FOCAS Foster Coordinator as soon as possible.

Signature

Date