

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:

<i>Shy</i>	<i>Affectionate</i>	<i>Friendly to other animals</i>	<i>Playful</i>
<i>Outgoing</i>	<i>Fearful</i>	<i>Separation anxiety</i>	<i>Reserved</i>
<i>Friendly to people</i>	<i>Hyperactive</i>		

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: