



Dog Foster Protocol, Agreement and Release (Please read all before signing)

All Dog Fosters MUST have a Dog Foster application and the Dog Foster Protocol, Agreement and Release filled out and signed before a dog will be released to his or her care.

*All dogs who enter foster care have been temperament tested. Although not typical, if a dog has failed any part of their temperament test, this issue has been discussed by the board of directors prior to the dog's placement with the foster and the foster has been informed of the issue and agreed to foster and work with the dog despite the issue.

*Dog fosters should at least be willing to walk their dogs for a half hour at least 2 times a day (minimum) or to provide alternate forms of adequate exercise and socialization. This is very important as physical stimulation helps to solve a lot of behavioral problems.

*Any foster dog requiring routine vetting, needs to first be approved by the Board and go to one of our Approved Vets only, unless permission is given prior by one of the Board members. In Emergency situations fosters are requested to contact board members as soon as possible before or during providing appropriate treatment for the dog.

*Dog fosters are responsible for and liable for their foster dog. Fosters need to be prepared for instances that can occur such as your foster not getting along with another pet in your

home and being careful when you have other people visiting your home. Board members are available to discuss any possible problems that arise or are concerns. Please remember that in the role of foster family, fosters are asked to help their dogs decompress and succeed in new situations.

*Foster dogs should be crated when no one is home, especially if the family has other animals or children in the home. For the first couple of weeks dogs should always be monitored and never left unattended for long spans of time.

*Fosters should be fed separately from your household pets, this can be done inside the crate as well or in a separate room or gated space. Foster dogs need to have “their own space” as everything is still new to them. A crate is a must! If you do not have one, Height of Hope will supply one.

*Foster dogs must always be walked on leash and are not allowed to go to dog parks, no exceptions.

*Please notify the Board Members if you think there is a behavioral issue that you think may need the attention of a trainer.

*Dog fosters must be available some weekends when we have events. Fosters are responsible for bringing dogs to the event and staying with them.

*There is no way we can tell you how long you will have your foster dog, please plan for a minimum of 8 weeks to a few months, please make sure you are aware of this before

deciding to foster.

*If a particular dog is not a good fit we will always try our hardest to move them to a different foster home although many times our only option is the dog going back to the shelter.

*Fostering is a real commitment on your part and we will always try to help you in any way we can.

*The foster home serves as a safe and comfortable environment for the rescue animal and allows all involved to learn about the animal before the animal is adopted into its forever home. Every measure is to be taken to ensure a safe and comfortable living situation for the foster family and the rescue animal. I acknowledge and agree that Height of Hope cannot guarantee me or anyone else what type of temperament the rescue animal I am fostering may have and that I hereby accept responsibility for the animal in my care. I understand that my ability to foster is contingent upon a satisfactory home visit and that at any time I may be asked for a re-inspection of my home by the board of directors.

*I understand that I have an obligation to provide proper care for the rescue animal and ensure that any and all Height of Hope paperwork and updates on the rescue animal's progress are completed and provided to the appropriate person in a timely manner. I agree to abide by any decisions made by the board of directors and to follow instructions provided to me. I understand that noncompliance with any issues could result in the foster animal being removed from my care. I understand that the rescue animal is only in my care temporarily and that this is not an adoption agreement and therefore not an agreement that I will be allowed to retain possession of the animal on a permanent basis.

In consideration of being permitted to foster an animal for Height of Hope, I hereby:

1. Acknowledge, agree, and represent that I am aware of and assume the many risks associated with being around animals, including but not limited to the risks of being bitten scratched, jumped upon, knocked over, chased, tripped, infected with a disease, or otherwise injured or frightened, as well as the risks of damage to personal property and that Height of Hope cannot guarantee me or anyone else what type of temperament the animal(s) I am fostering may have and that I hereby accept responsibility for the animal(s) in my care;
2. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Height of Hope Rescue from all liability for any and all loss or damage and any claim or demand therefore on account of injury to the person or property;
3. Agree to indemnify and hold harmless Height of Hope from any loss, liability, damage, or cost including bodily injury or property damage arising out of or related to the fostering of an animal from Height of Hope; and
4. Assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury, death or property damage arising out of or related to the fostering of an animal from Height of Hope

I have read this Fostering Protocol, Agreement, and Release and have signed it freely and voluntarily without any inducement, assurance, or guarantee being made to me and intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

By sending this electronically, I acknowledge that I have completely read this questionnaire and Dog Foster Protocol, Agreement and Release and comprehend both fully.

I understand that applying does not ensure approval and that untruthful answers or failure to comply with the requirements of this application can result in the forfeiture of any Height of Hope animal fostered by me.

I certify that the above information is correct, and I understand that the information will be verified.

I understand that by submitting this form electronically, I agree to release and covenant to hold harmless Height of Hope and its members from any claims, damages, costs, or actions incurred because of the care or actions of the foster dog.

I accept full responsibility for the dog(s) actions at all times, and release Height of Hope from any liabilities or damages that may be incurred because of fostering such dog(s).

I agree to have Height of Hope complete reference call checks and conduct a home visit inspection to be able to approve my foster application.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____