



ANIMAL FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, being the responsible spokesperson for my household,

1. Agree to foster animals until adopted into an acceptable home, or until such time as SHAS requests their return. Fostering responsibilities include providing fresh water, food, shelter and providing transportation to and from adoptions, adoption sites and veterinary visits. No foster animal shall be tied up with rope, chained, or confined in an inadequate pen facility.
2. Have received a copy of the SHAS foster home policies and agree to comply with ALL.

CONDITIONS

3. I release SHAS from liability of any kind, except for the pre-authorized veterinary expenditures while fostering animals.
4. If I decide to adopt the animal I agree to pay 50% of the current adoption fee. This will offset the cost of veterinary procedures for the animal.
5. No foster may adopt out an animal directly to a new home. This will be done only by authorization of a SHAS staff person.
6. I agree to a home inspection by SHAS staff or a representative.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone No. _____ Work/Cell _____
Email Address: _____
Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Date: _____

SHAS

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Premises Inspected on: _____

By: _____

Comments:



ANIMAL FOSTERING POLICIES

It is our hope that we will be able to place animals in foster homes until a permanent home can be found for them or until space is available at the sanctuary. Our expectation of a foster home is that it provides adequate care to the animals it fosters. Dogs require fencing or supervision when outside and cats should be confined indoors during their stay. SHAS will cover veterinary expenses if needed and pre-approved. The foster family will provide adequate food for the pet. All animals being fostered remain the property of SHAS. Any adoptions of fostered animals must go through a SHAS staff person, not a volunteer, unless so authorized. Fostering requires the type of person who can handle taking home a needy animal, caring for it, bonding with it, and then returning it to the Sanctuary.

All foster parents must:

- Fill out the accompanying agreement.
- Be willing to have an initial and periodic home inspection.
- Understand and agree with the foster program's goals.
- Meet the SHAS adoption standards.
- Prove that existing owned pets in the home are sterilized, vaccinated, and well cared for.

Animals being fostered will be relocated by appointment. Foster parents do not have the right to take any animal from SHAS without prior authorization of the sanctuary manager or his representative.

Animals being fostered are required periodically to be taken to off-site adoption locations such as PetCo or Petsmart. It is the responsibility of the foster parent to make sure they get there when requested by the off-site adoption coordinator. This assures maximum exposure for the animal for permanent adoption possibility.

Foster animals may be recalled with good reason to the sanctuary with prior notice, at the discretion of the sanctuary manager or his representative.



10 WAYS TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL FOSTER PARENT

1. Give your foster animal lots of attention and affection.

The animal you are fostering likely has special needs that require time and energy. The animal may have lived a difficult life before coming to your home; your love and attention will help to heal the animal's physical and psychological wounds.

2. Learn as much as you can about pet care.

Before you bring your foster animal home, learn as much as you can about caring for that animal. Read about feeding, grooming and training. Study the warning signs that may indicate the animal needs veterinary attention.

3. Be prepared to make a financial commitment.

Before volunteering to foster an animal, find out from the sanctuary what costs you will incur. You will be asked to pay for food.

4. Make your home pet-friendly.

Before you bring your foster animal home, make sure you "pet proof" your home. For example, remove poisonous plants and protect furnishings. Keep the animal's room warm and comfortable. Also, take steps to prevent the animal from escaping.

5. Keep your pets up-to-date on their vaccinations.

All animals should be current on the vaccinations that protect them from diseases. Before you bring home a foster animal, consult with your veterinarian to make sure your own animals have received the preventive treatment they need.

6. Keep foster animals away from your own pets for awhile.

Although all SHAS animals are current on their vaccinations prior to being fostered, it is a good idea to wait awhile on integrating your new pet with other animals in the home. It will take awhile for them to socialize with one another.

7. Recognize your limits.

Fostering requires a great deal of time and energy - both emotional and physical. Don't over-extend yourself by fostering animals too frequently; you may burn yourself out.

8. Return the animal to SHAS when requested.

The sanctuary depends on you to make its program work. Be sure to return the animal to the sanctuary at the scheduled time. If you decide to adopt an animal you foster, go through the normal adoption process. If a friend or relative wants to adopt the animal you are fostering, that person must go through the SHAS adoption process - not yours.

9. Understand

That some foster animals may not survive. Despite your best efforts, the animal you foster may develop a severe illness that cannot be treated. Do the best you can to help the animal, but accept the fact that you cannot save them all. Fostering can be an incredibly rewarding experience so enjoy being a foster parent.