



Dog Foster Care Agreement

Today's Date: _____

Foster Parents' Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email address: _____ Driver's License Number: _____

Spotty Dog Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit animal rescue organization located in Wolcott, CT. In this agreement, it is called "Spotty Dog". The foster parent has met the requirements for serving as a foster parent for dogs from Spotty Dog and is called "Foster Parent" in this agreement.

This agreement is between Spotty Dog and the Foster Parent for the purpose of caring for, socializing and preparing dogs for successful adoption into forever homes.

1. **CARE OF THE DOG.** The Foster Parent agrees to:

- a. Provide a foster home for Foster Dogs ("Dog") until a permanent home can be found.
- b. Accept and consider the Dog as a household companion, not as an outside pet and provide the Dog with a safe environment, fresh water, wholesome food, adequate exercise, loving attention and allow a reasonable amount of time for the Dog to adjust to new surroundings.
- c. Keep all Spotty Dog identification tags on the Dog for the entire foster period, immediately notify Spotty Dog at 203-217-2523 if the dog is lost or stolen and make every reasonable effort to recover the dog.
- d. Notify Spotty Dog and obtain immediate veterinary care if the Dog becomes ill or is injured.
- e. Take the sick or injured Dog to a pre-approved veterinary clinic.
- f. Cooperate fully in showing the Dog to potential adopters.
- g. When the Dog is outdoors, provide the Dog with a secure fenced area, including shelter from the elements.

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- h. Notify Spotty Dog immediately of any bite by the Dog and complete a bite incident report.
- i. Never leave the Dog in a car for an extended period of time, and never in the hot summer months for any amount of time without air conditioning.
- j. Keep the Dog under control, either on a leash or within the confines of a fenced area, when the foster dog is outdoors.
- k. Never allow the Dog to ride in the bed of a pickup truck unless the Dog is in a secure crate which is securely attached to the bed of the truck.
- l. Never give, sell, or sign over the Dog over to any other person, shelter or pound, rescue group, humane society or any business entity.
- j. Never alter the Dog's appearance in any way except for routine grooming.

2. **Spotty Dog's Obligations.** Spotty Dog agrees to:

- a. Pay the fees for care of the Dog at a pre-approved veterinary clinic provided that the Foster Parent first obtains authorization from Spotty Dog except cases of extreme emergency where it is not possible to obtain such authorization.
- b. Supply food and supplies (crate, bed, flea and tick preventative, etc.) as needed to the Foster Parent for the foster dog.
- c. Evaluate the foster parent/foster dog relationship after the first 3 weeks, and at 6 weeks, 9 weeks and 12 weeks.

3. **Lifetime Commitment and Euthanasia.** Spotty Dog makes a lifetime commitment to its dogs. If the Foster Parent should be unable or unwilling to care for the Dog, he or she shall contact Spotty Dog immediately so that Spotty Dog may take possession of the Dog. The Foster Parent shall not under any circumstances abandon, give away, allow to run away, surrender to a shelter or animal care and control or law enforcement officials, or euthanize or have euthanized any dog that he or she has received from Spotty Dog. If a licensed veterinarian recommends euthanasia, the Foster Parent agrees to notify Spotty Dog before the euthanasia and speak directly with Dawn DeSantis and provide the name and contact number of the veterinarian, and the veterinarian and Spotty Dog shall make the decision about euthanasia.

4. **Seizure and Impoundment of the Dog.** If the Dog shall, for any reason, be picked up by local law enforcement or animal control, the Foster Parent will immediately contact Spotty Dog by phone or e-mail and inform Dawn DeSantis directly that the animal has been picked up and impounded and the animals' location. The Foster Parent shall also in that event, inform the authorities holding the Dog that the Dog is the property of Spotty Dog, provide contact information for Spotty Dog to the authorities, and request that the authorities contact Spotty Dog immediately. Under no circumstances will the Foster Parent agree to allow the euthanasia of the Dog.

5. **No Representation.** The Foster Parent understands that the Dog has been checked and vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian and that the Dog's health is accurately represented to the best knowledge of Spotty Dog. However, the Foster Parent understands that Spotty Dog does not guarantee the health, temperament, or training of the above-described Dog.

6. **Termination.** The agreement may be terminated by Spotty Dog at any time; and by the Foster Parent, in which case the foster dog must be returned to Spotty Dog. Upon notice of termination by either party, the Foster Parent will keep the Dog safe and continue to care for and house the Dog as required by the agreement until arrangements can be made for the return of the dog to Spotty Dog. The Foster Parent agrees to cooperate in these efforts, including helping with necessary arrangements for the safe return of the Dog to Spotty Dog.

7. **Not assignable.** This agreement is not assignable by the Foster Parent.

8. **Photographic and Audio Release.** The Foster Parent expressly grants Spotty Dog permission to make photographic, video or audio recordings of the Foster Parent with the Dog or during participation in a Spotty Dog's or other event. The Foster Parent grants Spotty Dog rights to all photographic images and video or audio recordings made. This includes, but is not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings. The Foster Parent understands and agrees that Spotty Dog may use these photographs or recordings to promote Spotty Dog and its mission, including for Spotty Dog events and work and for fundraising and other purposes that Spotty Dog decides is appropriate.

9. **Release.** The Foster Parent, and or his/her heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, agrees to release Spotty Dog and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from all liability arising directly or indirectly from the behavior or actions of the foster dog.

The Foster Parent understands that this agreement discharges Spotty Dog and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability to the Foster Parent and or his/her heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death property damage or any other loss whatsoever that may result directly or indirectly from the behavior or actions of the foster dog. The Foster Parent releases Spotty Dog and discharges Spotty Dog and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability for Spotty Dog's own negligence or liability that may result in bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other loss to the Foster Parent.

10. **Indemnity.** The Foster Parent and or his/her heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, agrees to indemnify and hold Spotty Dog harmless for all bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage and any and all other losses, including attorney's fees and costs, that result from anyone else or any other entity because of the Foster Parent's negligence or liability. This includes the lone acts or omissions by the Foster Parent as well as the combined acts of the Foster Parent with others.

11. **Change of Address and/or Contact Information:** In the event that the Foster Parent moves or there is a change in any contact information, he or she agrees to contact Spotty Dog with change of address or contact information so that all records can be updated.

12. **Other.** The Foster Parent agrees that the releases and indemnity agreement contained herein are intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. The Foster Parent agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this agreement. This is the entire agreement

between the parties and supersedes any other verbal or written statements, representations or promises.

Please read the following statements about the Foster Care Program and initial next to them to indicate that you understand and agree to abide by them.

Like most shelter dogs, your foster dog may not be housetrained. You understand that he/she may have accidents in your home. _____

Like many dogs, your foster dog may chew on furniture, clothing, or other objects. You are comfortable with this behavior. _____

You agree to maintain homeowner's or renter's insurance coverage while the Dog is in your care. _____

You agree to keep your foster dog on a leash or enclosed in a fenced-in yard or home at all times. _____

Representatives of Spotty Dog may need to contact or visit you to discuss the Dog. You understand that you may be asked to complete evaluation forms on the Dog. You agree to be entirely honest and forthright regarding the Dog's behavior, be it positive or negative. _____

You understand that Spotty Dog has the final authority in regard to the Dog's adoption, treatment, or disposition. _____

The Foster Parent agrees that he/she is legally competent to enter into this agreement and this agreement is binding upon the heirs, assigns, successors, personal representatives and executors of both parties.

This agreement is entered into this ___ day of ___ 20___.

Signature of Foster Parent

Date: _____

Signature of Spotty Dog Rescue, Inc.

Date: _____