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FOSTER CARE

ARF accepts all the animals it has space for by placing them into the homes of volunteers. ARF does not have a facility to house animals at this time. We often have to refuse to take in animals because of lack of space in our foster homes so if you are interested in information about becoming an ARF authorized foster provider please contact us.

The advantages of fostering:

- The animal lives in a home environment where she or he can feel safe and comfortable.
- The foster provider can give plenty of attention to the dog or cat and watch for problems with illness or behavior
- The foster provider can judge the needs and behavior of the individual animal – how he behaves around other pets, adults and children, how much space and exercise he or she needs, what kind of permanent home would be best for him or her.

Authorized foster families provide care and love for the animals. Authorized foster families:

- Agree to accept animals from ARF into their home
- Agree to transport animals to scheduled vet appointments unless other arrangements were made
- Agree to provide food while the animal is in your care unless other arrangements were made
- Agree to **make the animals available for adoption**
- Agree to abide by the **policies and procedures of ARF** (see attached)
- Attest that all persons living at the residence want to foster ARF animals
- Attest that no person living at the residence has ever been convicted of domestic, child or animal abuse

ARF agrees to:

- Provide first vet visit to update shots and health record
- Provide heartworm preventive for the dogs
- Provide available information about the animal to the foster home
- Provide **approved** medical care
- Provide all paperwork needed for the care of the animal
- Provide adoption opportunities and actively promote the animal for adoption
- Be responsible for all decisions made about this animal

CONTRACT

As an authorized foster care provider, I agree to:

Abide by all policies and procedures of ARF, including:

- Provide humane treatment, and adequate food, water, and shelter at all times
- Provide a clean, well-maintained environment
- Allow no permanent rope or chain tied to any animal to confine him
- Submit to inspections of the premises
- Feed cats and dogs twice daily, feed weaned puppies and kittens at least three times daily
- Use approved procedures for medical care
- Use medications, supplies and equipment provided by ARF for foster animals only. Exceptions are to be approved by an authorized member of the Foster Care Committee.
- Rehabilitate the animal as needed
- Contact the foster home coordinator immediately should anything unusual occur, such as sickness, injury or loss of the animal
- Whenever possible, accompany the animal to adoption opportunities
- Accept the animal back into my care should the animal be returned by an adopter
- Return in good condition, normal wear and tear excepted, all equipment and usable supplies provided by ARF when no longer needed or when requested by ARF
- All animals being fostered remain the property of ARF and may not be handed over to any third party without prior approval

I have read this agreement. All persons living in my household agree to comply with this agreement. No person living in my household has ever been convicted of domestic, child or animal abuse.

This agreement may be terminated by either party without notice and the animals removed by ARF on demand.

ARF does not accept any liability in respect for damage to property or personal injury resulting from the fostering of animals under this agreement, and holds the rights to pursue legal discourse provided by the law if any harm, neglect or abuse is inflicted upon the animal or animals in foster care.

I agree to the conditions above _____
The Fosterer Date

I agree to the conditions above _____
ARF Representative Date