



HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT FOSTER CARE PROGRAM RELEASE



Thank you for agreeing to be a foster parent. Each foster home enables us to save another animal. We appreciate the love, time and commitment you make to the animals you foster. Please initial next to each statement that you have read, as indication that you agree to abide by the stated provisions. **All spaces MUST be initialed by the Humane Law Enforcement (HLE) representative and the Foster Parent**

___ ___ I agree to provide a loving, temporary home and a balanced diet.

___ ___ I agree to provide food, water, shelter, veterinary care, and humane treatment of the foster animal(s) I am given to foster by the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department.

___ ___ I agree to pay for all food and litter needed for any foster animal(s) in my care.

___ ___ I agree to administer medication, as directed by a staff member with the Humane Rescue Alliance, for any animal(s) in my care.

___ ___ I agree to keep the animal(s) at the property listed below, and that I will be the primary caretaker. If a situation arises where these arrangements will need to be changed (temporarily or otherwise), I will inform the case officer so that alternative plans can be made.

___ ___ I agree to comply with all local and state laws and ordinances relating to the care of domestic animals.

___ ___ If I am interested in adopting the animal I am fostering, I will need to complete all standard HRA adoption paperwork if/when the animal comes off of HLE hold.

___ ___ If for any reason, either party decides that the foster situation is not working, the animal must be returned to the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department.

___ ___ I acknowledge that the animal(s) entrusted to me are wards of the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department. I agree to immediately return/make available the animal(s) in my care at the request of HLE without conflict, and I understand that to refuse to do so may result in criminal prosecution against me.

___ ___ I agree to immediately return the animal(s) to the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department if I become incapable of caring for the animal(s).

___ ___ If any animal(s) entrusted to me should die while in my care, I will immediately notify the case officer and return the body and remains to the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department at once.

___ ___ I agree to let the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department into my home to perform an inspection to ensure that the animal(s) I am caring for are being kept humanely. If the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department does not feel, for any reason, that this environment is proper for the animal(s), they may repossess the animal(s) at any time.

___ ___ Sometimes animals in foster care require medical attention. If the animal(s) become sick, I agree to call the case officer immediately and then the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department at 202-723-5730 option 1 if the officer is not immediately available.

___ ___ I acknowledge that the Humane Rescue Alliance/HLE Department has recommended that foster animals be kept separate from my own pets for at least an introductory period and that there is a risk of infecting my pets with known or unknown diseases even if they are separated.

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___ I agree to release, discharge, indemnify and hold the Humane Rescue Alliance harmless for any and all damage caused by an animal in my care, directly or indirectly, to any property, animals or people while participating as a Foster Care Program volunteer.

___ I acknowledge my awareness that dogs and cats respond to situations differently, that such responses may be unpredictable, and that the Humane Rescue Alliance makes no claims, representations, or warranty, either expressed or implied, as to the behavior or temperament of animals placed.

___ I acknowledge that the Humane Rescue Alliance is not liable for any damages to person, property or veterinary expenses of the animals in the home that is caused by the animal I have fostered.

___ I understand that the Humane Rescue Alliance Staff will process and approve all adoptions of foster animals and that I will not release the foster animal until I receive confirmation of the approval from the HRA staff.

___ I agree to notify the case officer of any behavioral concerns or incidents including bites to a human or animal, and to seek help from the Behavior Department of Washington Humane Society via HLE and not that of any other trainer or training facility.

___ I understand that the Humane Rescue Alliance does not own the animal under my care and I am only providing a home for the animal while its case is being investigated. I also understand the outcome of that case is unknown and therefore the final disposition of the animal could result in it being returned to its original owner.

___ **I agree that I cannot/will not discuss the case pertaining to this animal to any member of the media or with anyone for purposes of releasing information to the media or any member of the public or to any social networking site or any other reason. This includes any video or photographs of the animal. I further agree to not discuss the reason for this animal to be in the need of a foster home other than it is a foster for the Humane Rescue Alliance.**

Fostering is a rewarding experience, and we hope you enjoy watching an animal that was scared, hurt or abandoned thrive under your care. Please feel free to call your HLE case officer with any questions. We are glad to help with tips about helping the animal adjust, introducing to other animals in the home and training of foster animals. Your signature signifies that you have read and agreed to the terms of this Foster Agreement.

By signing below, and initialing each section above, I acknowledge that I have fully reviewed, fully understood and fully agree with all that is written.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Email address: _____