

Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary



FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

FOSTER HOME NAME:

Thank you for providing a foster home to an animal in need. Your help in saving an animal's life is greatly appreciated by all the humans and animals who are part of Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary. The expectation is that foster pets will be treated as "part of the family" while they are being cared for in your home. We wish you a very rewarding experience. The following list describes the expectations for providing a quality foster home so that you and the cat/dog will get the most out of your time together.

PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

All rescues and adoptions will be approved through the Safe Harbor adoption committee. New animals added to a foster home must be cleared through Safe Harbor. If, at any time you are unable to provide the care outlined in this agreement, you must contact Safe Harbor to pick up the pet. DO NOT adopt, temporarily house, or board any animal without first speaking to Safe Harbor.

- ◆ Foster home capacity is not to exceed the limit allowed by your city ordinance; this includes fostered and "owned" pets.
- ◆ Safe Harbor cannot guarantee an adoption time frame to any foster provider. Please be aware that there is an undetermined time commitment prior to fostering. Every effort will be made to place your foster pet once the pet is both physically and socially ready for adoption. Mother cats and kittens usually require a longer commitment.

CARE

- ◆ Foster pets will be provided a safe, clean, secure, sheltered environment.
- ◆ Foster families provide food, shelter and supplies for the animal's care. If necessary, Safe Harbor will supplement any of the aforementioned items, as they become available.
- ◆ All foster pets will be fed an appropriate high-quality diet and provided fresh water daily.
- ◆ All foster animals will be spayed/neutered (at the appropriate age) and receive a vet check before or as soon as possible after foster placement at Safe Harbor's expense at one of the veterinary clinics participating in the sanctuary's veterinary care program. All medications and veterinary care will be provided by Safe Harbor and must be administered as instructed by the veterinarian or Sanctuary Director.
- ◆ Foster families must notify Safe Harbor of any issue with a foster pet that requires attention (medical, behavioral, or in home placement issues). If veterinary care is needed, a vet participating in the veterinary care program must be used.
- ◆ Foster families are responsible for maintaining records on each foster pet. This includes veterinary visits, shot and medication information (dates and type) and any additional information pertinent to pet placement (i.e. behavioral observations, etc.).

OTHER

- ◆ In an effort to find the pet an adoptive home, Safe Harbor will place adoption information for each pet on the Safe Harbor Website and/or on suitable public adoption sites like petfind.com. Additionally, adoption clinics or events may be planned and executed to facilitate adoptions. If the venue is suitable, foster parents will be encouraged to participate.
- ◆ Safe Harbor Board Member(s) may inspect the foster home premises any time with 24 hours notice.
- ◆ Safe Harbor reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time it is deemed that the animals are not receiving appropriate care. All Safe Harbor animals will be returned to Safe Harbor upon termination of this agreement.

CATS

- ◆ Cats will remain indoors at all times and will not be exposed to any cats that go outdoors.
- ◆ Cats will be allowed to free roam within a designated area (den, guestroom, or extra bedroom), and will not be caged for extensive periods of time.

DOGS

- ◆ Dogs will not be chained. Dogs kept indoors will have access to a fenced yard or equivalent secure area. Dogs kept outdoors will be maintained in a fenced yard or equivalent secure area that has adequate shelter. Dogs maintained in a kenneled area should be walked or exercised daily unless health issues prevent such exercise.
- ◆ Dogs shall be fed twice a day, each with their own separate food bowl. NO free feeding.

In signing, I agree to the Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary foster policies described above.

Signature _____ Date _____
Foster Parent

Print Representative's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____
Safe Harbor Director

Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary. Foster Care Agreement
Safe Harbor reserves the right to decline or terminate any foster relationship.