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FOSTER VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in fostering a rescued pet for The Humane Society of York County (HSYC). You are giving a pet a second chance at life. We take your commitment seriously and will do whatever we can to make the experience a positive one for both you and the pet.

The primary goal of the foster program is to save as many lives as possible. To be a foster parent you must love animals unconditionally. All a foster pet needs is love, food, water, baths and in the case of dogs, regular walks. In certain cases, a foster pet may require additional care through medical treatments or assistance.

The pets that require a foster home can range from kittens or puppies that are too young to be placed up for adoption to senior dogs with medical need. At times we also have pregnant pets, moms and their litter or even orphaned, unweaned kittens or puppies.

This agreement serves to clarify your role as a foster parent and our role as the responsible organization. It also serves to protect the best interest of the intended foster pet. Please read, initial and sign this agreement. It will be kept on file for as long as you wish to be an active foster parent.

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I understand that the HSYC has briefed me, to the best of its ability, about the temperament, habits and behavior of the pet I have agreed to foster. I recognize, however, that pet behavior can change in a new environment and thus, I will not hold The Humane Society of York County liable for any change in behavior, temperament or habit that may result in bodily harm to myself (the foster parent) or harm to my property. I am aware that the Humane Society of York County liability insurance policy does not cover bodily harm to foster parents or property damage to foster parents' properties. _____ (initial)

As a foster parent, I agree to provide a safe, indoor only home for the dog/cat I will foster. I will, at no time, leave the pet outside or tethered without supervision. _____ (initial)

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when out of the house. Cats must be transported in a secure carrier. Any HSYC pet must have a HDYC contact ID tag on its collar at all times. In the event that the pet (s) gets loose, I will contact HSYC immediately. _____ (initial)

I will contact the Humane Society of York County **immediately** if my foster pet should get lost or stolen so that the appropriate steps can be taken to locate the pet and make the appropriate reports. _____ (initial)

I will, at no time, place the pet under the care of another individual unless it is cleared with The Humane Society of York County. (This does not apply to routine, daily care, but to situations whereby you must leave town for more than one day unexpectedly or planned.) In that event, I will contact The Humane Society of York County to discuss a mutually acceptable care-giving plan for the pet. _____ (initial)

I will provide the pet with structure and guidance to encourage positive behavior by the pet. I will not use abusive measures to reprimand/punish the pet. I will also not encourage disruptive, aggressive or destructive behavior. _____ (initial)

I have been encouraged to use the crate I have been given to confine my foster dog when I am asleep and/or not at home. I understand that The Humane Society of York County cannot predict a dog's behavior when left unattended. I understand that the dog may go to the bathroom in my house, chew my furniture and/or exhibit destructive behavior out of fear, boredom or anxiety. I understand that crating the dog when unattended serves to protect my belongings and the dog's safety. I can be held responsible for emergency medical costs if my foster pet should become sick or injured as a result of being left uncrated. _____ (initial)

I understand that The Humane Society of York County is **not** responsible for damage done to my house or belongings if I leave the dog unattended and uncrated. _____ (initial)

I will not take the foster pet outside of my house off-leash at any time (except in a fully fenced area). _____ (initial)

I will contact The Humane Society of York County immediately if I believe the pet needs medical attention so that an appointment can be made with a contracted HSYC vet. I **will not** take the pet to my own vet or another without contacting the HSYC staff first. I understand that vets are expensive and to do so would force The Humane Society of York County to incur costs greater than if the pet went to one of their participating vets. If I wish to take my foster pet to my own vet, I **will be responsible** for all charges. _____(initial)

I will contact The Humane Society of York County immediately if my foster pet shows signs of aggression so that appropriate steps can be made to remove the pet from my care or monitor the behavior with the help of a qualified trainer. _____ (initial)

I understand that taking a dog to a dog park before I truly know the pet can result in injury to the foster dog and/or to other dogs and people. I will not take this dog to a dog park until I am certain that he/she is properly socialized and safe for interacting with other dogs off-leash. Any harm/injury caused by my foster dog to another dog or person while at the dog park may be my responsibility if I ignore the guidance of HT. _____ (initial)

I will work with the Humane Society of York County staff to have potential adopters meet the pet. This may take place at my house, the potential adopter's house, or an adoption event. I will also make arrangements with the Humane Society of York County to have the pet attend scheduled foster events. If I cannot bring the pet, I will work with the staff to arrange a pick-up/drop-off so that the pet can attend the events. _____ (initial)

The Humane Society of York County, at any time, has the authority to terminate my fostering if they feel I am not able to provide the pet with the structure, resources, attention he/she needs, if the pet and I are not a good fit, or if I am found to be in violation of any of the above rules and/or city, county, state codes regarding pet welfare and possession. In this case, I will return the pet and all the HSYC supplies immediately to The Humane Society of York County. _____ (initial)

I understand that my foster pet is the "property" of the Humane Society of York County and that I may not place this pet into an adoptive (or other) home without working fully within the Humane Society of York County system, which includes receiving an application, conducting a phone interview and reference checks, arranging a home visit and having a fully signed HSYC Adoption Agreement.

If I relinquish this pet to another person or organization I will be considered in violation of this contract and held responsible for any/all legal fees incurred by the Humane Society of York County for the purpose of getting the pet back and I will be pursued by the appropriate legal authorities for theft. _____ (initial)

I attest that I have never been charged with pet cruelty or neglect. I also attest that no one in my household has been charged with the above. _____ (initial)

I have attended the foster care orientation, and have read and understand the Foster Care Program guidelines and agree to the policies and procedures of the HSYC while I have a foster animal in my care. NOT FOLLOWING THE POLICIES OR PROCEDURES MAY RESULT IN DISCONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE HSYC FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Print full name _____

Print Name HSYC Representative

Signature HSYC Rep. _____

Attended training class prior to fostering: Yes No Date _____

CERTIFIED: Yes No Date _____

HSYC Foster Care Coordinator: _____ Date _____

HSYC Manager or Director initials _____ Date _____

Notes _____
