



ANIMAL FOSTER AGREEMENT

I, _____ (please print), agree that my services as a Foster Care Provider for Paws Illinois are provided on a strictly volunteer basis. I shall receive no pay, benefits, or compensation of any kind from Paws Illinois for my foster care of animals. I also agree to provide foster care in strict compliance with the policies and procedures of Paws Illinois . This includes but is not limited to:

- A. Providing adequate water, shelter, safe containment and humane treatment for the animal(s) at all times.
- B. Monitoring the animal(s) and providing proper care & socialization to increase their possibility for adoption.
- C. Calling the Foster Care Coordinator at PI periodically to advise on the progress.
- D. Notifying the Foster Care Coordinator at PI within 24 hours of any major change in the fostered animals health or animal being lost.
- E. Agree to represent yourself professionally.
- F. Agree that PI will provide the necessary food, needed vaccinations and spay/neuter services, if needed, for the fostered animals in your temporary care.

Please write your initials on the line to the left of each paragraph after you have read it.

_____ Paws Illinois reserves the exclusive right to determine the proper course of action to take upon notification by the Foster Care Provider of any inability to comply with this agreement.

_____ I understand and agree that the fostered animal(s) are the exclusive property of Paws Illinois. This Foster Care Agreement transfers no ownership rights.

_____ I understand if any foster animal under my care dies, the body must be returned to Paws Illinois or verification of death signed by a licensed veterinarian must be provided.

_____ I will respect Paws Illinois's decision to determine whether a Foster Care Provider can adopt a foster animal.

_____ I fully understand and agree that the ultimate disposition of any animal(s) under this foster care agreement is at the sole discretion of Paws Illinois.

_____ I will agree to vaccinate my **own** animals against the following diseases before fostering:

✂ Canines are immunized against Canine Distemper, Canine Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, Hepatitis

(4-in-1 booster); Bordetella (kennel cough); and Rabies, and are free of parasites.

✂ Felines are immunized against Feline Panleukopenia, Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus (3-in-1 booster), Feline Leukemia and Rabies, and are free of parasites.

_____ I understand that any breach of the conditions of this foster care agreement may result in immediate termination of this agreement. In that case, Paws Illinois shall take immediate possession of the fostered animal(s).

INDEMNITY

Please read and initial the following:

_____ I agree to release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Paws Illinois, including its agents and volunteers, for any and all personal injuries or damages to property or pets caused by the foster animal(s).

_____ I recognize that in handling foster animal(s), there exists a risk of injury including physical harm caused by a foster animal. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and executors, I release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Paws Illinois, its agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, causes of action or demands, or any nature of cause connected with my foster care agreement.

_____ I understand that public relations are an important part of volunteering in the foster care program. I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors to allow Paws Illinois to use any photographs taken of me for use of public relations efforts. Paws Illinois will use reasonable efforts to notify me, but such notification is not a condition of its release for public relations purposes.

_____ I understand that I may refuse to be photographed, and that such refusal shall not change my status as a Paws Illinois Foster Care Provider.

I have received, read, and understand the Foster Care Guidelines provided during orientation by Paws Illinois.

Foster Care Provider

Dated

PNCI Foster Care Coordinator

Dated

10 WAYS TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL FOSTER PARENT

1. Give your foster animal lots of attention and affection. The animal you are fostering likely has special needs that require time and energy. The animal may have lived a difficult life before coming to your home; your love and attention will help to heal the animal's physical and psychological wounds.
2. Learn as much as you can about pet care. Before you bring your foster animal home, learn as much as you can about caring for that animal. Read about feeding, grooming and training. Study the warning signs that may indicate the animal needs veterinary attention.
3. Be prepared to make a financial commitment. Before volunteering to foster an animal, find out from PNCI what costs you will incur. You will not be asked to pay for food, vaccinations or spay/neuter services.
4. Make your home pet-friendly. Before you bring your foster animal home, make sure you "pet proof" your home. For example, remove poisonous plants and protect furnishings. Keep the animal's room warm and comfortable. Also, take steps to prevent the animal from escaping.
5. Keep **your** pets up-to-date on their vaccinations. All animals should be current on the vaccinations that protect them from diseases. Before you bring home a foster animal, consult with your veterinarian to make sure your own animals have received the preventive treatment they need.
6. Keep foster animals away from your own pets for awhile. Although all PI animals are current on their vaccinations prior to being fostered, it is a good idea to wait awhile on integrating your new pet with other animals in the home. It will take awhile for them to socialize with one another.
7. Recognize your limits. Fostering requires a great deal of time and energy – both emotional and physical. Don't over-extend yourself by fostering animals too frequently; you may burn yourself out.
8. Return the animal to PI when requested. Paws Illinois depends on you to make its program work. Be sure to return the animal to the PI at the scheduled time. If you decide to adopt an animal you foster, go through the normal adoption process. If a friend or relative wants to adopt the animal you are fostering, that person must go through the PI adoption process – not yours.
9. Understand that some foster animals may not survive. Despite your best efforts, the animal you foster may develop a severe illness that cannot be treated. Do the best you can to help the animal, but accept the fact that you cannot save them all. Fostering can be an incredibly rewarding experience so enjoy being a foster parent.
10. Enjoy your foster animal. He/she appreciates you taking them into your home and keeping them safe until they can find their forever home!

Thank You For Fostering Our Friends In Need!