



**Loess Hills Humane Society
Foster Care Waiver**

I do hereby release, hold harmless, and indemnify, the Loess Hills Humane Society, any employees, volunteers, Board Members, or business associated with the Loess Hills Humane Society from damages or liability incurred by the animal or animals from the Loess Hills Humane Society entrusted into my care and staying as a "Foster Care Animal: in my home to any persons or animals who are in my home for any reason.

I will allow designated Loess Hills Humane Society employees/volunteers to conduct "Home Visits" as determined by the Loess Hills Humane Society staff to periodically check on the conditions of the animal(s) for which I am providing Foster Care.

By providing a Foster Home for the animal(s) in my care, I do understand that their stay in my home is only temporary, and I will return all animals entrusted to me to the Foster Care Coordinator at the time determined. Should I decide to permanently keep any animals from the Loess Hills Humane Society that are temporarily staying in my home as "Foster Care Animals", I will go through the proper Adoption Procedure as designated by the Loess Hills Humane Society's policy on adopting companion animals. I understand and acknowledge that foster care of an animal does not create a property right in that animal and that the animals may be removed at any time by the Loess Hills Humane Society, with or without cause.

I understand that I will not take a Foster Care Animal to a veterinary office without permission from authorized personnel. If there is an emergency and I cannot reach the Foster Care Coordinator, I will call the shelter and follow their directions; furthermore, I understand that I will pay for any unauthorized veterinary care and/or additional supplies deemed unnecessary by the Loess Hills Humane Society.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____



Guidelines for Foster Care

1. You must contact the foster coordinator or shelter manager prior to taking the foster animal to a vet. If you take the animal to the vet, without the ok from approved staff, it will be at your own expense.
2. In the event you lose a foster animal, contact the foster coordinator or shelter manager immediately.
3. If at any time your foster animal (dog or cat) displays behaviors that you question or make you uncomfortable, contact the foster coordinator or shelter manager.
4. All supplies (dog food, cat food, cat litter, toys, etc...) will need to be purchased and provided by the foster parent. The foster parent will not be reimbursed for these items. **IF** the shelter has these items available, they will be provided for you.

Dogs

1. All dogs must be on a harness with a shelter tag when it is outside of your home. This includes taking the dog for a walk or being out in your backyard. If the dog is physically outside of the house, it must be in this harness. This will not be required for puppies unless specified.
2. Crating foster dogs is highly recommended. If you choose to not crate your foster dog, any damage to your home is at your own risk.
3. Dogs working on a Behavior issue will be kept in a home for 30 days and then re-evaluated to see if improvement has been made. If the animal is improving, it will be returned to its foster home, placed in a different home, or made available for adoption. If the dog is not showing improvement, there is a chance that it will be euthanized.

Cats

1. Cats must be kept separate from your resident animals. Cats are easily stressed and are more prone to sickness and litter box issues in stressful situations.

I have read and understand the guidelines for foster care. A copy of these guidelines has been provided to me.

Signature _____ Date _____



FOSTER CARE APPLICATION

(Must be at least 19 years of age to fill out application)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Type of animal you are interested in fostering (check all that apply)

Puppy _____ Kitten _____ Dog _____ Cat _____ Other (specify) _____

How did you hear about our foster care program? _____

Do you own or rent your home? _____ If you rent, we will need to verify your landlord's pet policy. Tel. No. for landlord: _____

Have you ever been convicted of any animal related misdemeanor or felony offense? _____
If yes, please describe _____

Have you ever fostered an animal before? _____ If yes, what kind and for what reason? _____

What behavior issues are you willing to help a dog work through (fear, socializing, unruly, etc.) _____

*Please note, aggression cases will not be fostered.

Do you have a separate room to keep a foster animal in your home? _____

*Please note, to foster kittens and/or cats, you MUST have a separate room in which to keep them.

If fostering a dog, do you have a fenced yard? _____ What type and how high? _____

How long are you able to foster an animal? _____

Are you willing and capable of giving medications if needed? _____

What hours are you generally home to provide care for your animals? _____

Foster Care Application

Is someone home during the day? _____

Are you able to leave work to tend to them during the day? _____

Where will the animals be kept in your home (day, night, when alone, etc.)? _____

When would be the best time for our Foster Care Coordinator to come to observe where the animals will be kept? _____

A HOME VISIT IS REQUIRED BEFORE APPROVAL

What other animals do you have at home? Please list them below. Be sure to include all livestock and caged animals. Include altered status if applicable.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Do you have children in your home? _____ If yes, please list ages and genders.

Would you consider your home high energy or high traffic? Why or why not?

We will need to verify that all your animals are current on their vaccinations. Please list your veterinarian's name and phone number so we may contact them.

I certify that the above information is true, and that I have read the information regarding the requirements and responsibilities of being a foster parent, and feel capable of performing these duties.

I understand that there may be expenses involved in fostering and will abide by the guidelines set forth by Loess Hills Humane Society. I further understand that there is danger inherent in handling animals, and that I agree to hold harmless and indemnify Loess Hills Humane Society from any injuries or loss sustained by myself or others, which may be caused by the animal(s) I am fostering.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____