

Animal Protection Society of Durham

DAY FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

It is hereby agreed and understood between the Animal Protection Society of Durham (APS) and the undersigned Day Foster Volunteer that the Day Foster Volunteer agrees to:

1. Assume full responsibility for the care and management of any animal while it is under his/her exclusive control. APS is not responsible for any actions of the animal while in the care of the foster care volunteer.
2. Have the foster dog under your control at all times. At no time should the dog be free to wander or stray.
3. Bring the foster dog back to the animal shelter if any medical or behavioral concerns are noticed that would put the volunteer, the dog, or any other person or animal in danger.
4. Contact the APS before seeking any veterinarian care for the foster animal(s). Upon contacting the APS, management will arrange to provide care at the animal shelter or coordinate treatment with a local veterinarian. In the event the Foster Home seeks veterinarian care without prior authorization, all costs occurring from that visit will be paid by the Foster Home. Additionally, the foster committee/management will review the situation and this agreement may be terminated.
5. Give my permission for an agent of APS to remove an animal belonging to the APS from my premises, and entry shall not constitute a trespass upon the premises occupied.
6. Pay the costs, including attorney's fees, of APS if action must be taken against the foster care volunteer or his/her representative to enforce any of the terms of the Foster Care Agreement.
7. Follow all requirements and provisions set forth by the foster committee now and in the future.

Initial: _____

DAY FOSTER REQUIREMENTS

- All Day Foster Volunteers must be current, trained APS Dog Volunteers.
- Only APS Dog Volunteers who have been with APS for at least three months, fulfilling their eight-hour per month volunteer requirement will be allowed to apply to be a Day Foster Volunteer.
- All Day Foster Volunteers must be willing to provide a short paragraph about the day out, pictures of the day out, and a blog or a video for the adoption promotion of the dog that they foster.

Initial: _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER

I, the Day Foster Volunteer, hereby understand and assume all risks associated with fostering a pet animal from Animal Protection Society of Durham (APS), including, but not limited to, the transmission of diseases including but not limited to rabies; transmission of parasite infestation; animal bites, scratches or attacks to humans or other animals, which may result in serious bodily injury and even death; and damages to personal property, all such risks being known and appreciated by me.

Having read this release and knowing these facts, and in consideration of APS allowing me to foster a pet animal, I, for myself, my heirs, assigns and anyone else entitled to act on my behalf, do waive, release and hold harmless APS and its affiliates, and their respective directors, officers, and employees, or their successors, from all demands, causes of action, judgments, expenses or losses and claims of liabilities of any kind, including injury or death (the "Claims"), arising out of my fostering a pet animal through APS, even though such Claims may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of such entities/persons.

I further agree to indemnify APS for any of the foregoing asserted by any third party, including, but not limited to, other individuals residing at my home, to the extent that any of the foregoing arise from or are occasioned by my participation in the Foster Care Program.

Initial: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Signature of Day Foster Care Volunteer _____ Date _____

Signature of APS Representative _____ Date _____

DAY FOSTER VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

SELECTION OF FOSTER ANIMALS

Dogs are selected by animal shelter staff, giving priority to those that are most in need, and taking into consideration the location and activities you have planned for your day foster.

The dogs given priority include:

- Animals that are very shy and need a period of socialization.
- Active dogs who would greatly benefit from a day to expend energy.
- Dogs who have been in the shelter a long time and would greatly benefit from additional promotion.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOSTER PARENT

Foster parents should be aware of the effects of fostering on their own animals, should you choose to expose the Day Foster animal to your own animals. If you own dogs and choose to foster other dogs or puppies, you may be exposing your own animals to disease such as upper respiratory infections. The APS provides medication and/or treatments for the foster animals as needed. **You are, however, responsible for any treatments and costs related to your own pets.** Before you begin fostering shelter animals, you should ensure that your own animals are current on their immunizations. You may want to discuss the situation with your own veterinarian to see if they suggest any additional immunizations, for example, Bordetella for dogs.

When taking a dog out of the animal shelter, make sure they are wearing a collar with their rabies tag and an APS I.D. tag. Most dogs will also have a yellow microchip tag. Use an orange APS Volunteer slip leash or an Easy Walk Harness to walk your foster. Make sure your foster is on leash at all times when they are outside of your home.

CHOOSING A DOG TO DAY OR WEEKEND FOSTER

For a dog to leave the animal shelter for an Adoption Event or Day/Weekend Foster, the dog must be available for adoption, spayed or neutered, and be healthy (not on any medication). Going out for the day gives dogs the opportunity to have an update on their webpage, a blog, more pictures and a video. The dogs to be considered first for Day/Weekend Foster will be dogs who have been here a while but have not had the opportunity to receive this additional promotion.

If you are interested in Day or Weekend Fostering, please email the APS Volunteer Manager by the end of the day on Tuesday with at least three dogs you would be interested in taking out. That will give APS Staff time to evaluate your choices, spay or neuter them, and have one of your choices ready when you come to pick up.

You may let the Volunteer Manager know later in the week that you'd like to Day/Weekend Foster, but the choices of dogs available to go will be limited to dogs who are currently ready to go out. APS Management Staff must approve any dog leaving the animal shelter each time the dog leaves the shelter. We will only know which dogs are still available for adoption after 2 PM on Saturdays. If the Volunteer Manager knows you intend to Day/Weekend Foster, she/he will confirm with you which dog is available to go with you after 2 PM on Saturdays. If you are picking up Saturday afternoon, please check in with the Volunteer Manager first.

Dogs are able to leave the adoption floor between 2 PM on Saturdays and 10 AM on Mondays when we are closed to the public. We want adoptable dogs available to be seen in our adoption center when we're open. Day/Weekend Foster Volunteers are able to take their approved dog out for a few hours, overnight or for two nights during these hours between Saturday and Monday. On Saturdays and Sundays, staff leaves the shelter at 4 PM. If you still have your Day/Weekend Foster after 4 PM on these days, you must keep the animal overnight.

You may only take dogs who have been approved for you to take out for day or weekend foster.
Please verify that the dog you want to take is available to go.

WHO TO CONTACT

Questions about adoption events, medical/behavioral problems for foster dogs:
APS Volunteer Manager: volunteer@apsofdurham.org / (919) 560-0640 ext.221
APS Adoption Counselors: adopt@apsofdurham.org / (919) 560-0640 ext. 8
EMERGENCIES ONLY: Shafonda Davis, Shelter Director / (919) 724-0626