

FOSTERING GUIDELINES and AGREEMENT

The foster care you will provide in your homes is as follows:

I agree to carefully review the Foster Guidelines and Agreement provided by the TCHS Foster Coordinator and will ask necessary questions before taking any animals (hereinafter referred to as foster) into my care. I will promptly address matters of concern to the TCHS Foster Coordinator.

It is recommended foster homes quarantine all new foster animals for approximately 2 weeks from resident animals until it is assured that the animal does not have any medical issue to pass along to resident animals, especially if they come from an animal shelter environment.

Any medical care needs for the foster animal will be provided by the TCHS partner veterinarians and paid for by TCHS. This ensures that the foster animal gets consistent care and all records for the animals are centralized. If veterinarian care is needed it **must first be approved and scheduled** by the TCHS Foster Coordinator. Any care provided to a foster animal without approval will not be paid for or reimbursed by the TCHS.

I agree to follow all medical advice provided by the TCHS and TCHS partner veterinarian in the care of my foster. If I am unable to comply with any requirements I will immediately let TCHS know and surrender my foster if necessary.

All dogs and cats belonging to the foster home must be up-to-date on all vaccinations including rabies, DHLPP (dogs), and FVRCP (cats), and all animals should be spayed or neutered.

The TCHS is not responsible for any veterinary bills for the foster home's resident dogs or cats for any exposure to the foster animal brought into the home. No medications provided by TCHS for a foster animal are to be administered to personal pets.

I agree to provide daily nutritious meals (Purina, Iams, equivalent or better, unless otherwise pre-approved by Foster Coordinator), fresh water, a safe environment inside my home, clean litter and appropriate shelter for the foster. Crate, collar, and leash are provided by the TCHS. TCHS will provide food and litter as available, but is not responsible for any other expenses unless agreed upon by the board in advance.

I agree to provide health and behavioral information about my foster to TCHS as required by the Foster Coordinator (more frequent communication may be necessary for medically vulnerable foster pets) and notify TCHS of any medical issues that arise while the foster is under my care.

I agree to never leave my foster unattended in a vehicle when it is 75 degrees or hotter, even with the windows rolled down. I understand that this can cause heat stroke and the death of an animal. All foster homes agree to accept primary responsibility for temporary lodging and care for their foster animal. Foster homes agree to never strike or choke an animal in attempt to discipline.

I agree to never leave my foster dog tied up.

I agree to make sure that any adult foster dog is wearing a collar that securely fits with the proper identification tag fastened to the collar with readable name and phone number on tag or rabies tag.

I agree to never let my foster cat outside.

I agree that the TCHS will take my recommendations into consideration regarding placement or transfer of my foster, but that ultimately the final decision will be made by the TCHS.

The TCHS reserves the right to limit the number of foster animals in a single foster home at any given time.

I understand that I will not be reimbursed for time spent providing care to foster animals, space used in their care, gas or mileage costs incurred during transport, or otherwise compensated for activities or expenses incurred in the care of my foster, other than as described above. In addition, I will be responsible for providing food and litter for my foster (TCHS may be able to provide these supplies, but cannot guarantee that they will be available).