



FOSTER CONTRACT

This Foster Contract ("Contract") is entered into this date [REDACTED], by and between Knine Rescue, Inc. ("KRI"), a Maryland 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, and the foster applicant identified below, hereinafter the ("Foster"), for the provision of foster care of any pet provided by and belonging to KRI.

I, [REDACTED] agree to voluntarily foster for KRI. KRI and Foster agree to the following:

General Guidelines

- KRI determines the criteria for fostering, decides which animal are eligible for foster care, and appoints Foster from a pre-approved list of providers.
- KRI will inform Foster of the anticipated length of the foster-care period, the objectives of each placement (restoring health, rearing to adoptable age, socialization, etc.), and any other expectations.
- Pet will remain property of KRI and be surrendered immediately upon request to any KRI representative.
- Foster will return Pet to KRI in the event he/she is no longer able to care for it. Pet will, under NO circumstances, be abandoned, given away, or turned in to any other "animal shelter" or rescue.
- Foster may end this Contract at any time but must give KRI at least 7 days' notice to make other arrangements.
- KRI will make every effort to coordinate Holidays and Vacations with Foster in the event that Pet is unable to travel with Foster. However if sufficient notice for any non-emergency travel is not provided, boarding costs incurred during this period are the responsibility of Foster.
- Administrative costs incurred by KRI include an insurance program/general liability insurance policy.
- Foster will pay costs, including attorney's fees of KRI, if action must be taken against the Foster to enforce any of the terms of this Contract.
- KRI is available for free consultation, advice, and assistance in areas pertaining to the health, training, compatibility, etc. of Pet during the foster period.
- KRI may visit Foster to ensure compliance with this Contract.

General Care

- Pet will be cared for always with proper shelter, food and water.
- Pet will be kept in the house on the grounds of the Foster and will not be allowed off-leash in an unfenced area, never left loose to roam, and never chained.
- Pet will not be kept on leased/rented property where a "NO PETS" policy is in force.
- Pet is to be crate-trained and will not be left unsupervised with other pets or children.
- If a crate belonging to KRI has been loaned to the Foster, it must be returned when Foster decides to adopt or discontinue fostering. Failure to return the crate will result in a charge of between \$50-100.
- Foster is encouraged to affix to Pet an identification tag giving the Foster address and phone number.
- Foster agrees to obey all applicable county and state laws regarding custody of animals.
- No SHOCK COLLARS are to be used at any time.
- Pet will not be used for research purposes or as a working animal.

Health

- All information known about Pet's medical history, including any medical treatments to be administered, will be explained to the Foster. Occasionally, a pet may have an undiagnosed health problem at the time of fostering. If diagnosis of such a health problem occurs any time after the arrival of Pet, and the Foster is unwilling/unable to continue fostering Pet, he/she will return Pet to KRI immediately.
- Any health issues noticed by the foster should be reported to a KRI right away.

_____ Initials



- **Foster must get pre-approval from KRI for any medical treatment and agrees to take Pet to or make available for transport to specified veterinarian directed by KRI.** KRI will absorb the cost of all routine and age appropriate medical care and treatment needed by Pet, including at least yearly medical checkups and vaccinations recommended by a veterinarian, spay/neuter, and monthly preventative heartworm and flea/tick medication during the Foster period. KRI will absorb all required emergency care. **Foster will be held responsible for unapproved expenditures or treatment by a vet.**
- Heartworm and flea/tick preventative must be administered year-round.
- When taking Pet to veterinary appointments, it is important to use the Pet's name that was assigned at intake.

Behavior

- Pet's known behaviors have been discussed with the Foster; however, an animal's behavior is not completely predictable. Foster assumes full responsibility for care and management of Pet and expressly waives the right to hold KRI liable for any behavior problem, damage, or other incident that may occur.
- In the event KRI pulls a pet directly from a shelter, KRI may rely on the description and assessment of the shelter we are pulling from, as well as the transporter. KRI will make every attempt to match to an appropriate foster, however a pet's behavior while in a shelter may be very different than in a home.
- Any aggressive or concerning behavior noticed by Foster should be reported to a KRI immediately.

Adoption

- You will be expected to keep the animal safe and secure, return it to KRI when requested to do so, not promise the animal to anyone, or imply that you have the authority to approve a potential adoption.
- In making adoption decisions, KRI welcomes the input and recommendations of the foster family; however, final decisions regarding adoption and placement rest with KRI. Fosters are first in line to adopt should they decide to (what we affectionately call a "foster fail").
- All donations and paperwork connected with the adoption of the pet will be sent directly to a representative of KRI.

I have read KRI's policies and agree to act in accordance with these policies while I am fostering a KRI pet. I am 18 years of age or older, and fully understand the obligations of this Contract. I certify that I own my own home, or have permission from my landlord or management company permitting me to foster the pet. I understand that although KRI takes reasonable care to screen animals for foster care placement, it makes no guarantees relating to the animals' health, behavior or actions. I understand that I receive foster care animals at my own risk and can decline to accept any animal for which KRI has asked me to provide care. I acknowledge that KRI is not responsible for any property damage or personal injury suffered by me, members of my household, including my own animals, or any third parties during a foster placement, and I assume liability to provide adequate controls to prevent such damage or injury. I certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

KRI Representative Signature _____

Rep Phone Number _____ Date _____

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