



Sonoma County Animal Services

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Foster Care Contract

As an animal foster parent for Sonoma County Animal Services (SCAS), I understand and agree:

1. That fostering an animal is not considered an adoption, sale, or transfer of ownership to the foster provider. A foster provider only provides care for an animal during periods specified by Sonoma County Animal Services. Foster providers do not assume ownership or guardianship of the animal, but act as volunteers to Sonoma County Animal Services.
2. At all times, to provide humane and adequate care, including but not limited to, safe and appropriate housing, shelter, food, water, and socialization as prescribed by the appropriate shelter staff or foster care coordinator.
3. To bring my dog(s) to Sonoma County Animal Services for a meet and greet with a foster dog, if staff feel it is necessary.
4. To foster only one animal or litter at a time in my home. A litter is defined as a group of kittens or puppies born at the same time from one mother. To not foster additional litters from other organizations while fostering for Sonoma County Animal Services.
5. To isolate foster animals from all other household pets and other animals for the duration set forth by Sonoma County Animal Services.
6. To allow an inspection of my premises where the foster animal resides by an officer from Sonoma County Animal Services.
7. To notify Sonoma County Animal Services staff immediately if my foster animal(s) becomes ill or is injured or injures or harms another animal or person. During business hours call the shelter at (707) 565-7100, for after hour emergencies, call the **Shelter Supervisor, Emma Diemert (707) 292-1165**. Not to take my foster animal(s) to a veterinarian other than ones arranged by Sonoma County Animal Services staff.
8. To maintain the health of my own pets by providing routine veterinary care, checkups and vaccinations. To provide veterinary care at my own expense if any of my personal pets have health problems related to my foster animal(s).
9. To bring my foster animal in for required examinations and vaccinations as prescribed by Sonoma County Animal Services staff.
10. Ensure that I am available by phone so that my foster animal(s) can meet with potential adopters within 48 hours of the call. I will bring my foster animal(s) to SCAS for this visit. If SCAS receives no response to a request, SCAS will send an animal services officer to pick up the animal(s).
11. To not allow this animal to be bred or used for breeding. The animal shall be properly protected and secured at all times.

12. To not allow felines to go outside during the time of this foster period and that they will be confined inside the house at all times. Dogs may go outside while following county ordinances: must be on leash with supervision and proper identification, and not be taken outside of Sonoma County. To notify Sonoma County Animal Services immediately if a foster animal becomes lost.
13. To not assign foster care of this animal(s), including but not limited to "pet sitting", to any other person unless approval has been received from Sonoma County Animal Services.
14. To attend scheduled meetings and training sessions with Sonoma County Animal Services staff.
15. To relinquish my foster animal(s) to Sonoma County Animal Services when it has been determined by the staff that the animal(s) is ready to enter the adoption program, the animal should be transferred to a different foster home, or the animal is not adoptable. It is understood that providing foster care for an animal(s) does not guarantee that I will be able to adopt the animal(s).
16. To follow all feeding and care instructions as prescribed by Sonoma County Animal Services staff.
17. I recognize that caring for animals poses an inherent risk due to possible health, temperament, or behavioral problems. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless, release and defend Sonoma County Animal Services from and against any and all actions, claims, damages, or disabilities that arise due to the temperament, behavior or care of the animal(s) I foster including, but not limited to, full attorney and witness fees related to any action taken.
18. I understand that if I do not follow all of the above requirements, then I will no longer be able to participate in the Foster Program, and that my foster animal(s) must be relinquished to Sonoma County Animal Services. I understand that this agreement may also be terminated by me by relinquishing said animals(s) to a Sonoma County Animal Services representative. In any and all cases, the animal(s) shall never be released to anyone but a duly authorized and identified Sonoma County Animal Services representative.

I, the undersigned, agree that all the information in my foster care application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have also read and understand the Foster Care Contract, and agree to abide by all the listed requirements, and any other requirements set forth by Sonoma County Animal Services. If at any time I feel that I am unable to follow Sonoma County Animal Services requirements, I will notify the agency and return my foster animals immediately.

Sign Name _____ Date _____

Print Name _____