

Animal Name: _____

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The foster home shall provide a warm, clean and loving environment, food and any medications as required for any and all animals in their care. The foster home agrees to bring the animal into the facility or veterinarian as scheduled for medical care and vaccinations. The foster home agrees to only allow dog(s) outside under proper supervision. Foster animals should be transported in carriers only. The foster home agrees to monitor the health of the animal(s) and to contact Ruff Haven program leadership at 801-251-6765 (**text is best**) immediately in the event of questions regarding the health or safety of the animal(s). Kristina Pulsipher, Marisa Hernandez, or Kimo Pokini **MUST** authorize veterinary care before services are rendered. Unauthorized veterinarian expenses are the responsibility of the foster home.

In the event that the foster animal is commingled with other animals in the home and injury or illness results, veterinary expenses shall be the sole responsibility of the foster home. I agree that above named animal(s) are being released into my personal possession and cannot at any time be given to another person without prior authorization from Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering. I agree that the above named animal(s) remain the property of Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering.

By signing below, I agree to the following: I agree to return the animal at the agreed upon date/time. If I am going to be late, I will call 801-251-6765 to let them know of the approximate return time.

- I understand the animal in my care is an owned animal and is not available for adoption. In the event the owner is unable to permanently care for their pet I will have the right to adopt the animal if I choose.
- (CAT) I agree the cat will remain indoors at all times.
- (DOG) I agree the dog will be on a leash at all times while outside.
- (DOG) I agree not to take the dog to dog parks, pet stores, doggie day cares, veterinary facilities or any other areas not approved by Ruff Haven.
- I agree that the animal will be in my care at all times.
- I agree to feed the animal the food provided and give appropriate medications (if applicable).
- I agree to notify Ruff Haven leadership immediately of any injury inflicted by the animal to my family or the general public.

Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering provide foster families the following items: Food, collar, leash. Please anticipate providing bowls, beds, blankets, and kennels/carriers. If we have these items available via donation we will provide them as we are able.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

RHCS Signature: _____

Date: _____

Foster Care Contact Sheet

Thank you for opening your home to a foster pet in need! Your decision to take an animal into your home to provide a safe, nurturing environment is a tremendous help and enables us to bring in more animals in need. If you have any questions, concerns, or if any medical emergency situations develop during your time fostering, please contact us. We are here to help!

If you have any health-related concerns, email info@ruffhaven.org or text 801-251-6765 as soon as you notice a problem— DO NOT wait until a crisis occurs. Be as detailed as you can and provide photos if needed. In the care and treatment of foster animals, there is no such thing as a silly question!

When you call, it will be helpful for us to know:

Is the animal vomiting?
Does the animal have diarrhea?

Is the animal active or listless?
Is the animal eating and drinking?

IMPORTANT: Do not take your foster animal(s) to a veterinarian without the approval of a member of the Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering leadership team. Any charges incurred without approval will not be reimbursed.

Best Friends Vet Access App

#ThanksToMaddie, we are expanding the Best Friends Vet Access app to thousands more foster families. The app allows you to reach a veterinarian 24/7, 365 days a year. Because you are fostering, this service is being provided to you at no cost. Start by downloading the app onto your mobile device. You'll be prompted with registration instructions. You will receive an email with the coupon code to enter for free access.

Maddie's Pet Assistant App

You aren't in this alone: Nothing sets up a foster for success more than a powerful communication tool and immediate response. By using **Maddie's Pet Assistant**, we are able to do just that! Maddie's® Pet Assistant is a unique app for mobile phones and tablets developed by Maddie's Fund® to help animal shelters and rescue organizations provide support to and communicate with caregivers after pets go home. The app gives caregivers the opportunity to submit questions, photos and videos and take surveys. Via submitted surveys, your organization can gather valuable information about how the pet is doing in their foster or adoptive home, especially as it relates to potential problems or challenges. As soon as you begin fostering you will receive an email with instructions on setting up the Maddie's app.

Want to be a dog foster pro? Check out these additional resources:

- *Chill Out! Decompression Tips for New Foster Dogs*
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/steffen-baldwin/chill-out-decompression-t_b_8331986.html
- *How to Be the Best Dog Foster Parent*
<https://www.petfinder.com/animal-shelters-and-rescues/fostering-dogs/best-dog-foster-care/>

Want to become cat foster pro? Check out the Jackson Galaxy Project at:

<http://www.thejacksongalaxyproject.org/Resources/Cat-Behavior-Resources>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wclUHjfzTvA>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsYT7yIOdqQ>

Examples of *emergency* medical symptoms:

The shelter should be notified of the following conditions immediately:

- Blood from any orifice/opening
- Blood in vomit or vomit that is dark in color
- Blood in the urine, or if the foster animal is unable to urinate at all
- Blood in the stool, especially with diarrhea
- Congestion, wheezing, or labored breathing
- Fever (often accompanied by lethargy)
- If an accident has occurred and the foster animal appears to be injured
- Lameness that appears severe and painful
- Pain – irritability when handled or touched, particularly if it seems out of character for that animal
- Seizures or convulsions
- Trouble eating, mouth pain, or drooling
- Lameness that appears severe and painful
- Lethargy or decline in activity level normal for your foster animal for more than 24 hours
- Diarrhea in neonates/underweight animals for more than 24 hours

Examples of *non-emergency* medical symptoms:

- Any change in the appearance of the eye: squinting, winking, tearing, swelling, redness, yellow, green, or crusty discharge
- Coughing for less than 24 hours
- Diarrhea/loose stool (in adult animals and less than 48 hours)
- Excessive drinking for more than 48 hours
- Increased appetite for more than 1 week, especially when accompanied with weight loss
- Increased scratching at any part of the body including head shaking
- Increased urination or sudden accidents in the house, difficulty urinating, and straining for less than 24 hours
- Nasal discharge – white, yellow, or green
- No apparent weight gain, especially with puppies and kittens during a 72-hour period
- Poor appetite for more than 48 hours
- Sneezing for more than 24 hours
- Unexplained lameness that does not improve with rest within 24 hours
- Vomiting more than three times
- Weight loss is observed over a 48 hour period, especially with kittens, puppies, or nursing mothers– when weight loss is accompanied with normal to more-than-normal food intake
- Hair loss