



## **FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT**

### **Please Read & Sign**

1. I understand the mission of the Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe (HSTT) and as an HSTT volunteer I agree to represent this mission within the community on behalf of the organization.
2. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age, I am able to enter this Foster Care Agreement in my name, and that neither I nor anyone currently residing at my residence has ever been found guilty of violating any law regarding the welfare of, or cruelty to, animals.
3. I will abide by the HSTT foster pet guidelines, which I have received.
4. I have agreed to participate in HSTT's foster care program on a strictly voluntary basis without compensation or benefits of any kind.
5. I understand that only HSTT's Foster Team, Operations Director, Community Engagement Director and CEO, have the authority to make changes to program guidelines.
6. I understand that HSTT is the sole guardian of the animal(s) in foster care (the "Foster Pet(s)") and that I will serve as a custodian on behalf of HSTT for the Foster Pet(s). I agree to return the Foster Pet(s) if circumstances develop such that I am no longer able to provide care for the Foster Pet(s) in a manner consistent with the requirements of this Agreement, and that Foster Pet(s) must be returned to HSTT upon HSTT's request.
7. I understand HSTT has the right to terminate this foster care agreement and relationship at will.
8. I understand that if I, as a foster volunteer, want to adopt any of my Foster Pet(s), I must go through the standard HSTT adoption process. I also understand that I cannot send my Foster Pet(s) to an adoptive or potential adoptive home without permission of HSTT.
9. I understand that if my Foster Pet becomes ill or injured I will contact HSTT immediately. Most medical issues will be treated at the shelter by HSTT's veterinarian. In the event of a medical emergency after hours I will call the emergency-only foster support phone number to get guidance about how to proceed. I understand that I am not authorized to make any legal or medical decisions on the Foster Pet's behalf.
10. I understand that in the event of an emergency where I have to evacuate my home, I must plan to take my foster pet with me to the location I evacuate to. It is recommended to have a go-bag with the necessities to care for my foster pet ready to go at a moment's notice. Once evacuated, if I cannot continue to provide care and/or housing under these circumstances, I will contact HSTT so that they can make further arrangements. I will allow at least 48-72 hours for HSTT to find alternative placement as the shelter may be at capacity with other displaced pets. HSTT is happy to place the foster pet sooner, if possible.
11. I understand that HSTT cannot guarantee the health or temperament of my Foster Pet(s) and that I have signed HSTT's Foster Release and Liability Waiver.
12. I understand that I MUST contact HSTT immediately if my Foster Pet(s) bites and breaks skin.
13. I am aware that animals are different from human beings in their response to human actions; that the actions of animals are often unpredictable and can be a source of danger to human beings, other animals or property. I am aware that HSTT has had this Foster Pet for a limited time and that HSTT makes no claims, representations, or warranty, either expressed or implied as to the behavior, characteristics, propensities or temperament of this Foster Pet I am fostering. I hereby accept custody of this Foster Pet at my own risk, and hereby release and waive any rights, claims, legal actions, losses, injuries, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities against HSTT and its representatives which I may have now or in the future for any damages to person, property or other animal in connection with my participation in HSTT's foster program and/or my custody or care of this Foster Pet whether or not the same shall be

attributable to the negligence or carelessness of HSTT or its representatives. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless HSTT and its representatives from and against any and all claims, liabilities, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, expenses (including veterinary expenses), and fees (including attorney's fees) arising from any breach of representations, warranties, or agreements I have made herein or in this Agreement or otherwise arising from my participation in the HSTT foster care program, whether or not such claims, actions, or causes of action may be attributable to the negligence or carelessness of HSTT or its representatives.

14. This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard to principles of choice or conflicts of law, and HSTT and I agree that all disputes between them relating to this Agreement shall be resolved or adjudicated in Nevada County. If any provision of this Agreement is deemed void, invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be considered severed from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior understandings, discussions, representations, warranties and agreements between the parties, whether written or oral.

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Printed Name of Foster Parent

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Signature

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Date

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Foster Team Member

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Date