

Signed Foster Agreement

See below for previously signed foster agreement

In order to be considered as a foster caregiver, you must be: 18 years of age or older and have identification showing your current address and be willing and able to spend the time and commitment necessary to provide training, medical treatment, and proper care for your new foster pet. Foster caregivers must understand the risks of contagious and communicable conditions. All personal pets must be current on their vaccinations and spay/neuter. You will be encouraged to minimize contact between your existing pets and incoming foster animals for at least fourteen (14) days.

The following policies serve as a safety net for both the fostering family and fostered pets. By initialing each below, I agree to the following without reservation:

BARC retains guardianship and control of all animals in foster care. The shelter staff will make all final decisions regarding their placement. **Foster animals are NOT to be given away or kept – any adoption of an animal in foster care MUST go through the BARC adoption process with all applicable and accompanying BARC forms and fees.** Fostered pets will not be transferred to the custody of another person, shelter, humane society, SPCA, or other entity without the express written consent and permission of BARC. I agree that I will not place the fostered pet in another home without the express written consent of BARC, whether that placement is temporary or permanent.

I understand that there are some risks associated with taking in foster animals. I acknowledge that the health and disposition of this animal has been assessed to the best abilities of the BARC staff, despite the lack of past records for this animal. I agree that my existing family pets will be current on all shots and foster pets will be kept isolated from family pets for a minimum of 14 days (10-14 days for cats) for the protection of all animals and to limit the risk of spreading any possible contagious disease. **BARC is not responsible for other pet(s) becoming ill by being exposed to a BARC foster pet and cannot reimburse any related veterinary medical expenses.**

I agree to be fully responsible for the safety and well-being of the foster pet. I will provide a safe, loving, humane environment with adequate food, water, and shelter at all times. Foster animals must be housed in a climate-controlled area that is comfortable and stress-free. I will not declaw, crop the ears, or crop the tail of the fostered pet. I will adhere to all state and local animal laws and every foster animal will wear a collar with identification. I will promptly notify BARC of any signs of illness, behavioral issues or concerns, my inability to continue to foster, if the pet becomes lost, and/or if the fostered pet bites/scratches someone and breaks skin.



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INDEMNIFICATION – I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT INCIDENTS INVOLVING FOSTERED ANIMALS DO OCCUR AND MAY RESULT IN INJURIES AND/OR DAMAGES TO HUMANS, OTHER ANIMALS, AND/OR PROPERTY. I AGREE TO DEFEND, HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY, AND PROTECT BARC FROM ANY CLAIM OR SUIT FILED BY ANYONE AS A RESULT OF ANY SUCH INCIDENT OR ANY OTHER INCIDENT INVOLVING THE FOSTERED PET ARISING WHILE THE FOSTERED PET IS IN MY CARE. IN ADDITION, I AGREE THAT BARC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IF THE FOSTERED PET SHOULD DAMAGE OR DESTROY PROPERTY BELONGING TO ME, MY HOUSEHOLD, OR OTHERS, OR IF THE ANIMAL TRANSFERS ANY DISEASE, INFECTION, AND/OR PARASITES, INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL, TO ANY PERSON OR ANIMAL WHILE THE FOSTERED PET IS IN MY CARE.

I understand and acknowledge that all of the pets in the BARC foster program are the property of BARC. I agree to comply with any request by BARC or its representatives to return and relinquish possession of the foster pet and will do so no later than 24 hours after such request. I further agree that BARC's rights in and to my foster pet are superior to mine. **I agree to provide the BARC Foster/Rescue Coordinator, BARC Animal Enforcement Officer, or their authorized representatives access to my home and property to check on the fostered pet at any time while I am in possession of the fostered pet.** If an adopter requests to visit with the foster pet, I agree that I must make arrangements for viewing in a timely manner. Foster parents may be required to bring animals to an on-site or off-site event to promote adoption of their foster animal.

I agree to maintain copies of kennel cards, medical records, rabies vaccination records (if applicable) and any other documentation given to me at the time of fostering at my home to provide to BARC staff upon request.

I understand that I am welcome to bring the fostered pet to my private veterinarian, however, **BARC cannot reimburse for medical expenses incurred at another facility/vet.** Foster parents are responsible for getting their foster animals to a veterinarian in a timely manner when necessary.

If not done prior, after 90 days in foster care, the BARC Foster/Rescue Coordinator will contact the foster parent to discuss the current plan for the animal and devise a plan moving forward.

Foster homes may be limited to the number of pets fostered at any given time and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Foster pets may not be transported outside the Houston area without the express written permission of the Foster/Rescue Coordinator.

BARC staff will inform the foster family of medical treatment required, expected length of care required, the care objectives, and any other expectations when the foster pet is picked up and on an on-going basis thereafter.

Any problems/question encountered during the fostering period should be discussed with the Foster/Rescue Coordinator.

Foster pets may be required to schedule a follow-up examination at any time into the foster program. This will be determined by the veterinary staff. We ask foster homes to assist us in promoting adoption of foster animals through friends, family, co-workers, online websites, and off-site adoptions.





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Every effort will be made to adopt foster pets. If the pet begins to exhibit aggressive or undesirable behavior, a chronic debilitating or painful condition, or is terminally ill, euthanasia may have to be considered. This is rare, but the ultimate decision is reserved for the BARC veterinary staff and Foster/Rescue Coordinator.

I understand that if I am approved for fostering, this declaration represents a legal contract between me and BARC. I understand that if I am approved to foster an animal, I must abide by this agreement and that this agreement applies to any and all animals that I foster with BARC.

ACCURACY OF INFORMATION – I acknowledge that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. If at any time the information I have provided changes, I will provide updated information to BARC as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than 72 hours after the information changes.

BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, THE UNDERSIGNED FOSTER CARETAKER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREES TO SAME WITHOUT RESERVATION.

I hereby certify that the information provided to BARC is true and correct. I understand that any falsification discovered during the foster process may result in the nullification of this foster and my disqualification from future consideration as foster caretaker. I take full responsibility for the animal while in my care as a foster.

