



Tulare Animal Services

Foster Parent Contract

I, _____, agree to act as a temporary foster home for a shelter animal and agree to abide by the guidelines of the Foster Care Program listed below.

Animal Breed _____	Kennel ID # _____
Color _____	Age _____
Sex <input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female

- I understand that all animals fostered by volunteers are the property of the Tulare Animal Services Facility and will remain so until adopted or placed.
- I am willing to extend this animal's life past the legal requirements set forth by state laws by providing basic care until a good adoptive home is found.
- I agree to allow Tulare Animal Services' staff to inspect my home or premises upon which the animal will be maintained.
- I understand that the ongoing decisions about care will remain in the hands of the shelter and are dependent on financial resources and prognosis for recovery.
- I understand that the shelter makes all medical/surgical decisions about foster animals. Foster volunteers will not be reimbursed if they take an animal to a veterinarian for exam, diagnostic testing, treatment, etc. or seek veterinarian care without approval.
- I agree to contact the Animal Services Officer regarding any veterinary care the animal may need and take appropriate action in case of an emergency.
- I agree to contact Animal Services Officer during hours of operation or the on-call officer after hours if any emergency should arrive. I agree to turn over any animal in need of emergency care or meet with staff at the veterinary clinic used by the Tulare Animal Services Facility.

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- I understand that Tulare Animal Services recommends that I keep my foster pet separated from my own animals at home to ensure the health and safety of all animals. I will keep foster animals completely separate from my own animals when left unsupervised and I assume all risks and liabilities if I allow the foster animal to interact with my own animals.
- I understand all of the disease risks, acknowledge my responsibility as a pet owner to have all pets' current on their vaccines and hereby confirm receipt of this information in my volunteer training. I agree that Tulare Animal Services will not be responsible for any unforeseen health problems that may develop after the animal is in my care or for any illness of my own pet.
- I agree to keep my foster animal well fed, watered, exercised and to act in compliance with the state of California's anti-cruelty laws. I agree to provide an adequate and nutritious diet at my own expense. I agree to abide by any feeding/ animal care suggestions given to me by the staff of Tulare Animal Services. I agree to provide positive socialization to ensure their temperament is suitable for adoption.
- I will not let any foster cats outside. I agree to transport all animals in a sturdy, well-ventilated carrier or on a leash. I will not leave my foster animal in any vehicle or allow them to ride in the bed of a pickup truck or convertible.
- I understand that Tulare Animal Services cannot guarantee placement for animals in the shelter. Foster animals that are not placed may be euthanized. However, arrangements can be made to re-foster an animal if the initial foster placement does not work out.
- I agree to do my best to actively seek new, loving homes for animals in my care. I understand the adoption process. I understand that whoever adopts the foster animal, myself included, must apply and be approved, complete adoption paperwork and fees are to be collected.
- I agree to disclose any bites, accidents, illnesses, fighting or other events that may be critical in the disposition, and therefore adoptability, of the foster animal. As a Foster Parent, I understand the possibility of my children and others being scared, bitten, scratched or contracting disease or otherwise injured. Tulare Animal Services shall not be liable for, and is hereby relieved from, all financial or legal responsibility for medical or any other expenses incurred from the above-identified animal at any time while I am a Foster Parent. Also, Tulare Animal Services shall not be liable for, and is hereby relieved form, all liability for any damage, expenses, causes of action, fines, suits, demands, judgments or claims of any nature whatsoever arising from or by reason of any damage to property or injury to any persons caused in whole or in part from the above-identified animal placed with a Foster Parent. Foster Parent hereby agrees to protect, indemnify and hold Tulare Animal Services harmless against all of the aforesaid damages or liabilities caused by or related to the above-identified animal.

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Note: for purpose of this Agreement, the term "Foster Parent" means the undersigned, his or her family, friends and any third parties allowed or directed by the Foster Parent to possess or provide care for the animal. Foster Parent hereby assumes full responsibility for compliance by these persons with this Agreement.

Foster Parent affirms that he/she is at least eighteen years of age and fully understands the contractual obligations under this Agreement.

Date

Signed By

Printed Name

Staff Signature

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For office use only: date: initials: comments:

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