

# Rooted In Love

## Rescue & Sanctuary

### FOSTER AGREEMENT

#### FOSTER INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ANIMAL INFORMATION

*(If multiple animals are adopted, attach additional pages as needed.)*

Gender:  Male  Female  Unsure

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed/Neutered:  Yes  No  Unsure

Species/Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

ID/Microchip/Ear tag: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dietary Information (type of food, feeding schedule):

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Housing Setup (indoor/outdoor): \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEDICAL HISTORY & BEHAVIOR

Known Medical Conditions or Concerns:

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Current Medications or Supplements:

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Behavior Concerns (biting, aggression, fear, etc.):

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Notes:

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## **Foster Responsibilities**

1. **Basic Care:** The Foster agrees to provide proper food, water, shelter, exercise, and affection to the Animal.
2. **Home Environment:** The Foster affirms that their home (or designated foster space) is safe, secure, and complies with all local regulations related to keeping animals.
3. **Behavior & Training:** The Foster will use only humane training methods (if training or behavioral guidance is necessary). No physical punishment or inhumane treatment is allowed.
4. **Compliance with Laws:** The Foster will abide by all local, state, and federal laws or regulations concerning the care and keeping of animals.

## **Veterinary Care**

1. **Routine & Emergency Care:** The Rescue will outline a protocol (written or verbal) regarding routine veterinary appointments, vaccinations, and any necessary medical treatments.
2. **Approval for Non-Emergency Treatment:** Except for emergencies, the Foster agrees to seek approval from the Rescue before incurring any veterinary expenses.
3. **Emergency Care:** In a true medical emergency, the Foster will make every effort to contact the Rescue immediately. If immediate care is needed to save the life or prevent serious harm to the Animal, the Foster may seek emergency treatment without prior approval, but must notify the Rescue at the earliest opportunity.

## **Duration & Return of the Animal**

1. **Foster Period:** This Agreement remains in effect for as long as the Animal is in foster care, unless terminated in writing by either party.
2. **Return or Transfer:** The Animal remains the property of the Rescue at all times. The Foster will not transfer, give away, sell, or otherwise relocate the Animal to any other person or entity without the explicit written permission of the Rescue.
3. **Request to Return:** If the Foster can no longer care for the Animal, they must notify the Rescue immediately and arrange for return of the Animal to the Rescue.

## **Right of Reclamation**

If the Foster is found to be in breach of this Agreement (e.g., neglect, mistreatment, or unauthorized transfer), the Rescue may reclaim the Animal at its discretion. The Foster agrees to allow the Rescue or its representatives to enter the property, in compliance with local laws, to recover the Animal if necessary.

## **Release and Indemnification**

1. The Foster acknowledges that all animals can be unpredictable and releases Rooted in Love Rescue, its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers from any claims or liabilities arising from the Animal's actions.
2. The Foster agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Rescue and its representatives from any claims, damages, or costs resulting from (a) the Foster's failure to comply with this Agreement, or (b) any negligent or willful act by the Foster.

## **No Guarantee**

The Rescue makes no explicit or implied guarantees as to the Animal's health, behavior, or temperament. All known information about the Animal's behavior or medical history has been disclosed to the Foster to the best of the Rescue's knowledge.

## **Reputation & Public Conduct**

3. Foster acknowledges that Rooted in Love Rescue's reputation is vital. The Foster shall not intentionally harm the Rescue's reputation via false or misleading statements.
4. If the Foster has concerns regarding the Rescue's practices or the Animal's care, the Foster will first discuss these concerns with the Rescue directly and in good faith.

## **Non-Disparagement.**

Foster agrees not to make or publish false, misleading, or defamatory statements or posts about Rooted in Love Rescue, its directors, officers, employees, or volunteers. This includes, but is not limited to, statements made in person, via email, in writing, or on social media. Foster further agrees not to take any action that could reasonably be expected to harm the reputation, goodwill, or legitimate business interests of the Rescue.

1. Communicating in good faith with the Rescue about issues pertaining to the Animal's care or the Rescue's operations, with the intent of resolving concerns rather than causing reputational harm.
2. **Good Faith Disputes.** If the Foster has any concerns regarding the Rescue's practices, care of the animals, or any other matter, the Foster agrees to address these concerns directly with the Rescue and is prohibited from making any public statements. The Rescue will make a good-faith effort to listen to and address these concerns promptly.

3. Enforcement. Foster acknowledges that any breach of this Non-Disparagement Clause may cause irreparable harm to the Rescue's reputation and goodwill, and the Rescue retains the right to seek all available legal or equitable remedies should such a breach occur.

### **Photo & Media Release**

The Foster grants the Rescue permission to use any photographs or videos of the Animal in foster for the Rescue's promotional or adoption efforts. The Foster may post about the Animal on social media provided it does not violate the terms of this Agreement or damage the Rescue's reputation.

### **Insurance & Liability**

The Foster is strongly encouraged to have homeowner's or renter's insurance that covers incidents involving animals. The Rescue does not assume liability for damage, injury, or illness caused by or to the Animal while in foster care.

### **Foster-to-Adopt Option (If Applicable)**

If the Foster wishes to adopt the animal, they must enter a separate Adoption Agreement according to the Rescue's procedures and may be required to pay the standard adoption fee.

**This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties regarding the foster arrangement. Any modifications or additions to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both the Rescue and the Foster. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior understandings and representations. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan in Lapeer County. If any provision of this Agreement is deemed unenforceable, all other provisions remain in full effect.**

**Foster Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rooted in Love Rescue Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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