



Foster Contract

This agreement is made and entered into on the _____ of _____ 20____ by and between Save the Giants Rescue (hereinafter "rescue") and the following individual(s):

(hereinafter "Foster").

WHEREAS: Foster wishes to foster one or more animals for Save the Giants Rescue. This executed Foster Agreement ("Agreement") is binding for any and all future animals fostered for Save the Giants Rescue. If there is a break in fostering of more than one year, a new Agreement will be executed by all parties.

Please initial next to each of the following terms.

_____ **Compassionate and Appropriate Care:** Foster will provide appropriate care for every Foster Dog that is taken into their home, until the Foster Dog has been successfully placed in a permanent home or, in the event this foster placement does not work out for any reason, until the Foster Dog is placed into another Foster home. Foster will provide the care *without expectation of reimbursement* for any normal and customary out of pocket expenses.

This care shall include, but is not limited to, loving and humane treatment, proper and nutritional foods, regular exercise, and appropriate toys. Foster will also provide at all times fresh water, shelter from the weather and temperature extremes, a safe fenced yard, and when necessary, all necessary appropriate medication provided by Rescue. Foster will oversee the dog's medical and veterinary care with Rescue's approval. Rescue will pay 100% of all standard and emergency medical expenses that have been pre-approved by a rescue board member.

_____ **Training:** Foster will be patient and tolerant at all times while fostering. Foster acknowledges that one of their primary goals in fostering is to help the Foster Dog become more adoptable. Foster agrees to work with the Foster Dog on house and crate training, if necessary, and to address anything else which will help to make the Foster Dog more adoptable. Foster exclusively utilize and practice humane, force-free, positive reinforcement training methods. Foster will not practice any form of fear or pain based training or other harsh methods including choke, shock, pinch or prong collars. Foster will never physically or emotionally abuse the Foster Dog, and will not let any other person or animal physically or emotionally abuse the Foster Dog.

_____ **Never Off-Leash:** Foster agrees that **at no time** will the Foster Dog be allowed to be off leash outside of a fenced area. Foster understands and agrees that **at no time** should the Foster Dog be taken to a dog park. If Foster finds that Foster Dog requires additional exercise and/or interaction, Foster will discuss appropriate options with Rescue.

_____ **Administration of Medications / Supplies:** Foster agrees never to administer medication of any kind without prior approval from a Rescue-approved vet or a Rescue representative. This shall include but is not limited to: over-the-counter pain and allergy medications, vitamins, supplements, flea/tick medication, heartworm preventative, and prescription medications.

_____ **Grooming:** Foster will provide regular grooming of the Foster Dog to include bathing, brushing the coat, cleaning the ears, trimming nails, and cleaning nose, mouth and tear residue.

_____ **Indoor Only Dog:** Foster agrees to keep the Foster Dog as an "indoor only" dog (living inside the home) and the Foster Dog will not be left outside at any time without the proper adult supervision or when no one is at home.



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_____ **Standard Medical Care:** Foster will advise rescue of any medical needs or expenses over and above the standard vet care Rescue provides. Standard care includes routine vaccinations, spaying or neutering, heartworm test, fecal test, deworming and micro-chipping. Foster will not authorize veterinary treatments, procedures, or medications without the prior approval and authorization of Rescue. Foster understands that Rescue cannot reimburse for non-emergency care that was not approved in advance. Rescue may request that Foster take Foster Dog to a vet hospital or clinic with which Rescue has an established relationship, which may not necessarily be the nearest or most convenient veterinary hospital or clinic. Vet partners allow Rescue to budget appropriately for new incoming dogs and maintain reasonable adoption fees.

_____ **Emergency Medical Treatment:** If the Foster Dog needs emergency (life-saving) medical treatment, Foster will provide necessary emergency care immediately. Foster must attempt to contact a Board of Directors for prior authorization. Should authorization not be obtained within 20 minutes of attempted contact, the Foster will proceed with treatment necessary to stabilize Dog until authorization is received. If the emergency is not life threatening, foster must first get approval from the Board of Directors of Rescue. Life threatening emergencies are defined as bloat, anaphylaxis (allergic reaction), back injuries caused by trauma, severe bleeding, cardiac emergencies, choking, heat-related emergencies, seizures, hit by car emergencies. Please let Rescue know if additional information about each of these conditions is needed.

_____ **Collar and ID Tags:** Foster will make certain that the Foster Dog is wearing a flat collar or harness that securely fits and that the identification tag provided by Rescue is securely fastened to the collar at all times except when crated.

_____ **Strangers and/or Unknown Dogs:** Foster will not allow strange people or animals – people or animals unknown to the Foster Dog – to approach the Foster Dog without being in full control of the Foster Dog and the situation.

_____ **Cooperation with Permanent Placement:** Foster will work cooperatively with Rescue to find the Foster Dog a permanent, loving home as quickly as possible after the Foster Dog is ready for adoption. Re-homing process includes application review, phone interviews, home check and adoption (if distance permits), and follow-up. Foster understands that Rescue will request that Foster provide photos, updates and any information to help promote and place Foster Dog.

_____ **Visits from Prospective Adopters:** Foster understands and accepts that prospective adopters need to visit the Foster Dog before adoption. With prior notice, Foster agrees to facilitate a meeting between Foster Dog and potential adopter, be that in the home of either party or at a central location.

_____ **Foster Option to Adopt:** The Foster Home shall have the first option to adopt their Foster Dog. If Foster decides they would like to adopt the Foster Dog, Foster understands and accepts that the procedure for adoption will be the same for them as it would be for any other new applicant, i.e. (1) foster will be asked to sign the Adoption Contract and make the standard adoption donation, and (2) The Board of Directors of Save the Giants Rescue must agree that the Foster Home represents a good long-term match with the Foster Dog. Foster understands and accepts that Foster may not permanently keep the animal without the approval and consent of Rescue. This approval and consent must be in writing. Should the Foster Home be deemed unsuitable as an adoptive placement, the Rescue Agent shall move forward to place the Foster Dog in an adoptive home as soon as is reasonably practical.



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_____ **Lost, Stolen or Deceased:** If the Foster Dog is lost, stolen, or dies, Foster shall notify Rescue immediately.

_____ **Right to Inspection:** Foster grants Rescue and its representatives the right to inspect the Foster Dog's environment and living arrangements at any reasonable time while they are fostering. Foster agrees not to withhold access to the Foster Dog or the Foster Dog's medical records.

_____ **Sole Property of Rescue:** Foster understands and accepts that the Foster Dog is and shall remain the sole property of Rescue at all times during the Foster period. Foster further understands and acknowledges that Foster does not have any right or authority to keep or place the Foster Dog in any other home or with any other individual or in boarding, at any time. Temporarily or permanently moving the Foster Dog to, or placing the Foster Dog in, any other home or in boarding can only be done with the full knowledge and approval of Rescue, which must be done in advance of the Foster Dog's moving. Foster Coordinator or member of the Board of Directors of Save the Giants Rescue must give said approval.

_____ **Representations:** Foster understands and accepts that Rescue makes no representations or warranties regarding the health, temperament, behavior and/or previous ownership of Foster Dog.

_____ **Hold Harmless:** Foster fully understands and agrees to assume all risks involved in any and all activities, tasks or duties performed for Rescue in a volunteer capacity. Foster understands that the behavior of domestic animals may be unpredictable and may result in serious personal injury or death as well as extensive property damage. Foster understands that while they are acting within the scope of their duties as Foster family for Rescue, and agrees to release, discharge and hold Rescue harmless from any and all liability, claims and damages arising out of or as a consequence of any personal injury or legal damages that may result to members of the public as a result of any activity performed within the scope of Foster family and volunteer activities for Rescue provided they are performed in accordance with Rescue's Foster policies and procedures.

_____ **Communication of Other Issues:** Foster will immediately notify Rescue of any problems, challenges, concerns or difficulties related to fostering, specific to Foster Dog or otherwise.

_____ **Known Animal Abusers:** I represent that I have never been charged with and/or convicted of animal cruelty, abuse and/or neglect. I will not under any circumstances knowingly allow any person who has been charged with and/or convicted of animal abuse, cruelty and/or neglect to be near, spend time with or care for Foster Dog.

_____ **Legally Binding Agreement:** No provisions of this Agreement may be altered, modified or in any way changed unless the same is in writing and agreed upon between the Foster and Rescue.

_____ **Default of Agreement:** Foster agrees that if they are found to be in default of any of the provisions of this Agreement, the Foster Dog may be seized and removed from the Foster Home immediately, with no prior notice, and they further agree not to withhold Foster Dog from Rescue.

_____ **Recourse of Breach of Agreement:** Rescue will be entitled to enforce its rights by action for specific performance if Foster breaches this Agreement. Foster agrees to pay all expenses incurred by Rescue in enforcing its rights under this Agreement, including reasonable attorney's fees. This Agreement contains the entire agreement by and between the parties, unless amended in writing by all parties.



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Dissolving Foster Position: If, for any reason, Foster is not able to continue fostering, Foster agrees to notify Rescue immediately. Rescue will make arrangements for removal of the Foster Dog, and Foster agrees to cooperate in those arrangements. Rescue would appreciate as much notice as possible in order to locate another suitable placement for the Foster Dog. At this time, Foster will return any property issued to Foster by Rescue, including but not limited to leashes, collars, harnesses medications, kennels, food and/or toys.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I understand and will comply with the provisions of this contract.

Printed Name (Foster Parent)

Street Address City State Zip

Primary Phone # Alternate Phone # Email address

Signature Date

Printed Name (Rescue Agent)

Signature Date

Volunteer Contract & Liability Waiver



Volunteer's full name as listed on the volunteer or foster application: _____

Release of Liability

I recognize that working with animals including giant breed dogs, places me at physical risk, and I agree to assume that risk. I realize that although Save The Giants rescue has taken all reasonable measures to protect me, accidents and injuries may still occur. Therefore, I hereby completely release and entirely discharge Save The Giants rescue from any and all claims and causes of action of negligence or gross negligence that I or another might have or bring relating to or arising from any injury or damage that I should sustain while assisting Save The Giants rescue or in connection with my volunteer work for Save The Giants rescue.

Initial Here: _____

Understanding and Acceptance of Volunteer Guidelines

I have read, understand and agree to the volunteer guidelines set forth in the Save The Giants rescue Volunteer Handbook. I fully understand and agree that I am providing my services in a volunteer capacity without any expressed or implied promise of compensation. I agree to perform my volunteer duties to the best of my ability and to adhere to the guidelines detailed in the volunteer handbook. I further understand that my volunteer involvement may be terminated for reasons including, but not limited to, those outlined in the volunteer manual.

Initial Here: _____

Photo Release

During my volunteer time with Save The Giants rescue, I understand my photo may be taken at various events and projects. By signing below I also hereby grant Save The Giants rescue permission to use my likeness in photograph(s) and/or video(s) in any and all of its publications or online, whether now known or hereafter existing. I will make no monetary or other claim against Save The Giants rescue for the use of the photograph(s) and/or video(s).

Initial Here: _____

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I understand and will comply with the provisions of this contract and liability waiver.

Printed Name (Volunteer) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____ Email address _____