

Thank you for volunteering as a foster family for Paws4ever! Please read thoroughly and sign.

Foster Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Foster Volunteer Expectations

- I am at least 18 years of age, have permission (as applicable) to keep pets in my home, have a valid drivers licence, and have valid auto insurance.
- I agree to abide by Paws4ever's foster care guidelines below:
 - Follow Paws4ever's instructions on medical care including prescription medications and/or med sheets from our veterinarians
 - Follow Paws4ever instructions with regard to behavior and training plans.
 - Keep Paws4ever's foster cat(s)/kitten(s) indoors and do not expose them to other cats and keep foster dogs or puppies away from dogs that are not already in your home.
 - Maintain a healthy and clean environment for foster animal(s).
- I understand that Paws4ever is the sole guardian of all animals in foster care and that fostered animals must be returned to Paws4ever upon Paws4ever's request in a timely manner (within 48 hours unless arrangements are made with Paws4ever for an extended period or Paws4ever deems it necessary to obtain the animal immediately). As such, I do not have the right to transfer ownership of this pet by any means, such as selling, giving away, or surrendering the animal to another shelter.
- I understand that Paws4ever has the right to terminate this foster care agreement and relationship at will at any time and for any reason.
- I understand that if I, as a foster volunteer, want to adopt any of my foster pets, I must go through the standard Paws4ever adoption process, including paying any applicable adoption fees.
- I understand that I cannot send any of my foster animals to an adoptive or potential adoptive home until this has been approved by a Paws4ever staff member.
- I agree to check with Paws4ever staff before taking my foster animal(s) on any outings. Unless I've been given permission by a Paws4ever staff member, foster animals will stay on my property while they are in my care.
- If the animal becomes sick or injured during the foster period, I agree to contact Paws4ever immediately to arrange for appropriate medical care.
- I understand that all veterinary care must be pre-approved by Paws4ever and be provided at a Paws4ever-approved veterinary clinic. I understand that if I choose to take my foster animal(s) to a non-approved veterinary clinic, or to an emergency veterinary hospital without prior approval, Paws4ever will not reimburse me for the expenses incurred.
- I understand that there is an inherent risk when caring for animals. I also understand that pregnant women and people with suppressed immune systems need to be aware of zoonotic diseases and should consult their physician with questions and guidance. Special care needs to be taken if such persons plan to come in contact with used litter pans and animals in general.
- I understand that I will be asked to actively promote my foster animal(s) for adoption once they are eligible.
- I will provide as much advance notice as possible if I become temporarily or permanently unable to keep a current foster animal.

- I understand that I am a representative of Paws4ever in my role as foster. I will be respectful, honest and polite in all my conversations (verbal and written) and actions related to the organization.
- I will contact Paws4ever immediately if the animal bites or attempts to bite a person or another animal.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to supervise any interaction with my foster pet(s) and children.
- I will only use an approved collar/harness/leash and will never use a prong, choke or shock collar on a Paws4ever foster animal.
- I give my permission for an agent of Paws4ever to remove the foster animal from my premises if the terms of this foster contract have not been fulfilled, and entry shall not constitute a trespass upon the premise occupied.
- I will provide a clean and neat living space within the home where there are no dangerous objects, chemicals, plants, food or other items that can be consumed by the pet.
- I will never leave a foster animal unattended in a vehicle.
- If for any reason the above named pet escapes during the trial period, I will contact Paws4ever immediately.

Foster Animal Emergency Criteria (this is not all inclusive - please contact us immediately if you think your animal is having an emergency).

Emergencies consist of:

Vomiting more than once

Diarrhea

Blood in stool

Not eating

Only eating a little

Not very excited to eat

Singling oneself out from others

Meowing a lot

Moving around a lot

Falling over while walking

Not bearing weight on a limb

Sleeping often

Peeing blood

Emergency number: 919-241-8438 x 115 - Do not wait to contact if you have what you think is an emergency.

Foster Liability Waiver

I agree to adhere to the regulations and requirements as mandated by Paws4ever both in this contract and through additional verbal and written communication. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Paws4ever, its employees, volunteers, agents and Board of Directors from any and all liability arising out of or in consequence of, or injury of myself, family members or the public that is sustained as a result of fostering. I understand and acknowledge that this waiver discharges Paws4ever from any liability or claim that I may have against Paws4ever with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Fostering for Paws4ever. I also understand that Paws4ever does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability insurance, in the event of injury, illness, death or property damage.

INSURANCE

I, the participant, understand that I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability on the part of Paws4ever beyond what may be offered freely by the representative of Paws4ever in the event of such injury or medical expense.

I understand that my personal auto insurance will be activated for any accidents that involve my vehicle while I am participating as a foster for Paws4ever.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

I hereby release and forever discharge Paws4ever from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered in connection with an emergency while participating as a foster for Paws4ever.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I understand that my time with Paws4ever may include activities that may be hazardous to me, including, but not limited to, activities involving dogs and/or cats, which may include the risk of being bitten, scratched, jumped on, dragged, or knocked over. I further understand that, although unlikely, there is a risk of the transmission of zoonotic disease while working in an animal shelter. I hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in these activities and release Paws4ever from all liability for injury, death, or property damage resulting from the activities of my time with Paws4ever.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE

I grant and convey unto Paws4ever all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Paws4ever during my work for Paws4ever, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

OTHER

I expressly agree that this Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina in the United States of America, and that this Waiver shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Waiver shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

Foster signature _____ Date _____

Paws4ever team member signature _____ Date _____