

## FOSTER HOME AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between Paws Between Homes (“PBH”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Fosterer”). Fosterer agrees to temporarily care for pet(s) on behalf of PBH and to comply with the following rules:

### General Rules

1. **Fosterer understands that the purpose and mission of PBH is to reunite foster pets with their Permanent Guardians within 90 days of entry into foster care.**
2. Fosterer further understands that, barring unforeseen circumstances, the foster pet will eventually be returned to the Permanent Guardian and is not available for adoption or “foster fail”.
3. Fosterer understands that the foster pet is only temporarily in their care and remains the property of PBH. PBH can remove the foster pet from the Fosterer at any time, for any reason, and without prior notice.
4. Fosterer consents to an initial and periodic home inspection by PBH.
5. Fosterer agrees to make reasonable efforts to stay in regular contact with PBH about the foster pet(s) in their care.
6. Fosterer has the right to refuse or return a foster pet for any reason.
7. Any and all communications with the pet’s Permanent Guardian will be handled through PBH.
8. If Fosterer becomes unable to fulfill any of the requirements set forth in this Agreement, they will notify a PBH representative immediately.

### Home Environment

9. The foster pet shall reside at Fosterer’s home address as listed at the end of this Agreement. Fosterer will timely notify PBH of any changes in Fosterer’s contact information.
10. PBH will provide Fosterer with a crate, leash, food, litter, toys, and necessary medications at no cost to Fosterer.
11. Fosterer shall provide the foster pet with humane care and maintain the foster pet in accordance with all applicable state, county, and municipal laws and ordinances while the pet resides with Fosterer. Fosterer agrees to provide the foster pet with adequate food, water, shelter, affection, socialization, and exercise comparable to what Fosterer would provide to their own pets. Fosterer further agrees to keep all areas accessible to the foster pet free of common hazards such as unprotected wires, toxic chemicals, and plants and food known to be toxic to pets.
12. Fosterer shall provide the foster pet with humane means of exercise (e.g., a fenced yard). The foster pet shall not be kept constantly tethered or outdoors. Foster dogs shall be leashed at all times when outside an unfenced area, and shall not be taken to an off-leash dog park. Foster cats shall be housed exclusively indoors.
13. Fosterer will immediately notify PBH if the foster pet escapes or cannot be located.
14. By signing this Agreement, Fosterer confirms that Fosterer’s personal pets, if any, are current on their vaccinations, including Bordetella (for dogs), which is not a routine vaccination. Fosterer further confirms that Fosterer’s personal cats are negative for Feline Leukemia and FIV. Fosterer

consents to PBH contacting Fosterer's veterinarian to confirm the vaccination status of Fosterer's personal pets.

Fosterer's Veterinarian Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

15. It is Fosterer's responsibility to keep the foster pet separated from Fosterer's personal pets for 14 days.
16. Fosterer understands that PBH will not reimburse for any property damage or bodily injury incurred due to foster pet's presence in Fosterer's home.
17. If Fosterer cannot keep the foster pet, Fosterer shall notify PBH immediately. The foster pet shall not be sold, abandoned, relinquished to a shelter or to another rescue group. Fosterer will not relinquish custody of foster pet to anyone other than PBH. No person under the age of 18 shall attend to or care for foster pet without direct supervision by Fosterer.
18. Fosterer understands that PBH and its representatives have limited information regarding the temperament and habits of the foster pet. Fosterer will take all reasonable precautions (through the use of crates, leashes, supervision, and common sense) to ensure that the foster pet does not run loose, become a nuisance, destroy property, injure or get injured by another animal, or injure or get injured by any person or persons.
19. Fosterer agrees that they will **exclusively** foster pets from PBH while program pets are in their care. Fosterer understands that, while they have a PBH pet in their care, they will not be able to acquire any new or additional foster pets.
20. Fosterer agrees to abide by the pet number limit established by their county and/or municipality at all times.
21. Fosterer will house no more than four (4) pets for PBH at one time, all of which must come from the same family. Additionally, Fosterer will house no more than three (3) personal pets in their home while housing PBH pets in order to maintain safety.
22. If Fosterer will be going out of town and unable to care for the foster pet, they will provide as much notice as possible to PBH (at least two weeks) to allow PBH time to arrange an alternate foster placement or boarding. Fosterer understands that, in order to minimize disruption to the pet, PBH may elect to keep the pet in the alternate living arrangement even after Fosterer returns.

### **Veterinary Care**

23. Fosterer will make no decisions regarding the foster pet's veterinary care (including euthanasia) without prior approval from PBH. All well and sick vet visits will be scheduled through PBH.
24. In the case of a veterinary emergency, Fosterer will make every effort to contact a PBH representative before considering an emergency visit. In the event that Fosterer is unable to reach a PBH representative, Fosterer will immediately take the pet directly to the nearest animal emergency clinic and authorize any treatment deemed reasonably necessary by the clinic. Reasonable emergency veterinary expenses for the foster pet will be reimbursed by PBH in the event that a PBH representative cannot be reached.
25. PBH will provide preventative care (including vaccines, dewormer, and flea and heartworm preventative) and medication for some minor illnesses diagnosed and treated by a PBH-approved veterinarian. Fosterer may be responsible for administering medications or treatment.

26. Fosterer understands the foster pet may be incubating dangerous diseases unbeknownst to a veterinarian. Fosterer also understands that PBH will not provide medical care or treatment to Fosterer's personal pets should they contract any disease from the foster pet.

**Release of Liability**

27. Fosterer does hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless PBH and any person, firm, or corporation charged or chargeable with liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions, and causes of action, whether known or unknown, belonging to Fosterer due to any action or occurrence from the date of this Agreement arising out of or in connection with the custody or care of the foster pet.

By signing below, Fosterer acknowledges that they have read and understood the terms of this Agreement in full, and they agree to be bound by its provisions.

Fosterer Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Alternate phone:

Email address:

Fosterer signature:

Date:

PBH Representative Signature:

PBH Representative Name:

Date:

**Foster Home Information Sheet**

Name:

Are you currently a foster home for any other rescue organization? Y / N

If so, which one(s):

Have you previously been a foster home for any other rescue organization? Y / N

If so, which one(s);

Why do you no longer foster for this organization?

What types of animals can you foster?

Dogs (what size?)

Cats

Other (e.g., birds, rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice/rats, reptiles, fish – please specify)

Sometimes our clients have more than one pet. How many pets can you foster at a time?

Do you have any restrictions on what you can foster? (e.g., age, sex, size)

Do you own or rent your home?

If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord / property manager to foster a pet? Y / N

Please tell us about any other pets in your home:

1) Species (dog/cat/etc.):

Breed:

Age:

Weight:

Spayed/neutered?

Please describe any health issues:

2) Species (dog/cat/etc.):

Breed:

Age:

Weight:

Spayed/neutered?

Please describe any health issues:

(Use additional space if necessary for other animals)

Please tell us about any other people in your home:

I live with: \_\_\_Family/Partners \_\_\_Roommates/Renters \_\_\_Both \_\_\_Neither (alone)

Number of other adults:

Number of children:

Children's ages:

How many hours would your foster pet be home alone during the average day:

Do you have a fenced-in yard?

Do you have a separate room or space to isolate a foster pet from other pets if the need arises?

Do you have a fire extinguisher?

Do you have a working smoke detector?

How many years of experience with pets do you have?

Please provide a personal reference who is not a relative or romantic partner (name, relationship, phone number):

I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is accurate, truthful, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I will be required to pass a foster home inspection prior to fostering pets.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_