



Temporary Hold for Pet Owner Agreement

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between Greenville County Animal Care Services (herein called "Caregiver") and the pet owner whose name appears above (herein called "Owner").

- Owner requests special emergency assistance in temporary housing (foster) of said animal(s) for an undisclosed period due to a change in lifestyle. **The maximum period that Caregiver can provide temporary housing is 45 days, unless otherwise pre-approved by the Division Manager for Caregiver.**
- Owner recognizes that there are some risks with housing said animal(s) in an animal shelter environment; including transfer of animal disease between sheltered pets and moderate to high stress-levels for the animal(s). Owner understands that said animal(s) are not immune to disease even though said animal(s) are vaccinated at the time of intake. Owner understands that Caregiver can only provide limited medical services to said animal(s) and that extensive treatment for disease and/or stress may not be available to said animal(s) while housed with Caregiver.
- Owner agrees to permit Caregiver to find an alternate off-site housing location (Foster Home, Boarding Kennel, Veterinary Boarding Clinic, etc.) should Caregiver be unable to house animal(s) in the shelter or determine it is in the best interest of the animal(s) to house off-site. If Owner animal(s) is housed off-site, owner may not have access to visiting animal(s) during the period of the temporary hold until/unless Caregiver can pre-arrange a visit at an off-site neutral location or by arranging to have animal(s) brought to shelter for visitation. This will be at the discretion and convenience of the foster home and/or boarding/vet business helping Owner animal(s) during this temporary holding period.
- Owner has disclosed all known medical and temperament concerns with the Caregiver. The following medical and/or temperament issues exist at the time of intake:

- Owner agrees to remain in contact with designated employees of the Caregiver **on a weekly basis** and provide updates on his/her ability to reclaim said animal(s).
- Owner understands that if he/she **fails to contact** the designated employees of the Caregiver **within a (14) day period** of leaving animal(s), or if Owner states in writing to the Caregiver that he/she no longer desires return of said animal(s), then Owner relinquishes any claim, right, title, or interest in said animal(s); and the said animal(s) becomes the property of the Caregiver and the Caregiver may exercise complete discretion as to what to do with the animal(s).
- Owner understands that if he/she fails to retrieve said animal(s) within 45 days from the initial date of entry for temporary hold services, then Owner relinquishes any claim, right, title, or interest in said animal(s); and the said animal(s) becomes the property of the Caregiver and the Caregiver may exercise complete discretion as to what to do with the animal(s).
- Owner agrees to contact a designated employee of the Caregiver to set up an appointment to visit said animal(s) and that visitation hours will be based on hours of operations of the Caregiver.
- Caregiver agrees not to alter in any way the appearance of said animal(s) being temporarily fostered without written permission of the Owner. This includes spaying or neutering, declawing, and/or cropping of the ears and



- Caregiver agrees to provide adequate food, water, shelter, and humane treatment for said animal(s) at all times. In addition, Caregiver agrees to adhere to all state and local animal laws. Caregiver agrees to follow all reasonable written instructions from the Owner. These instructions are:

- If said animal(s) die, or becomes accidentally injured, ill, or lost, Owner does not hold the Caregiver responsible and releases the Caregiver from any claim arising from said injury. In addition, if said animal(s) bites or injures another human being or other animal, Owner will hold harmless and indemnify, and protect the Caregiver, from any suit or claim filed by anyone because of such an accident.
- The Caregiver reserves the right to seek veterinary care without approval by the Owner. The pet Owner acknowledges that should medical care and attention for said animal(s) be warranted above and beyond the scope of services available at the animal shelter, the Owner authorizes up to \$ _____ to be provided to cover the cost for care. The Owner will be responsible for reimbursing the Caregiver this amount on or before the pet Owner returns to reclaim said animal(s).
- The Caregiver reserves the right to euthanize said animal(s) should a veterinarian deem the animal's health to be so impaired that to sustain the animal would be inhumane.
- This agreement is the entire agreement of the parties, and there are no oral promises or representations made in addition to this contract and it may only be changed in a writing signed by both the Owner and the Caregiver.

Owner

Designated Employee of the Caregiver

Date

Contact Telephone

Alternate Contact

Date

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