



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY  
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## Foster Care Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to act as temporary Foster Home for Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society in partnership with Dog Adoption & Welfare Group (herein known as SYVHS/DAWG) I agree to abide by the following conditions whenever fostering any animals for SYVHS/DAWG.

All animals entering foster care must have gone through SYVHS/DAWG protocols prior to leaving SYVHS/DAWG.

1. Any animal(s) fostered by me will be kept in a SYVHS/DAWG -approved facility. I understand that any animal(s) I foster is/are the property of SYVHS/DAWG, and I agree to turn it/them over to SYVHS/DAWG immediately upon request. I agree to bring any animal(s) fostered by me to the shelter for exams, vaccinations, weight checks, or other reason deemed necessary by SYVHS/DAWG at a mutually agreed upon date and/or time.
2. I understand that I am responsible for adhering to all SYVHS/DAWG standards of care and applicable local and state laws dealing with animal welfare.
3. I agree to a premises check upon the request of SYVHS/DAWG which can include a visual inspection of the living quarters of all SYVHS/DAWG foster animals in that environment and testing for transmissible disease.
4. Any animal(s) fostered by me will be fed, watered and exercised appropriately. SYVHS/DAWG will provide adequate food and nutrition for foster animals in temporary care. I agree to provide an adequate and nutritious diet, including any necessary supplements, as recommended by SYVHS/DAWG if a more permanent foster is required. I also agree to abide by any instructions given by SYVHS/DAWG regarding the feeding of specific brands or types of supplemental food and/or nutritional supplements to my foster animals. Although SYVHS/DAWG will make every attempt to furnish food and/or litter for those foster care volunteers who are unable to afford these supplies on their own, I understand that the availability of these supplies is based on donations from the public and limited to stock on hand and that I will be responsible for providing necessary supplies in the event that they are not available through SYVHS/DAWG. SYVHS/DAWG cannot and does not guarantee to be able to provide free food, litter or supplies for my foster animals. I agree not to change a fosters diet without direct approval by the SYVHS/DAWG medical director.
5. I will not allow any foster dogs or puppies to have any unsupervised off-leash time. I will provide a kennel, crate and/or securely fenced yard for their safety. I will not allow foster cats or kittens to go

outside at any time except to transport them to and from the shelter or to a veterinarian, if needed. I agree to transport any foster cats, kittens, puppies and small dogs in a sturdy carrier. I agree to transport any foster animal(s) in an enclosed vehicle only, and I will not allow them to ride in the bed of a pickup or a convertible.

6. I agree that animals will not be kept outside unless otherwise discussed and approved by SYVHS/DAWG.

7. I understand that SYVHS/DAWG will take every precaution to ensure that any animal(s) I foster are reasonably healthy and that any known health problems will be disclosed to me prior to my taking the animal into my home, but SYVHS/DAWG cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen health problem that may develop after the animal(s) is/are in my care. I understand that SYVHS/DAWG may require me to return my foster animal(s) to the shelter to assess or treat any health problem, at its discretion.

8. I understand that I am not authorized to seek outside veterinary care for SYVHS/DAWG foster animals without approval from SYVHS/DAWG staff or the SYVHS/DAWG foster coordination team and may be dismissed from the foster program for doing so. If I choose to treat the animal(s) at a veterinarian of my choice, I understand that I will assume full responsibility for payment of the vet bill, and that SYVHS/DAWG will be unable to reimburse me for any such payment.

9. I agree to provide adequate, positive socialization for any animal(s) fostered by me to help ensure their temperament will be as sound as possible. I also agree, when requested, to give a progress report to SYVHS/DAWG. I agree to bring my foster animal(s) in to the shelter for any required vaccinations, de-worming, or other medication prescribed and provided by SYVHS/DAWG at no cost to me. When the foster period is over, I will call SYVHS/DAWG to return the animal(s), and will do so at the agreed upon time.

10. I agree to keep my foster animal(s) separate from my own pets, and that the possibility of foster animals fighting, injuring, or spreading illness to my own pets does exist. I agree that I will keep my own pet up to date on vaccines and de-wormers according to my own veterinarian, while I am fostering any animal(s) for SYVHS/DAWG. I understand that if I choose to allow my foster animal(s) and my own pet(s) to have access to each other, I do so at my own risk, and will not hold SYVHS/DAWG liable for any illness or injury that may occur to my own pet(s). I agree to keep SYVHS/DAWG animals safe from harm/illness as a result of contact with resident pets.

12. I understand the potential for contagious illness is high in animals. Therefore, I agree not to mix any of my foster animals or animals from more than one litter unless approved by SYVHS/DAWG. I also agree not to foster animals from any other organization while I am fostering for SYVHS/DAWG, unless granted specific approval by SYVHS/DAWG. I also understand that if my own person pets get sick, I will not hold SYVHS/DAWG liable.

13. I understand that SYVHS/DAWG staff have the right to limit the number of animals in my care at any given time.

14. I assume responsibility for any events that occur in connection with my fostering of an animal for SYVHS/DAWG. I understand the possibility of my children or others being bitten, scratched, or contracting

disease does exist. I agree to be responsible for my children and anyone else handling any animal(s) fostered by me in a safe and hygienic manner and will not hold SYVHS/DAWG responsible for any injuries that may result from my failure to do so. I AGREE TO NOTIFY A SYVHS/DAWG REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY BITES THAT BREAK THE SKIN that occur to any person or animal while any foster animal is in my care.

15. Any animal fostered by me is to be adopted to a permanent home only under the supervision of SYVHS/DAWG, to an adopter approved by SYVHS/DAWG, even if the adopter is me or a member of my household. All foster animals MUST be returned to SYVHS/DAWG for sterilization and completion of adoption paperwork prior to permanent adoption. I understand that if I find a suitable home for any animal that I am fostering, all of the above conditions must apply, an application must be accepted by SYVHS/DAWG staff. I also understand that that the adopter must pay the adoption fee.

16. I understand that SYVHS/DAWG cannot and does not make any representations or warranties, either expressed or implied concerning the temperament, habits, health, pedigree, disposition, age, sex or background of this animal and that I have no right to a reimbursement of medical, adoption or other professional fees. Furthermore, I understand that the animal's future reactions to me, my family or any other person are completely unpredictable because animals, like people, have their own personalities.

17. In consideration of receiving any SYVHS/DAWG foster animal, I, as a foster caregiver, hereby release SYVHS/DAWG, its officers, agents and employees from all claims of injury or damage that a fostered dog/cat/other may cause me, anyone who I allow interact with the fostered animal or to my property. I agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify SYVHS/DAWG, it's officers, contract veterinarians, agents and employees from any and all claims of liability to other persons for injuries or damage arising out of or in connection with services of this program or caused to them or their property by the animal(s) I am fostering through SYVHS/DAWG.

18. If for any reason, I do not comply with all provisions of this agreement, I agree to return the fostered animal to SYVHS/DAWG upon demand of the enforcement agent. If I refuse to return the fostered animal to SYVHS/DAWG upon demand of the enforcement agent, I understand that SYVHS/DAWG reserves the right to impound them as legal owner of the animal.

19. I acknowledge that a staff member has reviewed documented information about this animal with me and that I have received said documentation in writing. I am fostering with awareness of any documented medical or behavioral history.

**I have read and agree to the above terms:**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

SYVHS/DAWG Representative \_\_\_\_\_