

Hank's Hostel Fur Hounds, Inc.
Foster Home Agreement and Guidelines

Initial Inspection Date: _____

Foster Home Provider Information:

Name: ___ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Number of Pets Residing in Foster Home: Dog _____ Cat _____ Bird _____

Reptile _____ Other Small Mammal _____

Guidelines

The following guidelines are important to follow for consistency. Keeping to a routine will help your foster settle in to your home and into their forever homes. Change can be difficult for most dogs, mill dogs it can be extremely overwhelming. If the dogs have a routine that they follow that we can relay to the new adopter, it will ease their transition tremendously. Thank you for preparing them for this journey!

Having a dog on a feeding schedule is important for consistency. If at any time the dog needs to be moved to another foster home, or when it goes to its forever home, having a consistent feeding schedule will help ease the transition. It is also important so that you know exactly how much food the dog is eating. You will be give a twice daily amount to feed your foster. We want to make sure that a dog that needs to gain weight it does. And if a dog is overweight, we can make sure it loses the weight it needs to. Both issues are health concerns. Some dogs may also have medications that you may need to put in their food.

- Foster dogs will be fed separately in their kennel, no free feeding
- You will be told the amount of food to feed the dog daily. Please do not change the amount without checking with the rescue.
- Treats should be given sparingly and primarily during training sessions
- Fresh water will be made available at all times

Many of the dogs we rescue are either special needs or mill dogs, both often come with health problems. Medications are prescribed by our vet for health reasons and it is important that the medications are dispensed properly.

- If the dogs come with medication and instructions please follow them
- If you are having trouble administering the medications please contact Rita or a foster coordinator
- If you notice anything, no matter how small the concern may seem, please contact Rita so that it can be determined if the dog needs to be seen by a vet
- You will be provided with heartworm preventative during mosquito season.
- If you live in, or will be taking your foster to places that are likely to have ticks, please let us know so we can provide Frontline for your foster

Crating your foster is important to aid in potty training your foster. If it does not have free access to your home when you are not there, it cannot potty in your house. The mill dogs, in particular, can be tough to reliable house break because they lived in cages their whole lives. Potty training can be very trying in the beginning. You will be provided with a diaper if you want/need one.

- The dog will be kenneled when you are not home
- The dog will not be kept exclusively outside
- If you do not have a fenced yard, the dog will not be tied out without supervision

Particularly when the dogs are fresh from a puppy mill they will be very skittish and hard to catch. To reduce their level of stress the dogs will be placed in a harness with a leash attached so you will be able to step on the leash to catch the dog. For most of the dogs it is the anticipation of being caught and picked up that is the most stressful. If the dog has to be chased around it will only confirm to them that people are scary. Following these rules will greatly reduce the stress involved in handling your foster when you need to.

- THE DOG WILL ALWAYS BE KEPT ON A LEASH UNLESS IN A SECURE FENCED AREA. Do not, for any reason, take your foster off leash in an unsecure area! I cannot stress this enough!
- For the first two weeks you get a new foster dog it will be kept in a leash and harness with its collar on when not in the kennel.

Hank's Hostel Fur Hounds only uses positive reinforcement in training the mill dogs

- We do allow the use of a squirt bottle filled with water to discourage unwanted behavior
- The dog should never be scolded or touched in any way for unwanted behavior
- If you need instruction with these training methods please let Rita know and we will make arrangements for a trainer to work with you in your home

Event Protocol:

- When there is an adoption event or a home visit you will be contacted by Rita to arrange pick-up and drop off if you are not able to attend
- The dog will be clean and brushed
- If the dog needs to be seen by a groomer beforehand please let the foster coordinator know so arrangements can be made
- If it is an adoption event and you were provided with an "Adopt Me" vest please have it ready

Communication:

- A weekly email or phone call to your foster coordinator is required to let us know how the dog in your care is doing
- If you have ANY concerns, medical or behavioral, please let us know right away
- Hank's Hostel pays for all vetting care as long as taken to our approved rescue vet or pre arranged and agreed to if with another vet.

Agreement

_____ I understand the the dog(s) remain the sole property of Hank's Hostel Fur Hounds

Hank's Hostel Fur Hounds reserves the right to reclaim the dog(s) at any time.

___ I agree to return said dog(s) upon request or if I am no longer able to provide adequate care.

___ I agree to return any foster that dies

___ I agree to provide the dog(s) with good and loving care, including but limited to, food, water, shelter, and medication with required.

___ I understand and acknowledge that I do not have any right or authority to keep or place foster dogs in other homes or with other individuals

___ I understand that said dog(s) will be available for adoption while in my care

___ I understand and acknowledge that HHHFH cannot guarantee or be held responsible for the health, behavior, or temperament for the dog(s) that I may foster and I am aware

that foster dog(s) may cause personal or property damage while in my care

___ I understand that my foster caregiver position can be terminated at any time if my actions or conduct are deemed detrimental to the best interest of HHHFH

___ I agree to provide information to HHHFH about said dog(s) behavior

___ I agree that HHHFH has the right to visitation within 24 hours notice or immediate inspection in case of emergency situations

___ I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless HHHFH its officers and assigns, any previous owner, or foster home from any and all liability associated with the dog(s) or damage or injury hereafter caused by the dog(s)

___ I agree to adhere to the guidelines that HHHFH has set forth for the animals in my care

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