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## Pet Fostering Agreement

Thank you for your interest in fostering an animal for our Shelter. By agreeing to take in a homeless dog, cat, or other animal, you are giving the most vulnerable pets a safe space to stay until they find their forever home. Please read, complete, and sign the following agreement.

This agreement is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by and between the Jersey City Animal Care and Control Shelter (hereinafter called "the Shelter"), and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called "the Caregiver").

The Shelter is the owner of the animal described below (hereinafter called "the Foster"):

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Species:

\_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Neutered/Spayed? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Description (color, markings, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**By consenting to foster and signing this agreement, the Caregiver agrees to:**

- Be available to provide love, care, and attention to the Foster.
- Provide adequate food, water, shelter, and humane treatment for the Foster animal at all times.
- Treat the Foster as a member of the family.
- Socialize with the animal. Many of these dogs and cats are scared after all they've been through. Socializing helps them be more adoptable.
- Not to alter the appearance of the Foster without permission of the Shelter. For example: declawing and cropping of ears or tails.
- Follow all oral and/or written instructions from the Shelter, including special medical instructions.

- Contact the Shelter before seeking any veterinary care. The Caregiver will not arrange or pay for any non-emergency veterinary care without prior approval from the Shelter Manager.
- Learn about the Foster animal (their preferences, dislikes, etc.) to provide the Shelter with details they might not otherwise know. This will aid the Shelter in finding the best possible fit for their new home.
- Take photos and videos of the Foster so the Shelter can share those with potential adopters and post on their social media.
- Immediately notify the Shelter if the Foster goes missing, becomes sick, injured or has any significant changes to the animal's health or behavior.
- Return the Foster to the Shelter as requested for medical care, vaccines, tests, and any visits with potential adopters.
- The Caregiver understands this animal is the property of the Shelter and agrees not to give, sell, or surrender the Foster to anyone other than the Shelter.
- Upon request the Caregiver must return the Foster to the Shelter at any time.

Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am the owner of the property at the address provided above.

\_\_\_\_\_ I rent at the address provided above and have permission of my landlord to house the Foster at this address.

Having read and agreed to the guidelines in this contract. I understand and agree to comply with all the Shelter's policies as a Foster and that non-compliance with any of the above guidelines will result in the immediate return of any Foster in my care.

By signing this agreement I also certify that I have not been convicted of any animal cruelty or mistreatment of an animal in the State of New Jersey or any other state.

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

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

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