



**FOSTER HOME GUIDELINES, RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**and RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

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\_\_\_\_ I AGREE to care and love ANY foster dog given to me by P4P as if it were my own.

\_\_\_\_ I AGREE to provide the dog with exercise, basic obedience training and housetraining.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that general training information is provided in P4P. Information Pack. That obedience training is available on a regular basis with a P4P trainer. And that training greatly increases a dog's chance of being adopted.

\_\_\_\_ I AGREE to bring the dog to at least one P4P event each month. I agree to sign up for the P4P newsletter so I can be notified of events (info is also on the website).

**SPAY/NEUTER & VACCINATIONS**

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that all dogs placed in foster care need to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated. If I receive a dog that has not been spay/neutered, P4P may request that I schedule an appointment with a designated P4P veterinarian and assist in transporting the dog to and from the appointment. If I cannot arrange to do the transport myself, I will call my P4P representative and assist in any way I can.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that every dog adopted from P4P must be spay/neutered before the adoption is complete. EXPENSES COVERED BY P4P.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that all basic medical expenses for each foster dog that comes into my care will be covered by P4P, provided that an authorized P4P representative has approved the medical expenses, and the care is from a P4P designated veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that if I choose to go to a vet of my choosing, I may be responsible for most of the vet bill.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that P4P will provide a collar, tag, and leash for each foster dog that comes into my care. P4P appreciates willingness to donate toward the dog's general expenses, like food, treats, etc., and P4P will offer donated items, as available, for use by foster homes (Such general expenses, if paid for by a foster home and not by P4P, may be tax deductible.) Crates can be lent to foster homes and returned to P4P when a foster dog is adopted.

### **DOG DESCRIPTION AND PHOTO ON WEBSITE**

\_\_\_\_ I AGREE to assist in getting a photo of each foster dog that comes into my care on the P4P website. I agree to either take a photo and write a short description myself, and submit it to my P4P representative for review and assistance, or ask for assistance in taking the photo and writing the description of each foster dog in my care.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that I can advertise on Facebook, in local shops, on other websites, with friends, at the dog park, and anywhere else dogs can be advertised for adoption.

### **ADOPTION/TRANSFER**

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that any potential adopter MUST be screened, interviewed and approved by an authorized P4P representative. I understand that my input will be appreciated and a part of the process, and that the final decision to place or not to place any particular dog with any particular potential adopter will be made by an authorized P4P representative.

\_\_\_\_ I AGREE to let P4P know if prospective adopters may contact me directly by phone or email, and to send copies of any email inquiries to my P4P representative. If it is possible for a prospective adopter to visit my home to meet the animal, I will arrange for a P4P representative to be there during the visit.

### **PROTOCOL WITH CHILDREN**

I/We understand that the following protocol should be followed regarding children in the house:

\_\_\_\_ Do not under any under any circumstances leave a child unattended with any dog.

\_\_\_\_ Do not leave bones around the house when children are present and be cautious and observant when children are eating and the dog is in the room.

\_\_\_\_ If there is a child in the household under the age of 5 the dog must be in a crate or separate room while the is dog eating or sleeping to prevent accidents.

\_\_\_\_ Children under the age of 13 will not walk the dog unless supervised by an adult.

\_\_\_\_ Whenever a child is in the house with a dog, the child is at risk of being accidentally knocked over, scratched or bitten etc.

\_\_\_\_ Should you have ANY concerns or feel uncomfortable with a situation between the dog and a child contact your foster liaison or a senior PROMIS 4 PAWS representative.

We will either take the dog out of your home immediately or have a trainer come and meet with you, depending on the severity of the situation.

### **CATS AND DOGS CO-EXISTING**

\_\_\_\_ I/We understand that even if this animal has been housed with cats in its foster home that PROMISE 4 PAWS cannot guarantee the behavior with a new cat(s) will be the same. Please use caution when introducing a new dog to existing cats in the household and do the introduction

slowly over a period of a few weeks, keeping the dog on leash. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact a PROMISE4PAWS representative.

### **MULTIPLE DOG HOUSEHOLDS**

I/We understand that the following protocol should be followed when bringing additional dogs into the house:

\_\_\_\_ Do not leave multiple dogs at home in the same room unattended.

\_\_\_\_ Do not feed the dogs in the same room and don't leave toys and treats laying around the house.

\_\_\_\_ PROMISE 4 PAWS can put you in touch with either a senior volunteer or a behaviorist to assist you with a dog to dog introduction if necessary.

### **GENERAL AGREEMENTS**

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that the P4P ID tag must be worn on the dog's collar at all times, because this is it's link to back to P4P. If the dog loses it's tag, I agree to immediately contact P4P for a new one.

\_\_\_\_ I AGREE to keep each foster dog that comes into my care on a leash when outside my home or my own securely fenced yard.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE that no foster dog that comes into my care will be allowed to run or play off leash in a dog park or other open public area.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE that I am responsible for the safety of each foster dog that comes into my care, for the safety of other dogs and people the dog comes into contact with.

\_\_\_\_ I AGREE to immediately notify my P4P contact in the event of a missing or injured foster dog.

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that if I decide to adopt a foster dog in my care, I must go through the adoption process, including paying the requested donation. (Donations are used to help cover costs to save and help more dogs.)

\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND that if I need to return a dog to P4P's care, for any reason, enough forewarning is necessary for P4P to locate a new foster home placement for the dog, and that this process may take a week or more, depending on the dog and the number of other dogs in foster care. PROMISE 4 PAWS retains the right to remove a foster dog from my care at any time.

This document provides for the release of liability of PROMISE 4 PAWS, Inc. (P4P), and it's volunteers on account of the actions of any dog of any breed, which has been released into the ownership of P4P and placed into the care of a Foster Care Provider ("any fostered dog")

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the Foster Care Provider named below, understand that P4P and it's volunteers cannot guarantee actions or disposition of any fostered dog placed into Foster Care with me. I understand that although reasonable effort has been made to assess the disposition of each dog released to P4P beforehand, but being living animals, they may act

unpredictably in any given situation, and that I must take necessary precautions to prevent accidents and guard against unpredicted actions by any fostered dog in my care.

I promise to take adequate care of any fostered dog in my care by providing nutritious food, plentiful water, and adequate shelter, as well as control of external parasites (fleas and ticks).

I promise to notify P4P if any fostered dog in my care is in need of veterinary care such as vaccinations, routine testing and refill of flea/tick preventive or treatment for illness. At no time will I allow any fostered dog to be a nuisance to people or other animals. I promise to keep any fostered dog in my care safely confined in a fenced yard or kennel run or inside a house or garage when the dog is not with me or a member of my family. I promise that at no time will any foster dog be placed outside on a tie-out (in a yard, in front of café, store etc.) I promise that when off of my property, any fostered dog will be kept on a leash at all times unless I have approval from a senior P4P volunteer. In that case the dog can only be off leash in a safely enclosed dog play area. Bully breeds and large dogs shall never be allowed off leash and shouldn't go to a dog park even if they are on leash.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that P4P recommends the use of a dog crate for confinement inside the house and requires the use of ID tags on the dog's collar in accordance with California law. I understand that fostering a dog for P4P is not the same as adopting a dog, and that any fostered dog must be made available to Prospective Adoptive Owners referred by P4P for viewing for possible permanent Adoption. If I wish to adopt any fostered dog, I understand I must complete an Adoption Application and be responsible for the donation requested at the time of adoption. If I find a prospective adopter for my foster dog I will contact a senior P4P volunteer and I promise not to give the dog over to anyone until an adoption has been approved and an agreement has been signed.

Sign Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_