

Austin Animal Center Foster Care Provider Agreement

I, _____, make the following statements and voluntarily enter into this Foster Care Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") to provide temporary care as a foster caregiver for the Austin Animal Center ((hereinafter "AAC").

1. _____ I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment. I agree to notify AAC if I am convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment in the future.
2. _____ I agree to comply with all other federal, state and local laws that pertain to companion animals and pet ownership in the jurisdiction where I reside.
3. _____ I understand that AAC reserves the right to check on the welfare of my foster animal, which may include a visit to my foster home. I further understand that if AAC finds a direct and immediate threat to my foster animal, AAC may remove the animal from my care.
4. _____ I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the AAC Foster Care Manual ("Manual"), and that I have read the Manual. I agree to fully comply with the policies, guidance and requirements set forth in the Manual as applicable to my foster animal.
5. _____ I agree to not take my foster dog(s) or my foster cat(s) to dog parks, off-leash areas, daycare facilities, crowded public areas, or any similar locations, unless given prior approval by the AAC Foster Coordinator. I understand that I will be solely responsible for any injury or damage caused by my foster animal if I do not comply with this provision.
6. _____ I understand that AAC recommends that my foster animal(s) is to be kept separate from any other animals currently living in my home. I agree that if I choose to introduce my foster animal(s) to any other animal living in my home, I will be solely responsible for any illness or injury to other animals.
7. _____ I agree that the animal(s) that I foster will reside in my home, will be kept as household pets, and will not be used for breeding.
8. _____ I agree to notify the AAC Foster Coordinator immediately by phone and in writing at 512-978-0541 and Animal.Foster@AustinTexas.gov immediately if my foster animal(s) becomes lost or separated from me.
9. _____ I agree to notify the AAC Foster Coordinator immediately by phone and in writing at 512-978-0541 and Animal.Foster@AustinTexas.gov if my foster animal demonstrates any aggressive behavior, including, but not limited to, biting a person or another animal.
10. _____ I agree to seek immediate medical attention if I am bitten by my foster animal, or if I receive any other physical injury resulting from interaction with my foster animal. I further agree to seek immediate medical attention for any member of my household who is bitten or suffers any other physical injury resulting from interaction with my foster animal.
11. _____ I agree to return my foster animal(s) at any time upon the request of the AAC Foster Coordinator or any AAC staff member.
12. _____ I agree to receive and respond to calls and emails concerning my foster animal(s), from AAC

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shelter staff, veterinary staff, and potential adopters.

13. _____ I agree to transport the animal to AAC or an approved veterinary clinic to receive medical treatment as requested by the AAC Foster Coordinator or AAC staff. If my foster animal experiences a medical emergency, I agree to follow the instructions outlined under "In Case of an After Hours Emergency" in manual.

14. _____ I understand that AAC will not reimburse me for any routine or non-emergency care for my foster animal that is not pre-approved in writing by the AAC Foster Coordinator.

15. _____ I agree to contact the AAC Foster Coordinator at 512-978-0541 or Animal.Foster@AustinTexas.gov for other any other emergency or non-emergency matters.

16. _____ I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with animals who may have been abandoned, neglected, mistreated, or who may suffer from an illness or disease. My participation in the AAC Foster Program is entirely voluntary and without the promise or expectation of compensation. I have no known physical or mental condition that would impair my ability to participate in the AAC Foster Program. I understand that while AAC staff carefully monitors all animals, AAC may have limited knowledge of their behavioral and medical backgrounds. Therefore, I understand that AAC makes no warranties or representations regarding my foster animal's health, behavior, temperament, age, or breed. I further understand that environmental changes may affect and change the temperament of my foster animal(s).

17. _____ I understand and agree that the City of Austin/Travis County, its members, officers, directors, agents and elected officials have no liability or responsibility of any nature for injuries or damage to any person, animal, or property which may be caused by my foster animal(s) or my participation in the AAC Foster Program. I, for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin/Travis County, its members, officers, directors, agents, elected officials, and their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and representatives from all liability for and all risk of damage or bodily injury or death that may occur to me (including any injury based on negligence) now or hereafter in connection with my foster animal(s) and my participation in the AAC Foster Program. I expressly agree that this release, waiver and indemnity is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the State of Texas and that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

By my signature below and, and by my initials beside each numbered paragraph above, I affirm that all statements and stated agreements contained in this document are truthful, I affirm that I have read and understand this Agreement in its entirety, and I agree to abide by the terms of this Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____