

LONG TRAIL CANINE RESCUE

placing homeless dogs with lifelong families

Fostering Agreement and Guidelines

LONG TRAIL CANINE RESCUE (LTCR) makes no warranties or representations regarding the Foster Dog's health or temperament. It is agreed and understood by the Foster Family that while every effort is made to provide an accurate history and assessment of a dog, LTCR does not warranty any Foster Dog regarding medical status, behavior or disposition. It is further agreed that environmental changes may effect and change the temperament of the Foster Dog and that LTCR has no liability or responsibility of any nature regarding defects with the Foster Dog, or injuries or damage to any person or property which may be caused by the Foster Dog. Foster Family agrees to indemnify and hold harmless LTCR, its members and representatives against any and all claims, known or unknown, now or hereafter arising in connection with fostering a rescue dog.

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby further agrees to the terms and conditions outlined below:

- 1. **Ownership Rights**: Fostering Party understands that LTCR legally owns the Foster Dog. Foster Dog may not be transferred to any other person, firm or corporation other than an approved adopter as designated by a LTCR representative. LTCR must be notified immediately upon the death of Foster Dog or if dog is lost or stolen. Fostering Party affirms that they have never been charged with animal cruelty, and is not an animal dealer or broker.
- 2. **Dogs in Foster Program**: The Fostering Party shall accept dogs for fostering only from a representative of LTCR. Animals accepted from other sources would not qualify within the guidelines of this rescue program unless approved in writing by a designated LTCR representative.
- 3. **Foster Dog Care**: Foster Family agrees to provide a safe and loving environment for the Foster Dog. It is understood that foster dog will be kept as a house dog, not a kennel or yard dog and that the dog will not be kept chained or on a tie-out. Foster Dog must never be allowed to roam freely unsupervised. Fostering Party agrees to provide adequate food, water, and administer any medications specified for dog as instructed by LTCR. Fostering Party agrees to keep Foster Dog in appropriate and clean condition. Fostering Party will not alter the physical characteristics of dog in any way except to clean coat, ears, and clip nails.
- 4. **Behavior Reports**: Fostering Party understands that they must notify LTCR upon the first sign of aggression towards humans or other animals from Foster Dog, and to make regular reports upon request regarding the animal's progress. Fostering Party agrees to send truthful, full reports to LTCR on any subject related to Foster Dog.

- 5. **Veterinary Care**: LTCR agrees to be responsible for the expense of all veterinary visits as **preapproved** by a LTCR representative and services provided by one of our supporting veterinarian clinics. Any care provided by a clinic other than one of our supporting clinics must be pre-approved by LTCR, unless for emergency care. Fostering Party will assume all financial responsibility for any visits that are not pre-approved, excluding emergency visits.
- 6. **Adoption**: Foster Family understands that any friend, family, or potential adopter who wishes to take ownership of Foster Dog is required to apply to LTCR and be approved as an adopter by a LTCR representative. Fostering Party agrees to allow potential adopters to visit the foster dog in the home by agreed upon appointment with the Fostering Party, potential adopter, and LTCR representative. Foster Family will have first opportunity to adopt their Foster Dog, but agrees that this will be done through the normal adoption process and is contingent upon approval of a LTCR representative.
- 7. **Photograph/Story Rights**: Fostering Party agrees to allow LTCR to print photographs/stories about Fostering Party and foster dog in LTCR publications or websites.
- 8. **Return**: If for any reason the Fostering Party fails to comply with all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or if any misrepresentations have been made by the Fostering Party, the dog must be returned to LTCR immediately upon request without legal writ or order. If for any reason the Fostering Party changes their mind and decides not to foster the dog, Fostering Party agrees to contact LTCR in writing. Fostering Party agrees to give LTCR up to two week's notice of the need to return foster dog to allow LTCR to make other arrangements. Fostering Party agrees to retain foster dog in a safe manner at the Fostering Party's home or kenneled safely at an accredited commercial kennel at Fostering Party's expense. Fostering Party is responsible for transporting foster dog to a LTCR representative on a date and time agreed upon.
- 9. **Attorney Fees and Costs**: Should it become necessary for LTCR to take legal action to recover Foster Dog or otherwise enforce the provisions in this Agreement, undersigned Fostering Party agrees to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees for LTCR's legal costs. If any part of this contract is deemed invalid, that shall not affect the validity of any other section of this Agreement and the remainder of Agreement will continue to be upheld.

The following items have been provided to the Fostering Party but remains the property of LTCR and shall be returned at the time of adoption or when the Fostering Party no longer has foster dogs in his/her care:

I have read and received a copy of, and hereby agree to abide by, all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Fostering Party Name:	Signature:
Fostering Party Name:	Signature:
LTCR Representative:	Signature:
SIGNED this day of	. 20