

Truth or Consequences Foster Home Contract

This agreement is made and hereby entered into, on this _____ day of _____ by and between Truth or Consequences Animal Shelter (hereafter referred to as *TCAS*) and (hereafter referred to as *Foster Home*). A Foster Home is defined as a temporary home for the animal to live in while he/she awaits a permanent adoption through TCAS. The purpose of this contract is to ensure that the foster animal gets the highest possible level of care and treatment throughout his/her stay in the foster care program.

Foster Home understands and agrees to abide by the following terms (apply initials if agreed):

_____ I will provide accurate information about my experience caring for animals and my availability to volunteer.

_____ I agree to provide for my foster animal a safe, healthy environment, proper food, fresh water, adequate exercise and an indoor home at all times (outside for exercise and the bathroom)

_____ I will accept responsibility for the expenses of normal daily care of my foster animal (such as food and treats). TCAS can provide food if necessary and will supply equipment such as crates, harnesses, collars, etc.

_____ I understand to be a TCAS foster parent all of my pets must be current on their vaccinations.

_____ I will use veterinary services assigned by TCAS and will take my foster animal to all needed veterinary appointments unless TCAS has approved other arrangements. I will not arrange for vet care without TCAS approval and I understand TCAS does not reimburse for expenses unless previously agreed upon. I will administer needed medications as directed by the veterinarian or TCAS staff.

_____ I grant permission for a representative of TCAS to visit my home at any time to check on the well being of my foster animal.

_____ I understand and agree that my foster animal will remain the property of TCAS and can only be adopted through normal TCAS adoption procedures.

_____ I understand that with TCAS' approval, I have the first right to adopt my foster animal. Should I make that decision I agree to either enter into a foster-to-adopt contract or directly adopt from TCAS.

_____ Due to capacity issues, I understand and agree to provide TCAS at least one weeks' notice should I wish to board my foster animal, or should I need to return the animal for any reason.

_____ I am willing to show the animal to prospective adopters and provide them with my foster animal's information.

_____ I agree to always crate or confine while I am away from home and supervise my foster animal at all times when not crated.

_____ I agree to return all equipment (crate, harness, etc.) that came with my foster animal back to TCAS after adoption. If any items are misplaced, lost or damaged I agree to reimburse TCAS.

_____ I agree to commit to training my foster animal with a TCAS trainer only and to follow the protocols designed by the trainer in regard to meeting new animals, people, children, and specific new experiences.

_____ I understand that it is my job to learn the temperament of the animal I am fostering. I agree to use due caution when first handling my foster animal. I also agree to never allow any stranger or child to be near the animal until the animal is trusted. *If the Foster Home determines the animal to be a risk, TCAS is to be contacted immediately for further instructions.

_____ I agree to be present and have visual contact with my foster animal when loose around other animals and children.

_____ I understand the responsibility of taking my foster animal to a dog park or off leash area. I agree that my first visit to a dog park/off leash area will be done with a member of the shelter staff, the foster coordinator, or their designee. For safety and liability reasons, I agree to have visual contact with my foster animal at all times while at a dog park or off leash area.

_____ I agree to obey all leash laws or other applicable animal laws or ordinances, to always leash my foster animal when not in a fenced area or indoors, and to not leave the animal unattended outside. I also agree to never use a flexi-leash.

_____ I agree to notify TCAS immediately if my foster animal becomes lost or injured.

_____ I agree to be fully responsible for my foster animal releasing TCAS from any and all liability. I agree and understand that foster animals are rescues and that rescue animals respond to situations differently and unpredictably. I hereby accept my foster animal and assume all the risks and responsibilities associated with the animal and fully and completely release, indemnify and hold harmless TCAS, its staff, and the City of T or C from any and all claims, cause of action or liability of any sort or nature, whether known or unknown, directly arising out of or in connection with my foster animal.

_____ I hereby confirm, represent and warrant that I have never been convicted of a violent crime including but not limited to animal abuse or neglect, child abuse, or neglect or any sexual offense.

_____ In connection with my voluntary involvement in activities undertaken for, and with the participation and support of TCAS, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators to release and discharge the organization, its officers and directors, agents and volunteers and their successors and assigns from all claims, demands and actions for injuries sustained to my person and/or property as a result of my involvement in such activities, whether or not resulting from negligence; I agree to release and hold TCAS, its officers and directors, agents and volunteers and their successors and assigns harmless from any cause of action, claim or suit arising there from. I hereby attest that my attendance and involvement in such activities is voluntary, that I am participating at my own risk and that I have read the foregoing terms and conditions of this release.

Please Print Name: _____

(Signature)

(Date)

Witnessed by:

(Printed Name/Title/Signature)

(Date)

(TCPD Form 401)