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Thank you for your interest in joining our Harris County Pets Foster Family! Foster parents provide temporary care for the animals in our facility and are a vital part of our life saving efforts. To foster you must live in Harris County or one of these surrounding counties: Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend, or Waller.

### Foster Parent Application

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alt. Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address, City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DL/ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you:** ☐ Own OR ☐ Rent

**If not** a property owner, complete the following:

Name of Landlord/Company/Apt. Complex &

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Animals allowed?** ☐ Yes ☐ No **Deposit Required?** ☐ Yes ☐ No **Deposit Paid?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Are you currently fostering any animals through another organization?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes,** please list organization(s) and number/type of animal(s) currently being fostered:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Types of animals you own:** ☐ Dog(s) ☐ Cat(s) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list all animals currently living in your household:**

Name	Breed	Age	M/F	Spayed/Neutered
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**Do you have children in your household?:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Ages:**\_\_\_\_\_

**How many hours will your fostered animal spend outside each day?** \_\_\_\_\_ Hours

**My fostered animal(s) needs to be able to be alone (per day):** ☐ 4 Hrs or less ☐ 4-8 Hrs  
☐ 8-12 Hrs

**When I'm not home, my fostered animal(s) will spend time:** ☐ In the garage ☐ In a crate  
☐ In the yard ☐ Loose in the house ☐ Confined to one room in the house  
☐ Other\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you drive or have access to a vehicle to bring your foster to scheduled appointments or events?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If no** please explain, \_\_\_\_\_

### **What type of fostering can you provide?**

- ☐ Bottle-Fed Kittens (newborn - 3 wks old)
- ☐ Mush Kittens (4-6 wks old)
- ☐ Kittens (7 wks+)
- ☐ Pregnant Cats or Cats with Kittens
- ☐ Adult Cats
- ☐ Adult dogs (under 25lbs)
- ☐ Adult dogs (25-40lbs)
- ☐ Adult dogs (40-60lbs +)
- ☐ Bottle-Fed Puppies (newborn - 3 wks old)
- ☐ Mush Puppies (4-6 wks old)
- ☐ Puppies (7 wks+)
- ☐ Pregnant Dogs or Dogs with Puppies
- ☐ Shy/Timid/Behavior
- ☐ Minor injury or illness
- ☐ Foster for the Day/weekend

# **Foster Program**

## **Release and Indemnification Agreement**

Harris County Veterinary Public Health / Harris County Pets

I/we desire to participate in the Foster Program of HC Veterinary Public Health and do consent and agree to the terms and conditions set out below. I/we understand that these terms are a prerequisite to my/our eligibility to participate in the Foster Program. Further, I/we understand that the acceptance of these terms is made in consideration of Harris County allowing me/us to participate in the Foster Program of HC Veterinary Public Health.

\* I/we acknowledge that I/we understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions set out herein and any additional provisions that Harris County and/or HCVPH may, from time to time, require for participation in the Foster Program.

\* Harris County is under no obligation to use my/our services in the Foster Program and may terminate my/our participation in the Foster Program of HC Veterinary Public Health at any time, with or without reason, without notice to us.

\* I/we acknowledge and understand that I/we will receive no compensation, wages, insurance coverage, or any employment benefits for my/our participation in the Foster Program. While in the Animal Foster-Home Program, I/we must follow any rules or requirements of Harris County and of the Foster Program HCVPH, which may change these rules or requirements at any time without any notice to me/us. HCPHS Veterinary Public Health has sole discretion to assign animals to me/us or to remove animals under the Animal Foster-Home Program.

\* **INDEMNITY:** As a prerequisite to my/our participation in the Animal Foster-Home Program, I/we agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless, Harris County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from all claims of any kind, character, type, or description arising out of or in relation to my/our participation in the Animal Foster-Home Program, including but not limited to claims attributable to the negligence, gross negligence, and/or willful and malicious conduct of Harris County, its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers, or of myself/ourselves or any member of my/our household or family. I/we also release and hold Harris County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers harmless from all claims of any character, type, or description, including but not limited to negligence and/or gross negligence, whether or not such negligence is caused by an officer, employee, agent, participant, or volunteer of Harris County or of the Foster Program of HCPHS-VPH, as a result of any injury to me/us or to a member of my/our household or to my/our property because of my/our participation in or arising out of the Animal Foster-Home Program.

HCPHS-VPH and/or Harris County do not guarantee or make any representations as to the health, physical condition, or temperament of any animal in the Foster Program ("Foster Animal"). I/we understand that a Foster Animal may have health and/or behavioral problems or propensities, whether known or unknown, that require special handling, and that these health and/or behavioral problems or propensities could present a hazard to me/us, members of my/our household or family, including animals, and others. I/we agree to take whatever actions are necessary and reasonable to safeguard the Foster Animal and any person, animal, or property that might otherwise be harmed as a result of the health and/or behavior of a Foster Animal.

**I/we acknowledge that I/we have not relied upon the statements or representations of HCPHS-VPH or any officer, employee, volunteer, participant, or agent of HCPHS-VPH or Harris County in accepting a Foster Animal or participating in the Foster Program. I/we assume full responsibility for the safety and health of the Foster Animal and for the safety and health of persons, animals, and property that may come in contact with or may be damaged in any way, including personal and property damage, by the Foster Animal or arising out of or in relation to my/our participation in the Foster Program. The sole remedy for any damage arising out of or in relation to my/our participation in the Foster Program shall be return of and HCPHS-VPH's acceptance of the return of the Foster Animal to HCPHS-VPH.**

- \* I/we agree that Harris County shall be considered the sole owner of any animal in HCPHS-VPH's Foster Program, and I/we agree to assert no right of ownership against HCPHS-VPH.
- \* HCPHS-VPH is not responsible for any expenses arising out of or in relation to my/our participation in the Animal Foster-Home Program.
- \* HCPHS-VPH is not responsible for any diseases transmitted from the Foster Animal to any person or animal including me/us, any member of my/our household or family including animals, or any person or animal who may, directly or indirectly, come in contact with the Foster Animal.
- \* HCPHS-VPH has the right to require the immediate return of any Foster Animal at any time with or without reason and without notice. I/we further agree to furnish HCPHS-VPH a copy of all immunization and veterinary records related to a Foster Animal within three (3) days of return of the Foster Animal and upon request of HCPHS-VPH at any other time.
- \* HCPHS-VPH will accept the return of any Foster Animal, during regular business hours, regardless of condition.
- \* I/we understand that if I/we desire to adopt a Foster Animal placed with me/us, I/we must return the Foster Animal and go through HCPHS-VPH's regular adoption process.
- \* I/we agree to bring all my own animals current in their vaccinations before bringing a Foster Animal into my/our home and to provide documentation of such upon request. I/we agree to abide by the animal regulations in effect at the location where the Foster Animal is kept.
- \* I/we understand that some Foster Animals will not survive. If a Foster Animal dies, I/we agree to return the remains of the Foster Animal to HCPHS-VPH.
- \* I/we understand that, HCPHS-VPH does not guarantee that any Foster Animal will ever be adopted.
- \* I/we agree to immediately notify HCPHS-VPH in writing of our new address if I/we move or if I/we change the location where I/we keep the Foster Animal.
- \* Nothing in this agreement is intended to, or may be deemed or construed to, create any rights or remedies in any third party.
- \* HCPHS-VPH has advised me/us and I/we clearly understand and agree, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence to this agreement, that HCPHS-VPH has certified no funds under this agreement and I/we shall have no cause of action for money against Harris County and/or HCPHS-VPH under this agreement.

\* I/we expressly understand and agree that if I/we fail or refuse to return to HCPHS-VPH any Foster Animal as provided in this agreement, I agree to pay to HCPHS-VPH all expenses incurred by HCPHS-VPH in obtaining or attempting to obtain the return of the Foster Animal from me/us. Such expenses include, but are not limited to, the value of staff time of HCPHS-VPH or its contractors and all legal expenses including court costs and litigation expenses including the value of any attorney time whether a government or a private attorney.

\* I/we acknowledges and understands that the County has a mission, opinions, philosophies and policies that may not coincide with that of the Foster, and Foster agrees to communicate with HCVPH / Harris County Pets in a way that is honest and respectful. Personal attacks and defamation of HCVPH / Harris County Pets in any manner by a Foster are inconsistent with collaboration and cooperation and such behavior may result in termination of this Agreement.

**I/we have read and understand and will abide by the Foster Agreement I/we are**

**signing.** Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 552.137, as amended from time to time, I affirmatively consent to release of my email address(es) printed above.

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**Full Name of Foster Parent (Printed)**

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**Signature**

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**Date:**

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**Harris County Pets Coordinator**

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**Date:**

**Return Application & supporting documents to:**

**foster@countypets.com or to 612 Canino Rd., Houston, TX 77076**