



COUNTY OF BERGEN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
ANIMAL SHELTER AND ADOPTION CENTER
100 United Lane, Teterboro, NJ 07608 (201) 229-4600

Foster Volunteer Contract

I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the Bergen County Animal Shelter, hereinafter referred to as the "Shelter," located at 100 United Lane, Teterboro, NJ 07608.

I agree to provide temporary foster care on an as-needed basis when the Shelter asks and I agree to a foster placement. I understand that my custody of the animal(s) will be temporary and the animal(s) remain the property of the Shelter, even while in my care. Upon the Shelter's request, I will immediately return the animal(s) in my care to the Shelter.

As long as I am a foster volunteer for the Shelter, I agree to comply with all Shelter regulations, including the following:

1. I understand that any foster animals in my care remain the sole property of the Shelter. _____
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2. I shall provide all my foster animals with good care. This includes, but is not limited to, appropriate food at regular meal times for the animal(s), fresh water, shelter, appropriate exercise, and, if needed, medication as directed. _____
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3. While in my care, I agree to house all animals indoors. I understand that I may not take foster animals to a dog park or play groups until the animals are spayed or neutered. _____
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4. I agree to contact the Shelter immediately if a foster animal in my care requires medical attention or becomes lost. I understand and agree that all veterinary care must be handled by the Shelter veterinarian during business hours. If immediate medical attention is needed after business hours, I agree to take my foster animal to the designated emergency hospital that is listed in the foster guidelines provided by the Shelter. _____
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5. I will notify the Shelter immediately if there is a change in my contact information. _____
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6. I will comply with all instructions received from Shelter staff. I will not deviate from these instructions without consulting the Shelter staff. _____
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7. When taking foster dogs out for exercise or bathroom breaks, I will have them on leash or in a fenced-in area. I will not use a choke-type collar, prong collar or shock collar at any time. I agree not to leave my foster animal(s) unattended when children are present.

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8. I agree to keep all foster animals isolated from my pets in my home for the duration of their stay. I recognize that not complying with this rule puts my animals at risk. If I fail to comply with this rule, I accept those risks.

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9. This agreement is not transferable. If I am unable to care for my foster animal(s), I will notify the Shelter immediately and arrange to return the animal(s) to the Shelter. I understand and acknowledge that I do not have the right or authority to place the animal(s) in other homes or in the care of other individuals.

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10. I understand that the Shelter will be responsible for the adoption screening and ultimate placement of my foster animal(s). I understand that animal placement is not part of my responsibility or authority under this agreement.

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11. I understand the actions of animals are often unpredictable and animals are different than humans – in terms of their reactions to certain situations. I understand that the Shelter makes no guarantees and/or promises regarding the foster animal’s disposition, temperament, and/or future health and personality. I agree to foster at my own risk, and indemnify and release the Shelter, its agents, and the County of Bergen of any and all liability arising from damages to person(s) or property caused by the foster animal(s) and shall hold the Shelter harmless regarding any damage or injury of any nature whatsoever. I agree to notify the Shelter immediately of any damages and/or injury.

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12. I understand that noncompliance with any Shelter regulations or local or state ordinances related to foster animal(s) in my care can be grounds for removal of my foster animal(s) and removal of my right to serve as a foster volunteer in the Shelter’s program. If I do not agree with the terms of this contract at any time, I will notify the Shelter of my resignation and I will not volunteer any further. However, I understand that upon my resignation all foster animal(s) must be returned to the Shelter immediately.

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13. I certify that I am at least 21 years of age.

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14. I agree to return all animals to the Shelter for spaying or neutering at a time agreed upon with Shelter staff.

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15. I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with the Shelter. I understand that any misrepresentations in this agreement are cause for the Shelter to end this agreement and obtain foster animal(s) back to care.

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Foster Volunteer Name

Foster Volunteer Signature

Date

__Deborah Yankow_____
Animal Shelter Director Name

Animal Shelter Director Signature

Date

Medical Approval

Date

Shelter ID#(s)
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