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FOSTER GUIDELINES & AGREEMENT

- 1. Essentials Care Items** - Homes for Animal Heroes (HAH) will provide the necessary supplies to properly care for your foster dog: crate, leash, collar, bed, and food for your. These items are to be returned to the HAH Regional Coordinator upon adoption of the foster dog. Any other novelty items, such as treats, toys, etc., will be the responsibility of the foster.
- 2. Veterinarian Care** - HAH is financially responsible for all of the foster dog's necessary veterinarian care. Your veterinarian will need to complete a Veterinary Authorization Form and send to the Regional Coordinator prior to administering any medical care. All medical care must be pre-approved by the Regional Coordinator. In an emergency situation, take your foster dog to the nearest facility for treatment and call the Regional Coordinator as soon as you are able. Unless otherwise informed, HAH dogs will be examined by a licensed veterinarian, spayed/neutered, and current on vaccines, heartworm prevention, and flea and tick prevention before entering the HAH program.
- 3. Daily Care** - Unless otherwise instructed, we encourage *at least* one daily walk with your foster dog, fresh water daily, food twice daily, and lots of love and attention. Please take preventative measures to ensure your foster dog does not have access to anything in or around your house that could be harmful to its health. Be mindful of "escape" routes such as open doors, open gates, missing slats in fences, gaps between fences and the ground, etc. Foster dogs should always be leashed when walking outside and supervised in fenced areas.
- 4. Temporary Care** - If you are planning to be away from home and will need care for your foster dog, please notify the Regional Coordinator at least two weeks in advance, or as soon as you know your schedule. Arrangements will be made for a temporary foster home during the time you are away. We try our best to keep HAH dogs out of kennels and boarding facilities so that they are able to acclimate to home life. Please do not leave your dog with a friend or family member who has not been approved through HAH. We take several precautions to ensure the dogs in our program are in a safe environment. If you would like someone you know to care for your dog while you are away from home, please contact the Regional Coordinator so they may properly screen the temporary caregiver.
- 5. Duration of Care** - The length of time a dog will need to be in a foster home can range from 2 weeks to several months. We hope you are able to care for your HAH foster dog for the entire time it takes to match the dog with an approved adoptive home. If you are unable to house the dog for its duration in foster care, please notify the Regional Coordinator to make other arrangements. Consistency is vital to the dog's successful, permanent placement.
- 6. Adoptions** - HAH will be actively processing adoption applications during the time you are fostering. If you encounter someone interested in adopting your foster dog, please refer them to the Regional Coordinator to complete the proper application and screening procedures.
- 7. Support** - If you are experiencing behavioral problems with your foster dog, or have any other issues of concern, please contact your Regional Coordinator for support and guidance. Caring for a foster dog can be challenging at times; we are here to help you and your foster dog have an enjoyable and rewarding experience.
- 8. Ownership** - HAH is the legal owner of all foster dogs in our program until they are adopted, at which time ownership will be transferred to the adopter.



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I, _____, hereby agree to abide by the following policies during the time I foster a dog for Homes for Animal Heroes (HAH):

- 1) I have read and understand the HAH mission and will not undertake any actions that could be considered inconsistent with the mission while serving as a foster/volunteer for the program. Any activities of a political or controversial nature while fostering/volunteering for HAH will be engaged in as an individual, separate from any association with HAH. I am not authorized to speak for the organization, or enter into any agreements for the organization. As a volunteer of a non-profit corporation, I understand that I may never profit from the placement of a rescue dog.
- 3) I understand that it is my decision whether or not to foster/volunteer for HAH. I will not hold HAH or any other third-party liable for any damage, injury, or harm caused directly or indirectly through my volunteer/foster activities with HAH.
- 4) I have reviewed the policies and procedures outlined in the HAH Foster Manual regarding the care and training of my foster dog(s), and agree to follow these to the best of my ability.
- 5) I understand that HAH cannot guarantee or be held responsible for the temperament, health, or behavior of foster dogs that I may handle. However, HAH will make every effort to screen each dog admitted into its program as to temperament and any other medical or behavior issues, and will disclose all information to me. I am aware that dogs may cause property damage or personal damage. I carry insurance coverage in the event of personal liability resulting from fostering dogs.
- 6) I understand that my role is solely to serve as a temporary home for the dog, and that the placement of any dogs I foster will be conducted by HAH. It is the job of the Regional Coordinator to screen and interview applicants. I understand that once my foster dog is matched with a prospective adopter, I will need to cooperate with scheduling meetings with potential adopters.
- 7) I will notify the HAH Regional Coordinator at least two weeks in advance, or as soon as I know my schedule, when I am away from my home and unable to care for my foster dog. I will not place my dog with anyone who has not been pre-approved by HAH.
- 9) I understand that all veterinary care provided to my foster dog must be pre-approved by HAH, and I will have a printed Veterinary Authorization form signed by a HAH representative when taking the dog for treatment. I will be responsible for payment of services rendered if these steps are not followed.
- 10) I understand that in an emergency situation, I am to take my foster dog to the nearest emergency veterinary clinic, and will call my Regional Coordinator as soon as possible to inform HAH of what has happened, and to find out the authorized course of treatment.
- 11) I understand that any supplies or equipment provided by HAH, including but not limited to crates, beds, leashes, collars, medications, etc. are for the sole purpose of caring for HAH foster dogs, and are to be returned to HAH upon adoption of the foster dog.
- 13) I agree to document the progress of my foster dog through logging information at least once per week. I will also complete a foster report, and inform HAH of any problematic behavioral or medical issues in order to identify the best possible adoptive home for my foster dog.
- 14) I will keep my foster dog in a safe and appropriate environment whenever I cannot personally supervise them. My foster dog will always have a collar and identifying tags on him/her.

15) I understand that HAH is the legal owner of my foster dog and I am to relinquish my foster dog upon the request of HAH.

16) I understand that my name, address, and number of dogs I foster in any given year will be released to and reviewed by my state's Department of Agriculture.

Foster Signature:	Date:
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Foster Information:

Print Name:	Email:
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Street Address:	City:
State:	Zip:

HAH Representative:

Signature: _____	Date: _____
Print Name: _____	Title: _____