

*Welcome to \_\_\_\_\_'s foster program. We are always looking for good fosters and are pleased that you have decided to join our group of volunteers. Fostering is both a challenge and rewarding task that requires a lot of time, effort, and patience. To help you in your efforts, we have outlined your responsibilities and listed some of the policies and procedures that \_\_\_\_\_ has set for its Foster Care program.*

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Fosters will be responsible for general care and feeding of all \_\_\_\_\_ animals in their care. This will include, but is not limited to the following:

- Providing food, water and anything else to keep your foster friend nutritionally sound. This includes feeding your foster on a regular schedule of food recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ or a veterinarian. Young puppies may need around the clock feeding. Special diets may be recommended at times requiring the foster care provider to prepare the food.
- Administer oral or topical medications to animals as determined by a veterinarian. Medications may have to be administered around the clock or with very specific foods or under very specific circumstances.
- Provide grooming on a regular basis. This can include nail clipping, ear cleaning and general cleanliness.
- Provide regular exercise for the foster in your care. All animals need exercise. Vizslas need lots of room to exercise. If you have a small home, it should be given daily walks or runs, accompanied by you, of course.
- Provide special training on occasion such as housebreaking, leash training, and other behavior modifications needed to make the foster adoptable.
- Provide transportation for the foster in your care. As the Foster Care Provider, you will be responsible for taking your foster to a veterinary appointment and to pick it up if needed.
- Allow visitation by approved applicants in your home. On specified occasions, we may ask you to allow potential adopters to visit with your \_\_\_\_\_ foster in its more natural environment – your home. We will let you know in advance if this is the case, and we will ask your permission.
- VETERINARY COSTS ARE PAID FOR BY \_\_\_\_\_. We have accounts with various veterinary clinics. On occasion, however, because of an emergency or convenience, you may be asked to take your foster or to pick up a foster from another veterinarian or other care provider that will demand payment up front. \_\_\_\_\_ will reimburse you for any bill you may have to pay a veterinarian for service to a foster animal. You must submit the receipt for the paid bill and a check will be issued to you.
- All veterinary care will be pre-approved, when possible, with the rescue director.

- Foster Care Providers will be required to fill out and sign a Foster Application and Agreement for all foster animals in their care. Your foster term for this foster may be as short as one day or it may run as long as several months. Your foster animal may adopt out and be returned to us later. If that is so, we may ask you to foster this animal again since the animal is most familiar with you and your household.
- \_\_\_\_\_ fosters are solely \_\_\_\_\_'s. You may not co-foster or give a \_\_\_\_\_ foster animal to someone without \_\_\_\_\_'s express approval. \_\_\_\_\_ fosters in your care are your responsibility, not your children's, your parent's, or your neighbor's. If you cannot provide care as agreed upon, contact \_\_\_\_\_ so we can make arrangements for another Foster Care Provider.
- Your home should be large enough to accommodate the V \_\_\_\_\_ foster you intend to care for. You should have an area that you can at least temporarily isolate the foster animal from all of your personal pets. You should be certain that your pets are up-to-date on all their shots. We will not allow you to provide Foster Care until your personal pets are vaccinated. We cannot guarantee your pet will not contract parasites (ringworm, roundworm, hookworm, tapeworm, Coccidiosis, or Giardiasis) if you do not keep your pets isolated from your foster animals until their health is verified. We want both your pets and your \_\_\_\_\_ fosters to be healthy and safe. We may visit your home to inspect the area you have available for \_\_\_\_\_ fosters.
- As a Foster Care Provider, you agree to have a disaster plan in effect for your \_\_\_\_\_ fosters. This should include a container filled with three days of food, water and leashes. All \_\_\_\_\_ fosters will have identification on at all times.

## ADOPTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Here you are, fostering a delightful \_\_\_\_\_ Vizsla and a relative, neighbor, friend or co-worker sees it and falls in love. What do you do? What do you say? Word gets around fast that you are a \_\_\_\_\_ Foster Care Provider and somehow, people are approaching you to solve their animal problems and help them find new homes for their pets or strays they have found. What can you tell them? What is your responsibility?

**\_\_\_\_\_ has very specific policies regarding the acquisition and adoption of its animals. You need to know the following about acquisitions and adoptions:**

**ACQUISITIONS:** If someone approaches you to take a Vizsla, you must get it approved first by the \_\_\_\_\_ rescue coordinator. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU PROMISE THAT \_\_\_\_\_ COULD TAKE THEIR ANIMAL. All animals taken in after approval must have complete shot records as well as being spayed or neutered. Foster Care Providers are not authorized to represent \_\_\_\_\_ at any shelter or organization for the purpose of adopting an animal from that facility. If you are interested in an animal there, you may inquire about it as a private party. The other option is to notify \_\_\_\_\_'s rescue coordinator to see if it is possible to get that animal into \_\_\_\_\_'s program.

**ADOPTIONS:** Adopting a \_\_\_\_\_ foster requires following very specific procedures. NO ONE is allowed to visit privately with a foster at an adoption event or your home without supervision by yourself. EVERYONE must fill out an application and have it approved by the rescue coordinator prior to viewing a foster in your care.

We strongly suggest you do NOT show \_\_\_\_\_ fosters in your care to people until they have gone through the normal sequence of application and approval. \_\_\_\_\_ rescue coordinators reserve exclusive rights to approve or turn down each adoption application. DO NOT PROMISE ANY \_\_\_\_\_ ANIMAL TO SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT HAD AN APPLICATION APPROVED. Foster Care Providers have the same option as anyone to adopt a

\_\_\_\_\_ foster, but they do not necessarily have exclusive or first pick of any \_\_\_\_\_. animal, whether in their care or not.

**NOTE: Please be observant of your \_\_\_\_\_'s foster animal's habits, likes, and dislikes. We like to know as much as possible so we can find just the right home for your foster since you have given it all the time, attention and affection you can. Notice how it gets along with people of all ages, any animals it may live with or encounter, whether it is a "touchy-feely" or "hands-off" type, etc. Use the sheet provided to track these preferences.**

We appreciate the donation of your time and concern for our \_\_\_\_\_ fosters. Fostering is a tough job, but it is full of rewards as well. When you realize each foster you take care of would likely have died, you have given it a new life and a chance for a new, loving home. Remember:

- Animals are different from human beings in their response to different environments and human actions
- The behavior and actions of animals can be unpredictable
- \_\_\_\_\_ Breed Rescue, \_\_\_\_\_, its volunteers, officers, their heirs and assignees make no claims or representation as to the health, behavior, temperament or fitness for a particular purpose or situation of this animal

### Reimbursement for Expenses

The person giving foster care will, if desired, be reimbursed for foster care expenses, which include: Cost of dog food, dog snacks, and chewies, long distance telephone calls, transportation costs, and necessary veterinary expenses.

For reimbursement of veterinary expenses while the dog is in foster care, the \_\_\_\_\_ rescue chairperson must approve all non-emergency expenses **before** taking the dog to the veterinarian. In case of an emergency medical situation, seek immediate veterinary help and contact the rescue chairperson later. Any reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in such a situation.

The Vizsla placed in foster care is a ( ) Male ( ) Female Vizsla which ( )has ( )has not been altered and is identified as \_\_\_\_\_.

On this date, \_\_\_\_\_, I (we) hereby accept temporary possession of this dog at my (our) own risk and therefore release \_\_\_\_\_, its members, agents, volunteers, officers, their heirs and assignees of any and all responsibility and liability for any problems with the dog or its actions.

If for any reason the foster care must be terminated before the dog is adopted, I (we) will notify the VCNC Rescue Chairperson so that another suitable foster care home can be found.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Person providing foster care

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Person providing foster care

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Breed Rescue Chairperson