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Foster Policy

Animal's Name:		
Your name		
	State	
 Drivers License Number		

<u>Picking a foster animal:</u> SARA is open to visitors by appointment only Monday-Saturday from 9am-3pm. The animals listed on our website are available to adopt and to foster. If you have questions about a specific animal's profile, availability, behavior or would like to meet the animal prior to fostering, please contact heidi@sarasanctuary.org.

<u>Iransition timeline</u>: Foster animals must be kept for a minimum of 7 days unless an adoption or emergency occurs. You may foster an animal for as little as 7 days or as long as 6 months. We appreciate when fosters can keep their foster pet until we find an adopter, but we understand that each foster has a different schedule and emergencies happen. We are here for you if you need to return the pet.

<u>Medical Care</u>: Basic medical care and emergency medical care is paid by SARA Sanctuary only when authorized by the foster coordinator. SARA Sanctuary is not responsible for the veterinary care of your personal pet(s). We recommend keeping your foster animal separate from your personal pet(s) for a minimum of 7 days to avoid disease exposure.

Ownership: Your foster animal remains the legal property of SARA Sanctuary. You may not keep, transfer, or re-home the animal without following SARA's procedures. We reserve the right to remove the pet from your care at any time if we are concerned for the animal's health or safety.

Adoption promotion and finalization: A foster should strive to get the animal adopted through their own promotions and by following up, within 24 hours, on interested adopter contact information provided by SARA Sanctuary. The foster should assess compatibility of potential adopters. If the animal and adopter seem like a good fit, arrange an in-person meet and greet with the animal either in their home, at a neutral but quiet public place, or at SARA Sanctuary. Potential adopter sleepovers are not permitted. If you need assistance with dog or cat introductions, please contact us and plan to meet the adopter at the sanctuary. By agreeing to this contract, I agree to the following foster policies:

- 1. The primary foster caretaker must be 21 years or older.
- 2. The foster family must live within one hour of the sanctuary and have reliable transportation in case of emergencies and adopter meet-and-greets.
- 3. You must be able to safely house the foster pet completely separate from other pets (e.g. an extra room, a crate) for the first 7 days.
- 4. You must care for the animal as if it is your own, keeping it in a climate-controlled area and providing fresh food and water daily.
- 5. Please do not leave foster animals unattended outside.
- 6. When foster dogs are outside, they must be leashed or contained by a yard. Do not tether foster animals.
- 7. Report any signs of potential illness, changes in behavior, eating, drinking, or other signs or aggressive behavior. Bites of any kind, scratches, bruises, or dog to dog interaction resulting in injury must be reported immediately to staff by emailing heidi@sarasanctuary.org and/or info@sarasanctuary.org.
- 8. Foster parents must respond within 24 hours to communications from sanctuary staff or potential adopters.

It is agreed that SARA retains superior title to the animal being fostered, limited to and for the express purpose of assuring the animal's well-being. SARA will only exercise its superior claim in the event that it appears to SARA that the proper and humane care as specified in the foster agreement, in which case the animal will be taken in a claim and recovery proceeding.

Signature	Date: _	
Signature of staff member .		