



320 Commons Dr Suite 351, Parkesburg, PA
(484) 854-FREE (3733) www.tailsofthefree.org
tailsofthefree@gmail.com

Foster animal's name _____ Sex _____

Age: Baby Young Adult Senior Type: Dog Cat ID / Microchip #: _____

Foster parent's name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Other _____

E-mail _____ Driver's license number _____

Tails of the Free Rescue, Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit organization, operates an animal rescue and is located in and around Chester Co, Pa. In this agreement, it is called "Tails of the Free."

The foster parent has met the requirements for serving as a foster parent for animals from Tails of the Free and is called "Foster Parent" in this agreement.

This agreement is between Tails of the Free and the Foster Parent for the purpose of socializing certain animals and preparing these animals for successful adoptions into forever homes.

1. **Care of the Animal.** The Foster Parent agrees to:

- Provide a foster home for the above-named foster animal for a period of ____ weeks from the date noted below
- Provide shelter, fresh water, wholesome food, adequate exercise and loving attention to the foster animal
- Keep all Tails of the Free identification tags and microchip on the foster animal for the entire foster period
- Obtain immediate veterinary care if the foster animal becomes ill or is injured
- Take the sick or injured foster animal to the Tails of the Free approved vet locations, or to another pre-approved veterinary clinic in the locality in which the Foster Parent lives
- Return the foster animal to Tails of the Free when the foster period ends; if the Foster Parent must or is required to return the foster animal before the foster period has elapsed, the Foster Parent will contact Tails of the Free and keep the foster animal until Tails of the Free arranges to retrieve it
- Never tie up or chain the foster animal at any time

- Never leave the foster animal in a car for an extended period of time, and never in the hot summer months for any amount of time without air conditioning
- Keep the foster animal under control, either on a leash or within the confines of a fenced area, when the foster animal is outdoors
- Keep a foster cat indoors at all times
- Never allow a foster dog to ride in the back of a pickup truck unless in a secure crate or appropriate harness attached to the bed of the truck
- Never give or sign over the foster animal to any other person or shelter
- In the event that the animal is impounded by an animal care and control agency, the Foster Parent agrees to ask the officers immediately to scan the animal for a microchip and to call Tails of the Free

2. **Tails of the Free' Obligations.** Tails of the Free agrees to:

- Pay the fees for care at a pre-approved veterinary clinic and to treat the foster animal at the Tails of the Free veterinary clinic at no cost to the Foster Parent
- Evaluate the foster-parent/foster-animal relationship after the first three weeks, and at six weeks, nine weeks and twelve weeks

3. **Lifetime Commitment and Euthanasia.** Tails of the Free makes a lifetime commitment to its animals. If the Foster Parent should be unable or unwilling to care for the animal, he or she shall contact Tails of the Free immediately so that Tails of the Free may take possession of the animal. The Foster Parent shall not under any circumstances abandon, give away, allow to run away, surrender to a shelter or animal care and control or law enforcement officials or euthanize or have euthanized any animal that he or she has received from Tails of the Free. If a licensed veterinarian recommends euthanasia, the Foster Parent agrees to notify Tails of the Free before the euthanasia and speak directly with A coordinator and provide the name and contact number of the veterinarian, and the veterinarian and Tails of the Free will make the decision as to the euthanasia.

4. **Seizure and Impoundment of the Animal.** If the animal shall, for any reason, be picked up by local law enforcement or animal control, the Foster Parent will immediately contact Tails of the Free by phone or email and inform a coordinator directly that the animal has been picked up and impounded and the animal's location. Foster Parent shall also in that event inform the authorities holding the animal that the animal is the property of Tails of the Free and if microchipped, provide contact information for Tails of the Free to the authorities and request that the authorities contact Tails of the Free immediately. Under no circumstances will Foster Parent agree to or allow the euthanasia of the animal.

5. **No Representations.** The Foster Parent understands that Tails of the Free does not guarantee the health, temperament, or training of the above described animal.

6. **Termination.** The agreement may be terminated by Tails of the Free at any time; and by Foster Parent, in which case, the foster animal is to be returned to Tails of the Free. Upon notice of termination by either party, Foster Parent will keep the animal safe and continue to house and

care for the animal as required by this agreement until arrangements can be made for return of the animal to Tails of the Free. Foster Parent agrees to cooperate in efforts including helping with necessary arrangements for the safe return of the animal to Tails of the Free.

7. **Not Assignable.** This agreement is not assignable by Foster Parent.
8. **Photographic and Audio Release.** The Foster Parent expressly grants Tails of the Free permission to make photographic or video or audio recordings of the Foster Parent with the animal or during participation in a Tails of the Free or other event. The Foster Parent grants Tails of the Free rights to all photographic images and video or audio recordings made. This includes, but is not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings. The Foster Parent understands and agrees that Tails of the Free may use these photographs or recordings to promote Tails of the Free and its mission, including Tails of the Free events and work, and for fundraising and other purposes Tails of the Free decides is appropriate.
9. **Release.** The Foster Parent, and for his/her spouse, heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, agrees never to bring a claim or suit against Tails of the Free Rescue, Inc. The Foster Parent releases Tails of the Free and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from all liability arising from the adoption or behavior or actions of the cat. The Foster Parent understands this agreement discharges Tails of the Free and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability to the Foster Parent and his/her spouse, heirs, executors, and assigns, with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other loss that may result from the adoption or behavior or activities of the cat. The Foster Parent releases Tails of the Free and discharges Tails of the Free and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability for Tails of the Free' own negligence or liability that may result in bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other loss to the Foster Parent.
10. **Indemnity Agreement.** The Foster Parent and for his/her spouse, heirs, executors, personal representatives, and assigns, agrees to indemnify and hold Tails of the Free harmless for all bodily injury, personal injury, illness, amputation, scarring, death, property damage or other losses including attorney's fees and costs of litigation that result to anyone else or any other entity because of the Foster Parent's negligence or liability. This includes lone acts or omissions by the Foster Parent as well as the combined acts of the Foster Parent with others.
11. **Change of Address.** In the event that the Foster Parent moves, he or she agrees to contact Tails of the Free with change of address information, so that all records can be updated and microchip information can be changed.
12. **Other.** The Foster Parent expressly agrees the releases and indemnity agreement are intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. The Foster Parent agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining

Tips for the First 30 Days of Dog Adoption

The first few days in your home are special and critical for a pet. Your new dog will be confused about where he is and what to expect from you. Setting up some clear structure with your family for your dog will be paramount in making as smooth a transition as possible.

Before You Bring Your Dog Home:



- Determine where your dog will be spending most of his time. Because he will be under a lot of stress with the change of environment (from shelter or foster home to your house), he may forget any housebreaking (if any) he's learned. Often a kitchen will work best for easy clean-up.
- If you plan on crate training your dog, be sure to have a crate set-up and ready to go for when you bring your new dog home.
- Dog-proof the area where your pooch will spend most of his time during the first few months. This may mean taping loose electrical cords to baseboards; storing household chemicals on high shelves; removing plants, rugs, and breakables; setting up the crate, and installing baby gates.
- Training your dog will start the first moment you have him. Take time to create a vocabulary list everyone will use when giving your dog directions. This will help prevent confusion and help your dog learn his commands more quickly
- Bring an ID tag with your phone number on it with you when you pick up your dog so that he has an extra measure of safety for the ride home and the first few uneasy days. If he is microchipped, be sure to register your contact information with the chip's company, if the rescue or shelter did not already do so.

First Day:

- We know moving is stressful — and your new dog feels the same way! Give him time to acclimate to your home and family before introducing him to strangers. Make sure children know how to approach the dog without overwhelming him.
- When you pick up your dog, remember to ask what and when he was fed. Replicate that schedule for at least the first few days to avoid gastric distress. If you wish to switch to a different brand, do so over a period of about a week by adding one-part new food to three parts of the old for several days; then switch to half new food, half old, and then one part old to three parts new.

- On the way home, your dog should be safely secured, preferably in a crate. Some dogs find car trips stressful, so having him in a safe place will make the trip home easier on him and you.
- Once home, take him to his toileting area immediately and spend a good amount of time with him so he will get used to the area and relieve himself. Even if your dog does relieve himself during this time, be prepared for accidents. Coming into a new home with new people, new smells and new sounds can throw even the most housebroken dog off-track, so be ready just in case
- If you plan on crate training your dog, leave the crate open so that he can go in whenever he feels like it in case he gets overwhelmed.
- From there, start your schedule of feeding, toileting and play/exercise. From Day One, your dog will need family time and brief periods of solitary confinement. Don't give in and comfort him if he whines when left alone. Instead, give him attention for good behavior, such as chewing on a toy or resting quietly.
- For the first few days, remain calm and quiet around your dog, limiting too much excitement (such as the dog park or neighborhood children). Not only will this allow your dog to settle in easier, it will give you more one-on-one time to get to know him and his likes/dislikes.
- If he came from another home, objects like leashes, hands, rolled up newspapers and magazines, feet, chairs and sticks are just some of the pieces of "training equipment" that may have been used on this dog. Words like "come here" and "lie down" may bring forth a reaction other than the one you expect. Or maybe he led a sheltered life and was never socialized to children or sidewalk activity. This dog may be the product of a never-ending series of scrambled communications and unreal expectations that will require patience on your part.

Following Weeks:

- People often say they don't see their dog's true personality until several weeks after adoption. Your dog may be a bit uneasy at first as he gets to know you. Be patient and understanding while also keeping to the schedule you intend to maintain for feeding, walks, etc. This schedule will show your dog what is expected of him as well as what he can expect from you.
- After discussing it with your veterinarian to ensure your dog has all the necessary vaccines, you may wish to take your dog to group training classes or the dog park. Pay close attention to your dog's body language to be sure he's having a good time — and is not fearful or a dog park bully
- To have a long and happy life together with your dog, stick to the original schedule you created, ensuring your dog always has the food, potty time and attention he needs. You'll be bonded in no time!
- If you encounter behavior issues you are unfamiliar with, ask your veterinarian for a trainer recommendation. Select a trainer who uses positive-reinforcement techniques to help you and your dog overcome these behavior obstacles.

Congratulations! If you follow these tips, you'll be on your way to having a well-adjusted canine family member.

*(<https://www.petfinder.com/dogs/bringing-a-dog-home/tips-for-first-30-days-dog/>)