FOSTER CARE CONTRACT

Date: _____________ Name of Animal: _______________________ Dog __ Cat __

Description/Breed: ____________________ Color: ___________ Age: _____ M __ F __

In consideration of receiving the animal described herein from the Central California SPCA (CCSPCA), the Foster Parent (FP) agrees to be bound by the following terms and conditions:

1. The Foster Animal (FA) shall remain the sole property of the CCSPCA and must be returned, alive or deceased.

2. CCSPCA will be allowed at any time to inspect the premises on which the FA will be maintained. If it is determined that the FA is not being properly cared for or if the FP fails to maintain weekly check-in calls or emails, the FA may be removed from the care of the FP by the CCSPCA and this contract shall terminate.

3. FP will provide the FA with good care and grooming, adequate companionship, clean and secure shelter, and access to food and water at all times. The FP further agrees to administer medication, if applicable.

4. FP understands that the animal may not be housetrained or even accustomed to living indoors. FP agrees to make a good-faith effort to assist with housetraining, if applicable.

5. FP may return the FA at any time if they are no longer able to care for them for any reason, however, in doing so the FP will relinquish any further ties to the FA and this contract shall terminate.

6. FP agrees to bear all financial cost of the FA including food, toys, beds, pens, formula, bottles, litter boxes, or any items FP chooses to provide.

7. The FA has had the potential of being exposed to many different illnesses or may have an illness due to pre-existing medical conditions. In the event that the FA becomes ill, the FP must contact the CCSPCA immediately prior to obtaining any veterinary care for the animal. Please be advised, if the FP chooses to treat the animal's illness independently of the CCSPCA, the FP will be financially responsible for all veterinary expenses and will provide the CCSPCA with copies of all medical documents.

Initial here that you have read and understand this item: ________
8. FP agrees to isolate FA from all resident pets for a period of 14 days to prevent any injuries or transmission of diseases.

9. FP agrees to have their own pets vaccinated against all routine illnesses. Dogs should receive Canine Parvo, Parainfluenza, Distemper, Hepatitis and Corona Viruses vaccinations as well as a Bordetella vaccination (Canine Kennel Cough). Cats should receive Feline Distemper, Rhinotracheitis, Calici, Panleukopenia, and Leukemia virus vaccinations.

10. FP understands that the CCSPCA retains ownership of the FA and will make all decisions regarding adoption and if deemed necessary, humane euthanasia. It is possible that an animal you have cared for may be euthanized if it becomes sick or exhibits behavior problems making it unsuitable for adoption. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO COPE WITH THIS POSSIBILITY.**

11. FP agrees to call or email Foster Coordinator one time per week every week that the FA is in foster care to report on the FA progress. Failure to do so may cause FP to lose the opportunity to adopt the FA, if fostering to adopt was the intent of the FP.

12. FP agrees to return FA for routine vaccinations required during their foster care. Failure to do so may result in illness of FA, prolong their foster care, and can result in death of the FA. Failure to do so can also put the FP’s pets at risk.

13. No unaltered FA is to be bred or allowed to breed. This would result in the CCSPCA reclaiming the animal.

14. FP agrees to safely and humanely contain and control the FA and to abide by all applicable local municipal leash and animal control laws and state animal cruelty laws, if applicable. The FP agrees and understands that while there is no fenced yard, a foster dog is to be kept on leash at all times when outside the home.

**Special Provisions:**

- FP understands that the FA is considered evidence in an investigation case and is not available as a foster-to-adopt. FP understands that fostering an investigation animal requires an open ended time commitment because it is unknown how long the court proceedings will take. FP also understands that an investigation animal not already altered, cannot be spayed/neutered while in foster care.

- FP agrees to provide photos of the animal along with the regular weekly status report via e-mail correspondence to foster@ccspca.com. The photos shall consist of 3 views of the animal: 1 each of overhead (including head), right side, and left side. Basic information about the dog’s health and personality should be provided.

- Medications provided by CCSPCA veterinarians for the FA are being provided free of charge.

**Additional Provisions:**
I have read, understand, and agree with all the statements above. Furthermore, I understand that although the CCSPCA has taken reasonable care to screen animals for foster care placement, it makes no guarantees relating to the animals health, behavior, or actions.

I understand that I receive the foster animal at my own risk. I also understand that I am a volunteer and will NOT be compensated financially for my time and/or supplies, unless noted otherwise in this contract.

I fully acknowledge and understand that the CCSPCA is not responsible for any property damage or personal injury suffered by me, members of my household, any third parties, my own or any other animals caused by foster animals in my care. I therefore assume all liabilities and hold the CCSPCA free from any direct or remote and consequential damages arising out of this foster care arrangement.

Foster Care Parent:

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Signature

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Name

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Address

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Phone

CCSPCA Foster Coordinator

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Signature

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Name