



## Foster Care Agreement

This Agreement, by and between the Humane Society of Sarasota County (hereafter "Shelter") (Contact person for all issues regarding this contract: Volunteer Coordinator (hereafter "Authorized Shelter Representative")) and \_\_\_\_\_, (hereafter "I", "my" or "Foster Parent," individually or collectively), executed as of the last date entered below witnesses that:

- Whereas, Shelter has custody and care of certain animals; and
- Whereas, Shelter desires to provide a supportive, healthy, and safe environment for each animal in its custody and care; and
- Whereas, veterinarians have performed initial medical examinations of each animal in Shelter's temporary custody, and have provided each animal with necessary basic vaccinations and veterinary medical care; and
- Whereas, Shelter has requested qualified individuals to provide foster care and necessary sustenance to the animals in its temporary custody,
- NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of these premises and the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

I understand that the animal(s) will always remain the sole property of the Humane Society of Sarasota County (HSSC). I agree to provide the animal(s) good loving care, including at a minimum: adequate food, adequate water, adequate shelter that is properly cleaned, adequate space in the primary enclosure for the particular type of animal depending upon its age, size, species, and weight, and adequate exercise; and to follow HSSC regulations on transportation and veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or disease transmission.

I understand that medicines and other supplies provided by HSSC are for use with foster care animals only and are not to be administered to animals that are not the property of HSSC. I understand that all veterinary care must be authorized in advance by HSSC. I agree to personally incur the cost for any treatment that has not been so authorized.

I understand and acknowledge that I do not have any right or authority to keep, adopt, transfer, or place foster animals in other homes or with other individuals. I agree that every animal I provide foster care for must be physically returned to HSSC on agreed-upon date. I also agree to return the animal(s) immediately if I am no longer able to provide adequate care.

I agree to provide the appropriate staff members at HSSC with the necessary information and materials at any time (such as fecal samples or temperature/weight measurements) to enhance the care that I am providing to the foster animal(s).

I agree to hold HSSC harmless from any direct or consequential damages arising out of this foster care arrangement. I acknowledge that HSSC may terminate this or any other foster care arrangement at any time at its sole discretion.

I certify that no person residing in the household where the animals will be fostered has ever been charged with or convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment.

I agree to be a foster parent for the Humane Society of Sarasota County (HSSC), and as such, do not hold and will not hold the Humane Society of Sarasota County and/or any of its volunteers, employees or board of trustees responsible or liable for any accident, injury, or health problems which may arise from foster work which I will or may conduct.

I further agree that all work I do is on a voluntary basis as indicated in the Foster Care Handbook, copies of which have been provided to me.

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

**Please return the signed and completed form to Allison Page at [apage@hssc.org](mailto:apage@hssc.org).**