

FOSTER CARE CONTRACT



I, _____ agree to act as temporary Foster Home for Aurora Animal Shelter. I agree to abide by the following conditions whenever fostering any animals for AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER. All animals entering foster care must have gone through AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER protocols prior to leaving AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER.

_____ Any animal(s) fostered by me will be kept in an AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER approved facility. I understand that any animal(s) I foster is/are the property of AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER, and I agree to turn the animal(s) over to AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER immediately upon request. I agree to bring any animal(s) fostered by me to the AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER for exams, vaccinations, weight checks, or other reasons deemed necessary by AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER at a mutually agreed upon date and/or time.

_____ I understand that I am responsible for adhering to all AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER standards of care and applicable local and state laws dealing with animal welfare. I am responsible for researching and adhering to the city of Aurora's animal welfare laws and regulations. The most updated information can be found at:
auroragov.org/residents/animal_services/field_services/ordinances_enforcement

_____ Any animal(s) fostered by me will be fed, watered and exercised appropriately. I agree to provide an adequate and nutritious diet, including any necessary supplements, as recommended by AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER. I also agree to abide by any instructions given by AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER regarding the feeding of specific brands or types of supplemental food and/or nutritional supplements to my foster animals.

_____ I will not allow foster animals to go outside without a leash and harness. Cats and kittens are never allowed to go outside.

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_____ I will only transport my foster animal(s) to and from AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER or to a veterinarian at the AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER, if needed. I agree to transport any foster animal(s) in a sturdy and secure, approved carrier. I agree to transport any foster animal(s) in an enclosed vehicle only, and I will not allow any foster animal(s) to ride in the bed of a pickup or an open top convertible.

_____ I understand that AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER will take every precaution to ensure that any animal(s) I foster will have any **known** health problems disclosed to me prior to my taking the animal(s) into my home, but AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen health problems that may develop after the animal(s) is/are in my care. I understand that, at its discretion, AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER may require me to return my foster animal(s) to AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER to assess or treat any health problems.

_____ I understand that I am not authorized to seek outside veterinary care for AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER foster animals without approval from AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER staff or the AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER foster coordination team and may be dismissed from the foster program for doing so. If I choose to treat the animal(s) at a veterinarian of my choice, I understand that I will assume full responsibility for payment of the veterinarian bill, and that AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER will be unable to reimburse me for any such payment.

_____ I agree to keep my foster animal(s) separate from my own pets, and that the possibility of foster animals fighting, injuring, or spreading illness, parasites, death, or other ailments to my own pets does exist. I agree that I will keep my own pet up to date on vaccines and de-wormers according to my own veterinarian, while I am fostering any animal(s) for AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER. I understand that if I choose to allow my foster animal(s) and my own pet(s) to have access to each other, I do so at my own risk, and will not hold AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER liable for any illness or injury that may occur to my own pet(s). I agree to keep AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER animals safe from harm/illness as a result of contact with resident pets. **I will not allow my pets to be in contact with the foster animals unless approved specifically by the foster coordinator(s).**

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_____ I understand the potential for contagious illness is high in animals. Therefore, I agree not to mix any of my foster animals or animals from more than one litter unless approved by AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER. I also agree not to foster animals from any other organization while I am fostering for AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER, unless granted specific approval by AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER.

_____ I understand that Foster Coordinator/AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER staff have the right to limit the number of animals in my care at any given time.

_____ I assume responsibility for any events that occur in connection with my fostering of an animal for AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER. I understand the possibility of any persons or children being bitten, scratched, or contracting disease does exist. I agree to be responsible for my children and anyone else handling any animal(s) fostered by me in a safe and hygienic manner and will not hold AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER responsible for any injuries that may result from my failure to do so. **I AGREE TO NOTIFY AN AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY BITE THAT BREAKS THE SKIN** that occurs to any person or animal while any foster animal is in my care.

_____ Any animal fostered by me is to be adopted to a permanent home only under the supervision of AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER, to an adopter approved by AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER, even if the adopter is me or a member of my household. All foster animals **MUST** be returned to AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER for sterilization, and adoption paperwork must be completed prior to permanent adoption. I understand that if I find a suitable home for any animal that I am fostering, all the above conditions must apply, and that the adopter must pay the adoption fee.

_____ I understand that AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER cannot and does not make any representations or warranties, either expressed or implied concerning the temperament, habits, health, pedigree, disposition, age, sex or background of this animal and that I have no right to a reimbursement of medical, adoption or other professional fees. Furthermore, I understand that the animal's future reactions to me, my family or any other person are completely unpredictable because animals, like people, have their own personalities.

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_____ In consideration of receiving any AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER foster animal, I, as a foster caregiver, hereby release AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER its officers, agents, volunteers, contract veterinarians and employees from all claims of injury or damage that a fostered animal(s) may cause me or my property. I agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER, its officers, agents, volunteers, contract veterinarians, and employees from any and all claims of liability to other persons for injuries or damage arising out of or in connection with services of this foster program or caused to them or their property by the animal(s) I am fostering for AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER.

_____ If for any reason, I do not comply with all provisions of this Agreement, I agree to return the fostered animal(s) to AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER upon demand of the AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER. If I refuse to return the fostered animal(s) to AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER upon demand of the enforcement agent, I understand that AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER reserves the right to retrieve and impound the foster animal(s) as legal owner of the animal(s).

_____ I acknowledge that a staff member will review documented information about any foster animal(s) with me prior to each foster animal's appointment and that I have received said documentation in writing. I am fostering with awareness of any documented medical or behavioral history.

_____ I understand that e-mail is the main form of communication at AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER, and I will check my e-mail at least every 48 hours for questions or concerns or needed updates from the AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER team regarding my foster animal(s).

_____ I understand that if I wish to adopt my foster animal(s), after medically cleared and approved for adoption by the AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER team, I must sign the adoption contract and pay the adoption fee within 24 hours.

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I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS FOSTER CARE CONTRACT:

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Phone _____ Date: _____

Emergency/Alternative Contact: _____