

### M.F.O.A. FOSTER FAMILY CONTRACT

The purpose of foster care is to provide a dog or cat a home while awaiting permanent placement, permitting the Foster Family to evaluate and work with the pet to assure a successful transition into a new home. A home environment is less stressful than a boarding facility or shelter. The experience of being treated as "one of the family" (walks, outings, etc...) results in a faster and smoother adoption. Foster Families are essential to the welfare and proper placement of our pets and MFOA wishes the experience to be enjoyable and free from misunderstandings.

Please note our guidelines:

\_\_\_\_ The Foster Family will follow all relevant procedures and guidelines of MFOA.

\_\_\_\_ The Foster Family will not take actions regarding the pet's veterinary care or placement without prior approval from MFOA except in a life-threatening situation.

\_\_\_\_ Foster Family expenses for pre-approved veterinary care are reimbursed by MFOA. Veterinarians bill MFOA directly for approved medical services provided to our pets.

\_\_\_\_ The Foster Family will provide humane care and will, at a minimum, maintain the pet in accordance with all current state, county and municipal laws and ordinances while the pet resides with the Foster Family.

\_\_\_\_ The Foster Family will provide the pet with necessary exercise and will not keep the pet chained or restrained.

\_\_\_\_ MFOA pets should not be kept as "outside only" pets. Successful placement requires extensive socialization.

\_\_\_\_ The Foster Family agrees to provide adequate food, water, shelter, affection, socialization, exercise, medical assistance, and to strive to increase the adoptability of the pet. If assistance with food is needed, MFOA will provide food upon request.

\_\_\_\_ If the pet cannot be kept by the Foster Family, the Foster Family will notify MFOA immediately.

\_\_\_\_ The pet will not be sold, abandoned, relinquished to a shelter, pound or any third party without the prior approval of mfoa.

\_\_\_\_ The foster family understands that MFOA and its representatives have limited information regarding the temperament of the pet or its habits.

\_\_\_\_ The foster family will take all reasonable precautions (through the use of crates, leashes, supervision and practical judgement) to ensure the pet does not run loose, become a nuisance, destroy property, injure or be injured by another animal or person.

\_\_\_\_ The pet is and shall remain the property of MFOA and may be removed by MFOA from the Foster Family at any time and without prior notice.

\_\_\_\_ The Foster Family agrees to be courteous, helpful and honest to potential adopters and to fully cooperate in accommodating those who wish to see the pet.

