

# HSNU Canine Foster Contract

Fosters are our greatest asset at HSNU, and we are grateful for your interest in fostering dogs for us. Please be advised that our resources for canines are very limited, so if you're interested in fostering a dog, or dogs for us please read through this agreement and sign at the bottom. This sheet has to be turned in to your foster coordinator *before* you begin fostering any canines.

Please understand that once the animal(s) enter your home HSNU likely will not be able to remove them, as we have an extremely limited foster base. You are agreeing to a full commitment that will last until the dog(s) have been adopted.

Requirements for Dogs/Puppies to be eligible for adoption are as follows:

- Spayed/Neutered
- Vaccinated
- Physically and Emotionally Healthy (as approved by your coordinator or vet)

An important step for any rescued animal is socializing and improving the dog's ability to bond with humans. You are expected to provide a safe space for the animal(s) and give them the nurturing and attention they need. Teaching them basic skills such as sit, stay, come and house breaking them are important, though not necessary.

Please understand that if the animal(s) are returned for *any reason*, you will be expected to house them again. If you are fostering other dogs at that time we will do our best to accommodate, but the animal will likely be returned to your home. If you agree to take on a high risk case the animal **MUST** be returned to your home.

Since we do not have a place for dogs at our sanctuary at this time, it is your sole responsibility to keep the animal(s) until adoption and likely again should the animal ever be returned.

HSNU will provide all necessary items to foster dogs, including food, bedding, collar and leash. You can request other items that will need to be approved by the Board of Directors prior to being purchased. Using our provided Foster Supply Request Form, you must request supplies by Wednesday evening to be picked up at our adoption events on the following Saturday at the Clinton Petco. Dates and Times of these events will be posted weekly on our HSNU Fosters Facebook Page. Please send your requests to [hsnusupplies@gmail.com](mailto:hsnusupplies@gmail.com).

Canines can cause damages to your home and belongings. We will do our best to compensate and reimburse you for any reasonable damages, but please understand that this is a risk and financial liability that you will have to undertake if you accept animals in to your home. Taking high risk cases often pose a risk to personal property, and if proper precautions are not taken on your behalf, you may be liable for all costs.

A 2 week quarantine policy is required when a new foster animal enters your home. This means the animal will have no contact with any other animals in the house. If you choose not to quarantine the animal, HSNU will not be financially responsible to diagnose/treat any illness contracted by other animals in the home. All symptoms of illness will need to be brought to your coordinator's attention and you must get any vet visits for fosters approved. Your coordinator will make an appointment with our veterinary partner at Northside Animal Clinic. All Emergency care must be approved as well, and will be taken to Mountain West Veterinary Specialists.



Do you have a current vet we can contact as a reference?

Name of Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the area in which your foster(s) will be living:

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Please describe any skills or experience that you have related to animal care:

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Do you have any preferences when it comes to foster animals you would like in your home:

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**Please read through each item and initial indicating you accept these terms and conditions.**

As a Foster for HSNU, you hereby agree to:

- Provide a foster home for a foster animal until he or she has been adopted.
- Provide shelter, fresh water, wholesome food, adequate exercise and loving attention to the foster animal.
- Keep all HSNU identification tags and microchip on the foster animal for the entire foster period.
- Track the foster animal and it's weight, appearance, and overall health.
- Alert their Foster Coordinator if the foster animal becomes ill or injured.
- Return the foster animal to HSNU 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 HSNU and keep the foster animal until HSNU arranges to retrieve the animal or place the animal in another foster home.
- When a foster dog is outdoors, provide the dog with a secure fenced area, including shelter from the elements.
- 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.
- Provide transportation to veterinary appointments adoption events once the animal is approved. You must find transportation for your fosters if you can't get them to the adoption event and vet care.
- Keep the foster animal under control, either on a leash or within the confines of a fenced area, when the foster animal is outdoors.
- All HSNU property must be returned to HSNU at the end of the foster period.
- In the event a foster animal is impounded by an animal care and control agency, the Foster Parent agrees to ask the officers to scan the animal immediately for a microchip and to call HSNU.

HSNU agrees to:

- Pay the fees for care at a pre-approved veterinary clinic.
- Supply food to the Foster Parent for the foster animal if the Foster Parent is unable to do so.
- Support the foster in their endeavor to successfully prepare foster animals for adoption.

LIFETIME COMMITMENT AND EUTHANASIA:

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(initial)

HSNU 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 HSNU immediately so that HSNU 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 HSNU. If a licensed veterinarian recommends euthanasia, the Foster Parent agrees to notify HSNU before the euthanasia and speak directly with their coordinator.

SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT OF THE ANIMAL:

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(initial)

If the animal shall, for any reason, be picked up by local law enforcement or animal control, the Foster Parent will immediately contact HSNU and inform them that the animal has been picked up and impounded and give the animal's location. The Foster Parent shall also inform the authorities holding the animal that the animal is the property of HSNU and provide contact information for HSNU to the authorities, and request that the authorities contact HSNU immediately. Under no circumstances will the Foster Parent agree to or allow the euthanasia of the animal.

NO REPRESENTATIONS:

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(initial)

The Foster Parent understands that HSNU does not guarantee the health, temperament, or training of the foster animal.

TERMINATION:

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(initial)

The agreement may be terminated by HSNU at any time, and by the Foster Parent in which case the foster animal must be returned to HSNU. Upon notice of termination by either party, the 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 HSNU. The Foster Parent agrees to cooperate in these efforts, including helping with necessary arrangements for the safe return of the animal to HSNU.

NOT ASSIGNABLE:

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(initial)

This agreement is not assignable by the Foster Parent to any persons or organizations.

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(initial)

PHOTOGRAPHIC AND AUDIO RELEASE:

The Foster Parent expressly grants HSNU permission to make photographic, video or audio recordings of the Foster Parent with the foster animal or during participation in an event sponsored by HSNU or any other event. 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 HSNU may use these photographs or recordings to promote HSNU and its mission, including for HSNU events and work for fundraising and other purposes that HSNU decides is appropriate.

RELEASE:

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(initial)

The Foster Parent, and for his/her spouse, heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, agrees never to bring a claim or suit against the Humane Society of Northern Utah. The Foster Parent releases HSNU and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from all liability arising from the behavior or actions of the foster animal.

The Foster Parent understands that this agreement discharges HSNU 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 behavior or activities of the foster animal. The Foster Parent releases HSNU and discharges HSNU and its directors, founders, employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, volunteers, successors and assigns from any liability for HSNU's 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.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:

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(initial)

The Foster Parent, and for his/her spouse, heirs, executors, personal representatives, and assigns, agrees to indemnify and hold HSNU 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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

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(initial)

If the Foster Parent moves, he or she agrees to contact HSNU with change of address information, so that all records can be updated and microchip information can be changed.

OTHER:

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(initial)

The Foster Parent expressly agrees that 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 provisions of this agreement. This is the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any other verbal or written statements, representatives, or promises.

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(initial)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_