



GOLDHEART FOSTER CARE PROVIDER AGREEMENT

NAME(s): _____ DATE: _____

I/WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF A GOLDHEART FOSTER CARE PROVIDER.

1. Foster dogs remain the property of GoldHeart. I/we understand foster dogs must be surrendered immediately upon request from an authorized GoldHeart agent. If it is necessary for GoldHeart to take legal action to recover a foster dog or otherwise enforce provisions in this agreement, I/we will pay all court costs and legal fees incurred.
2. I/we will provide foster dogs with adequate food, fresh water, exercise and a healthy living environment.
3. I/we understand that foster dogs will not be chained outside or on an outside tie-out at any time, and will not be transported in the back of an open truck or similar vehicle.
4. At no time will a foster dog be allowed to run free. A foster dog will be allowed off lead only in a fenced yard or secured area and while under supervision.
5. A foster dog will never be allowed to remain outside throughout the night, or kept outside when I/we are not at home.
6. I/we understood that all foster dogs will live inside the Foster Home and not with a family member, friend, neighbor or any other person who is not an authorized GoldHeart foster care provider.
7. GoldHeart will reimburse only pre-approved veterinary care expenses as outlined in the Veterinary Care Policy.
8. I/we understand that foster dogs may carry diseases or parasites that may be transmittable to humans or other animals. GoldHeart will be held harmless if such an event should occur.
9. If a foster dog is stolen or lost, I/we will immediately notify GoldHeart at 410-877-9697, and if no response, leave a message and send an email alert to goldheart@goldheart.org.
10. Foster dogs must never be given to any other party, or for any reason, or be transferred to another home unless the Foster Home Coordinator or in his/her absence, another GoldHeart Board Member first approves such a transfer or move. '
11. I/we will observe and evaluate the temperament, personality and activity level of each foster dog. The *Under Evaluation* period is approximately two weeks, and sometimes longer, depending on a foster's medical needs. After the evaluation period, I/we will report findings and complete a *Dog Disclosure Form* (becomes part of the official adoption contract), sharing with the Foster Home Coordinator or in his/her absence, the GoldHeart Board Member designee for approval prior to requesting to post the dog as "Looking for a Forever Home" on GoldHeart's "Available Dogs" website adoption page.

12. Foster dogs will be adopted only into pre-approved homes under the supervision of GoldHeart. Regularly scheduled follow-up contacts will be made by the foster care provider(s) with the adoptive homes to ensure the success of the placement and well being of the dog. Adoptive homes must be accorded courtesy, respect and privacy at all times. Excessive or aggressive contacts are not allowed. Recommended follow up post placement contact intervals: after 2 days, 2 weeks, 2 months.
13. I/we will complete the form "Adoption Contract" that includes "Foster Dog Disclosure Information" and an "Adoption Release" form for each foster dog ,will give a copy to the adoptive home, and send original, along with all adoption fees/donations (payable to GoldHeart) to address provided in the contract for inclusion in the dog's file.
14. All medical records, AKC papers, pedigrees and other documents pertaining to the foster dogs must be copied/scanned and emailed to goldheart@goldheart.org. Alternatively, they can be mailed to GoldHeart with documentation covered in item 13 of this agreement. Any problems or concerns with documentation should be immediately directed to the appropriate GoldHeart personnel.
15. If any provision of this agreement is or becomes unenforceable, or void by force or operation of law, the other provisions shall remain in effect, valid and enforceable.
16. Every effort will be made to provide as much information as possible to the Foster Homes concerning foster dogs. GoldHeart does not warrant any dog regarding medical status, behavior, disposition or temperament.
17. Each and every clause, in entirety, has been read and understood by me/us. By signing this document I/we agree to adhere to the terms and conditions. I/we are signing of my/our freewill and not under duress of any kind. I/we affirm I/we have never been charged with animal cruelty.
18. I/we accept responsibility for any and all events that occur in connection with the fostering of a rescued dog. I/we agree to release and indemnify GoldHeart from any and all claims, known and unknown, now and hereafter, arising in connection with the animal.

SIGNED _____ PRINT _____ DATE _____

PHONE(S) _____ EMAIL _____

SIGNED _____ PRINT _____ DATE _____

PHONE(S) _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

Please return your completed signed agreement (2 pages) to:

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.
PO Box 394
Chester, Maryland 21619-0394

Alternatively, you may scan and email to: goldheart@goldheart.org.