



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE FOSTER HOME CONTRACT

I/we, _____, the undersigned, (the “Foster Family”) hereby agree to serve as a temporary foster home for the dog known as _____ (the “Foster Dog”), wearing Tag # _____ and owned by **Southern California German Shepherd Rescue** (“SCGSR”). By affixing my/our signature(s) to this contract (the “Agreement”), the undersigned (hereafter the use of the singular will include the plural and the plural the singular) hereby agree to the following Terms and Conditions required of a Foster Family regarding a temporary foster home situation:

- SCGSR retains all rights, possession of and claim to the Foster Dog in Foster Family’s care.
- SCGSR is the sole legal owner of the Foster Dog in Foster Family’s care who therefore cannot lay claim to said Foster Dog unless Foster Family is willing to permanently adopt the Foster Dog under the terms, conditions, provisions and restrictions established by SCGSR, including the completion of appropriate screening and paperwork **and payment of minimum required donation** as may be required by SCGSR, in its sole discretion.
- Foster Family will provide Foster Dog with responsible, loving care, including but not limited to food, water, exercise and shelter, as well as administer medication, if any, as instructed by an approved veterinarian.
- SCGSR may terminate the temporary foster home relationship at any time without cause, notice or explanation.
- Upon termination of the relationship, Foster Family will immediately relinquish and deliver (or make available) to SCGSR the Foster Dog and the Foster Dog’s possessions, including but not limited to any and all medication, supplements, medical records, information, documentation, leashes, collars, ID tags and crates.

- While the Foster Dog is in Foster Family's care, Foster Family understands that SCGSR will ONLY be responsible for the following costs associated with caring for the Foster Dog:
 1. Pre-approved veterinary costs at a veterinarian approved by SCGSR, in its sole discretion.
 2. Pre-approved medications necessary for maintaining good health.
- While the Foster Dog is in Foster Family's care, Foster Family further agrees to:
 1. Return the Foster Dog to SCGSR immediately at a location designated by SCGSR if Foster Family is no longer able to care for him/her.
 2. Keep a SCGSR identification tag and collar on the Foster Dog at all times.
 3. Notify SCGSR immediately if the Foster Dog becomes ill or lost.
 4. Never take the Foster Dog to an animal shelter, pound, municipal sheltering facility or animal rescue other than SCGSR.
 5. Treat the Foster Dog as a family member with suitable sleeping quarters inside the home, not including the garage.
 6. Keep the Foster Dog safe from harm by avoiding any and all dangerous situations.
 7. Notify SCGSR, in writing, as early as possible (but not less than five (5) days prior thereto) of any impending vacations, long-term business trip or of an impending move.
- Initial ____ 8. **Make the Foster Dog available for mobile adoption events on weekends so that potential adopters may meet him/her at least two times per month.**
- 9. Keep the Foster Dog on a leash at all times when out in public.
- 10. Provide a safe and secure environment for the Foster Dog at all times possible.
- 11. Keep the name of the Foster Dog the same as assigned by SCGSR..
- Initial ____ 12. **Foster family may NOT take Foster Dog to any off leash dog park at any time.**
- Initial ____ 13. **Foster Family commits to weekly communication via email and/or phone with SCGSR in order to provide updates as to dog's behavior (both positive**

AND negative), health and general well being. A designated SCGSR Volunteer will be assigned as your main contact.

Initial ____ Foster Family further agrees that the Foster Dog will not remain in or secured to any vehicle in extreme heat, with windows down, or unattended for any amount of time, nor will the Foster Dog ever be transported in the open bed of a vehicle unless within the confines of an appropriately sized dog crate which has been properly secured to the bed of said vehicle.

Initial ____ **Foster Family understands that it may not under any circumstances place the Foster Dog in any permanent or temporary home situation without the prior written permission and approval of SCGSR.**

Foster Family will not permit a person not employed or otherwise affiliated with SCGSR to temporarily care for the Foster Dog (e.g. a pet sitter, neighbor, relative) without the prior written approval of SCGSR.

Initial ____ **Foster Family will not permit the Foster Dog to be left alone or unsupervised with a child or any number of children under the age of 16.**

While SCGSR screens dogs carefully and makes every effort to place dogs in appropriate foster situations, it cannot assure Foster Family that damage or harm will not occur. **Foster Family hereby declares that no representation about the nature of the Foster Dog, or any representations regarding the nature and extent of legal liability or of financial responsibility have induced Foster Family to sign this Agreement. Foster Family's signature on this document and acceptance of this Agreement acknowledges that Foster Family is aware that its responsibility for this Foster Dog involves a certain degree of risk and is willing to accept this and indemnify and hold SCGSR harmless from any and all risks and liabilities related to the foster care arrangement contemplated herein.**

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Foster Family must IMMEDIATELY contact SCGSR if any of the following behaviors are observed:

- **Food and/or toy guarding/aggression**
- **Growling at children, men, women or other animals in the household**
- **Lip curling**
- **Biting and/or nipping for ANY reason**
- **Lunging at people or animals**
- **ANY OTHER CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR**

In the event of any dispute between SCGSR (or any of its owners, operators, managers, employees, representatives, volunteers or others affiliated with or performing services for SCGSR), and Foster Family arising out of, relating to, or in any way involving the foster care of the Foster Dog or any other agreement made or signed by Foster Family in connection with or

related to such foster care situation, such dispute shall be resolved by binding arbitration before a single arbitrator designated by, and according to the Commercial Arbitration Rules (or any other Rules designed to apply to such a dispute) of American Arbitration Association at its San Diego, California office. The award rendered by the arbitrator in such arbitration shall be final and binding subject only to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1286.2 and may be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction. Southern California German Shepherd Rescue alone shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees and costs including, but not limited to, arbitration costs, to be awarded by the arbitrator as part of any award in such arbitration.

The terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be enforced, governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any modification to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties; signatures delivered by facsimile are binding. This Agreement is binding upon Foster Family and SCGSR and their respective heirs, agents, successors, permitted assigns, executors, and representatives.

FOSTER FAMILY:

Signature _____
Name (Print) _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone (Home) _____
Telephone (Work) _____
Telephone (Cell) _____
Driver's License # _____
Email: _____

SCGSR:

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____

CGSR Hotline: 1-619-379-1796

DATED: _____, 200__

SCGSR CONTACT FOR WEEKLY COMMUNICATION:

VOLUNTEER: Marcy Astorino

CELL PHONE: 619-379-1796 – Alternate Daytime Number: 619-338-3811

EMAIL ADDRESS: socalrescue@gmail.com

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EMERGENCY VET CONTACT: Robert K. Tugend, DVM, VCA Main Street Animal Hospital, 2773 Main Street, San Diego, CA 92113, 619-232-7401.