

# ROCKET DOG RESCUE (RDR)

## FOSTER HOME GUIDELINES, RESPONSIBILITIES and LIABILITY RELEASE

Primary RDR Representative/phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary RDR Representative/phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Foster Homes agree to care and love their foster dog as if it were their own. You should provide the dog with exercise, basic obedience training and housetraining. General training information is provided in our Information Pack. Obedience training is available on a regular basis with a RDR trainer. Training greatly increases a dog's chance of being adopted.

You agree to bring the dog to at least one of our mobile adoption events each month.

- **Spay/Neuter + Vaccinations:**

All animals placed in foster care need to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated. If you receive an unfixed animal, we ask that you schedule an appointment with a designated RDR veterinarian and be available to transport the dog to and from the appointment. If you cannot arrange transport, contact your RDR rep. Dogs will not be adopted out before being spayed or neutered.

- **Expenses covered by RDR:**

All basic medical expenses will be covered by RDR. An authorized RDR representative must approve any medical expenses or vet visits. We have a number of our own, designated vets. We will pay for any authorized visits to these vets. If you choose to go to a vet of your choosing, you may be responsible for most of the vet bill. We will always provide a collar, tag, and leash. We greatly appreciate any willingness to donate toward the dog's general expenses, like food, treats, etc (save receipts if you want tax deductions!) Crates will be lent, if necessary or wanted (crates are a great training tool).

- **Dog Blurb and Photo on Website:**

If your dog is not already up on the RDR website, we ask that you assist in getting their photo on our website. Either take a photo and write a short description yourself, then submit it to our web person or you can contact your RDR rep. for assistance.

Please feel free to advertise by yourself, on Craigslist, in local shops, on other websites, with friends, at the dog park etc!

- **Adoption/Transfer:**

Potential adopter MUST be screened, interviewed and approved by an authorized RDR representative. A foster home's input is very much appreciated and a part of the process; however, the final decision is with an authorized RDR representative. Please let us know if prospective adopters may contact you by phone or email and/or if they may visit your home to meet the animal.

- The **RDR ID tag** must be worn at all times. If a dog goes missing, this is its link to back to us. If the dog loses its tag, please contact us immediately for a new one.
- **Please keep your dog leashed when outside** your home or yard. You don't know each other. You are responsible for your dog and other dogs' and people's safety.
- You must notify your RDR contact or Pali in the event of your dog going missing or being in an accident.
- If you/the foster home decides to adopt your dog, you must go through the adoption process and pay the adoption fee. All donations go back to RDR and are used to help cover costs so that we can save and help more dogs.

**Rocket Dog Rescue has the right to take a foster dog back at any time. If you need to return a dog, please give us as much forewarning as possible as we will need to find a new foster home for the dog.**

# Rocket Dog Rescue RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOSTER HOME \*name of dog\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

This document provides for the release of liability of Rocket Dog Rescue, Inc. (RDR) organization and its volunteers due to the actions of a dog (s) of any breed, which has been released into the ownership of the RDR and placed into a Foster

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I, the Foster Care provider named above, understand that the RDR and its volunteers, have no way of guaranteeing the actions or disposition of any dog released to them and placed into Foster Care with me. I understand that every effort has been made to assess the disposition of dogs released to RDR beforehand but, being living animals, they may act unpredictably in any given situation and that I must take necessary precautions to prevent accidents and guard against unpredicted actions by any dog I foster.

Further, I promise to take adequate care of the dogs I foster while they are in my possession providing food, water, and shelter as needed. I also promise to notify the RDR if any fostered dog is in need of veterinary care such as vaccinations, routine testing and refill of heartworm preventive or treatment for illness so that this care can be provided in a timely manner. Control of external parasites (fleas and ticks) will be maintained by me as well.

At no time will I allow this dog to be nuisance to people or other animals. To that end I will keep it safely confined in a fenced yard or kennel run or inside a house or garage when it is not with me or a member of my family. At no time will the dog be placed outside on a tie-out unless under the direct supervision of a responsible adult. When off of my property, the dog will be kept on a leash unless it is in a fenced area approved for free running dogs. (Note: RDR recommends the use of a dog crate for confinement inside the house and the use of ID tags on the dog's collar in case the dog escapes.)

I understand that Fostering a dog for RDR is not the same as Adopting a dog from them and that this dog must be made available to Prospective Owners referred by RDR for viewing for possible permanent Adoption. If I wish to Adopt a dog which I Foster, then I must fill out an Adoption Application and pay the expected fee for the dog just as any other family.

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

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