

## **HOPE Foster-to-Adopt Agreement**

This agreement is entered into by **Homes for Orphaned Pets Exist (H.O.P.E.)** (“HOPE”) and the undersigned foster-to-adopt applicant(s) (“Foster-to-Adopt Family” or “I/We”) for the care of the following animal:

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Description: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
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### **1. Ownership & Trial Period**

- The animal remains the sole property of HOPE throughout the foster-to-adopt (“FTA”) period.
- The FTA period is up to **30 days**. Extensions beyond 30 days may be considered on a case-by-case basis but must be approved by HOPE.
- At the end of the trial, the FTA Family must either (a) finalize the adoption by signing HOPE’s Adoption Agreement and paying the adoption fee, or (b) return the animal directly to HOPE.
- This contract does not finalize the adoption. Adoption is complete only when HOPE’s Adoption Agreement is signed

### **2. Veterinary Care**

- HOPE covers only pre-adoption veterinary needs during the FTA period, including:
  - Required vaccines
  - Spay/neuter
  - Microchipping
  - Ongoing treatment plans pre-established by HOPE
- HOPE does **not** cover:
  - Establishing the animal with a new veterinarian
  - Illness or injury arising from the FTA’s care, negligence, or environment

- All vet visits must be pre-approved by HOPE.
- In the event of an emergency, the FTA Family must contact HOPE immediately. Emergency expenses may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and HOPE may assist but is not obligated to cover costs.

### **3. Care & Responsibilities**

The Foster-to-Adopt Family agrees to:

- Provide a safe, structured, and loving home.
- Keep the dog supervised and leashed at all times when outside unless in a secure, fenced area.
- Follow HOPE's guidance regarding decompression, introductions, and routine establishment.
- Communicate any medical or behavioral concerns promptly.
- Remain in regular contact with your designated HOPE representative and to provide updates, including photos or videos.
- Return all HOPE-provided supplies (e.g., crates, collars, ID tags) if adoption is not finalized.

### **4. Return of Animal**

- If the Foster-to-Adopt Family chooses not to adopt, the animal must be returned directly to HOPE and not rehomed, transferred, or given away without the written permission or direction from HOPE.
- HOPE reserves the right to reclaim the animal at any time if terms of this contract are violated or if concerns arise regarding the animal's welfare.

### **5. Liability**

- The Foster-to-Adopt Family acknowledges that animal behavior is unpredictable and may result in injury or property damage.
- The Foster-to-Adopt Family assumes all risks and accepts full responsibility for the animal while in their care.

- HOPE, its officers, directors, agents, volunteers, and employees are released from all liability for any damages, injuries, or claims related to the animal during the FTA period.
  - The Foster-to-Adopt Family agrees to indemnify and hold HOPE harmless against any claims arising from the animal's behavior or actions while under their care.
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## **6. Agreement & Signatures**

By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above terms and conditions.

Foster-to-Adopt Family: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Foster-to-Adopt Family: \_\_\_\_\_

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

HOPE Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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