



## Foster Care Agreement

Foster Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

As a volunteer foster parent for SAFE Haven for Cats, I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. SAFE Haven provides foster parent with food, litter, and other supplies necessary to care for the foster cat(s). Foster parent agrees to maintain a high level of cleanliness in their living environment.
2. Everyone in the foster parent's home knows about and agrees to have the cat(s) in the home.
3. Foster parent will take their own cats in yearly for examinations and vaccinations. Their cats must receive rabies and feline distemper vaccines. Foster parents must also have proof of at least one negative feline leukemia/FIV test for their own personal cats. Their own cats must also be receiving all recommended preventatives (flea/tick/deworming). Proof of the above shall be furnished upon request.
4. SAFE Haven provides medical care for the foster cat(s) through the SAFE Care Clinic. The foster cat(s) is not allowed to go to any other veterinary practice without prior approval of SAFE Haven's Shelter Manager. Foster parent agrees to bring the cat(s) back to the shelter every two weeks (at a minimum) for veterinary care until such time as the cat(s) is scheduled to return to the shelter.
5. If the foster cat(s) is in need of veterinary attention, shows any signs of illness or is lost or injured, the foster parent agrees to immediately contact the Foster Coordinator.
  - a. The foster parents will follow all instructions given to them by the shelter staff and medical team. This also includes instructions to return the foster cat(s) to SAFE Haven upon request. The foster cat(s) remains the property of SAFE Haven for Cats.
  - b. Kittens are very susceptible to minor illnesses. Diarrhea can become very serious in kittens. Minor upper respiratory viruses can become pneumonia very quickly. If a kitten is not eating well or shows any sign of weakness, contact the Foster Coordinator ASAP.
6. Foster parent will keep the foster cat(s) isolated from their own pets for the duration of their stay in the foster parent's home.
  - a. Kittens – Healthy cats can be carriers for certain viruses and parasites that can be very dangerous to the kittens and show no symptoms in adult cats. Foster

kittens can be incubating certain viruses that could be passed to your healthy cats and cause illness. We recommend using a separate room (bathroom, etc.) to safely isolate the kittens.

- b. Adults – Adult cats are less susceptible to disease than kittens but there is still a risk. The isolation is to protect your pet cat and our cat that you are fostering.
7. Foster parent will provide updates on how the cat(s) is doing when the Foster Coordinator contacts the foster parent. Foster parent agrees that the Foster Coordinator can visit the home at a mutually convenient time if necessary.
8. SAFE Haven is not responsible for any events and/or damages that may occur as a result of fostering the cat(s) (e.g. soiled carpets, scratched furniture, etc.). The foster parent will also not be compensated for any additional expenses they choose to get on their own and not pick up from SAFE Haven. This includes, but is not limited to, food, litter, toys, bedding, etc.
9. SAFE Haven is not responsible for any pet fees that are charged by apartments complexes or other housing. It is the foster parent's responsibility to inform their apartment complex about the foster and pay the fee before they start to foster. If the foster parent fails to tell the apartment complex about the foster and other fees ensue, SAFE Haven is not liable for any of those fees.
10. If foster parent chooses to introduce foster cat(s) to their personal pets (instead of keeping them separate as SAFE Haven recommends), they assume all medical risks for both the owned and fostered cat(s) associated with that introduction. Possible medical conditions may include, but are not limited to, ringworm, distemper, feline upper respiratory infection, and parasites. Any medical expenses incurred as a result of this introduction will be the responsibility of the foster parent.
11. Foster cat(s) will be kept indoors at all times at the foster home. Cat(s) must be transported in a secure carrier.
12. Kittens are especially fragile and can be easily injured. The foster parent will closely supervise children with foster kittens especially during playtime. Foster parent will also be responsible to make sure that the foster room is set up to ensure the safety of the cat(s). (e.g. dangers from climbing, jumping and/or falling from heights)
13. Foster parent agrees not to foster for any other organization or independently while fostering for SAFE Haven.
14. If the foster parent chooses to use social media to help the kittens get adopted. The foster parent agrees not to post any videos or photos that show the foster cat/kitten(s) falling or climbing from heights that could injure them or using inappropriate behavior (i.e., playing with hands, scratching furniture, etc.)

15. The foster cat(s) cannot be transferred or temporarily transferred to another party or location without approval from SAFE Haven. This includes pet sitters or outside family members.
16. The foster cat(s) is to be adopted to its permanent home ONLY under approval of SAFE Haven and our standard adoption policies will apply. Foster parent may refer potential adopters directly to SAFE Haven.
17. If the foster parent is interested in adopting their foster cat(s), our standard adoption policies apply. This includes completing an adoption application, as well as paying an adoption fee.

I understand the terms of this contract and agree that it is in the best interest of the cat(s). I will abide by all of the conditions stipulated. Should I be found to be negligent or noncompliant with the terms of this agreement, I understand that SAFE Haven for Cats can demand the return of any fostered cat(s) and terminate the fostering agreement immediately.

I understand that SAFE Haven cannot guarantee the health, temperament, or training of the cat(s) I am fostering. I, hereby for myself, heirs, administrators and assigns, fully, irrevocably, and unconditionally release and agree to hold harmless SAFE Haven for Cats and its individual members from any and all known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, suspected or unsuspected and/or fixed, conditional, or contingent, actions, causes of action, charges, suits, debts, demands, claims, contracts, covenants, liens, rights, liabilities, losses, royalties, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's fees) or damages, including but not limited to any medical costs, damages to property, persons or other pets, of every kind, nature and description, at law or in equity, in connection with or arising from while I am caring for the agreed rescue cat(s).

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Foster Parent Signature

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Date