

**PAWS RESCUE – FOSTER APPLICATION** – POB 13, Redwood, MS 39156 phone: 601-529-1535

Name of animal you wish to foster: \_\_\_\_\_ Cat or Dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Your Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/partner's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/partner's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you Own or Rent? Own Rent If Rent, Landlord's name & number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a: House Condo Apartment Mobile Home Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a yard? YES NO Do you have a pool? YES NO

Does your yard have a fence? YES NO If YES, fence type \_\_\_\_\_ Fence height \_\_\_\_\_

Will gate be padlocked? YES NO Is fence permanent? YES NO Is edge of fence buried to prevent tunneling? YES NO

If you are out of town, what are your care plans for your foster animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Social Environment (circle one): Urban Suburban Country

How many adults live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of all Adults \_\_\_\_\_

How many children live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of all Children \_\_\_\_\_

Do all members of the household want to foster? YES NO If no, then why? \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER PETS**

Do you have other pets? YES NO

If yes, Please list their Breed, age, and sex and if the pet is Spayed or Neutered

Are all other pets current on all vaccinations? YES NO If NO, then why? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all other pets on heartworm preventative? YES NO If YES, then what brand? \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, then why? \_\_\_\_\_

How many pets are you allowed to have in your home, according to your Rental Agreement, local ordinances, or neighborhood covenant? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date of last Veterinarian visit for each pet \_\_\_\_\_

List all pets you have owned in the last 10 years, not mentioned above, and their present status \_\_\_\_\_

## **FOSTER AND CARE INFORMATION**

**What are your DOG foster preferences? (Please circle all that apply)**

Male Female Small size Medium size Large size Pregnant Mom Puppies Senior dog

**What are your CAT foster preferences? (Please circle all that apply)**

Male Female Pregnant Mom Kittens Senior cat

**Are you willing to administer medications such as pills and heartworm and flea medications? YES NO**

**Are you willing to transport your foster animal to Paws Rescue's veterinarian for required vaccinations and other appointments? YES NO**

**Are there any Breeds you do NOT want to foster? \_\_\_\_\_**

**What behaviors or temperament issues would you find intolerable in a foster animal? \_\_\_\_\_**

**How long are you willing to foster an animal? SEVERAL WEEKS / SEVERAL MONTHS / A YEAR / UNTIL ADOPTED**

**Will your foster animal be left alone at home during the day? YES NO For how long on a routine basis? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Where will your foster animal stay when you are not at home? (ex: run of house, secured fenced yard, or crate)**

**If a foster dog will be outside, describe kennel, dog house, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the outside structure heated or cooled? YES NO Where will your foster animal sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_**

**What circumstances would cause you to return a foster animal to us? \_\_\_\_\_**

**What activities are you going to engage in with your foster animal? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you fostered animals for another Rescue Group or Shelter? YES NO If yes, please specify:**

**Are you currently fostering for another Rescue Group or Shelter? YES NO If yes, which one(s)?:**

**What equipment needed for fostering do you own? (Carriers, crates, litter boxes, etc.)**

**Paws Rescue will provide you with a description of the foster animal's temperament. Do you understand that often times the complete history of a rescued foster animal may not be known? YES NO**

**Will you be willing to work with Paws Rescue to correct any possible behavior problems? YES NO**

## **REFERENCES**

Please provide the name and information for your current veterinarian if you have a pet. If you don't currently have a pet, provide the same information for the last veterinarian you used.

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide name, address, and phone number of three references (other than family) and their relationship to you and your spouse/partner:**

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## **TERMS OF THIS FOSTER APPLICATION**

### **Read the following carefully.**

1. I declare that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I, as the Foster person/family, agree to follow the rules and procedures of Paws Rescue. I understand that if any information herein is found to be false that: (1) my application can be refused and/or (2) if a cat/dog I am fostering is already in my care, said cat/dog shall be relinquished to a Paws Rescue Board of Directors Member immediately. All rescued cats and dogs are the property of Paws Rescue and must be returned to Paws Rescue immediately when requested by Paws Rescue Board of Directors Member (hereafter referred to as a Paws Rescue Board Member).

2. I agree that although all cats/dogs are medically examined before placement, evaluated for personality, and every effort is made to match an appropriate cat/dog with each home, no guarantees are expressed or implied as to personality or medical soundness of the dog by Paws Rescue Board Members. I agree to accept the cat/dog "as is". Paws Rescue will not place a cat/dog known to have an unsound temperament. However, no one can predict how any cat/dog will react in a given situation, especially without complete knowledge of the cat/dog's past. Therefore, foster families are strongly urged to exercise caution when introducing the new foster animal into their home. The foster family should monitor the cat or dog's behavior until the foster animal has had sufficient time to become fully acclimated to its new environment and the foster family has had sufficient opportunity to become familiar with the cat/dog's personality.

3. I understand that Home Checks are made on a random basis prior to and following being approved for fostering a cat/dog. I specifically give Paws Rescue permission to conduct a Home Check, as they deem necessary at a time of mutual agreement. It is Paws Rescue's policy to place canines in foster care with families who have a secure, fenced-in area at their home. Exception to this policy will be granted on a case by case basis by the Paws Rescue Board of Directors. The animal must never be allowed to run loose or be tethered on a rope or chain. ALL dog foster families, especially apartment dwellers, must agree to walk the dog on a leash, as the animals have no regard for the danger from street traffic. Foster cats are never to be let outside and must be indoor cats only.

4. I understand and agree that any material and substantial breach of these terms shall entitle Paws Rescue to take possession of the cat/dog with or without notice. **If the foster family cannot, for any reason, continue to foster the cat/dog they must notify a Paws Rescue Board Member immediately. The foster animal must never be taken to the shelter, pound, or given away to anyone. All foster cats and dogs are the property of Paws Rescue and must be returned only to a Paws Rescue Board Member.** If, in the opinion of Paws Rescue Board Members, conditions warrant removal of the cat/dog from the foster home, Paws Rescue retains the right to remove the animal from the premises without a refund of any expenses paid by the foster family. This agreement shall be binding upon any party in whose possession the foster cat/dog may be found. Should a third party be found in possession of the cat/dog without the express written consent of a Paws Rescue Board Member, the same rules will apply, and the cat/dog will be immediately returned to the care of Paws Rescue.

5. All Paws Rescue cats/dogs are taken immediately to the vet when rescued and will be examined by a vet prior to being placed in a foster home. All rescued dogs/cats will be spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Paws Rescue shall be responsible for all approved medical bills. Medical care for the foster animal must be provided at a Paws Rescue approved veterinary clinic. I agree to supervise veterinary care that may be required for this animal's health, care and well-being throughout its foster care. If the animal is in need of medical attention, I agree to contact a Paws Rescue Board Member immediately and follow their instructions. Paws Rescue will provide all foster homes with contact information for the approved Paws Rescue vet(s) and contact information for the appropriate Paws Rescue Board Members. I will call a Paws Rescue Board Member before seeking emergency medical attention. In the event I cannot reach one of the Paws Rescue's Board Members by phone in a true pet emergency, I will transport the pet to the veterinarian immediately for medical care. I am still obligated to contact Paws Rescue as soon as possible to provide an update.

I will not leave a foster animal at the vet for boarding without permission from Paws Rescue. If I do, I will be responsible for all boarding costs. I agree to follow the instructions given to care for the animal's special needs, such as medication, special diet, etc. I will also provide Paws Rescue with regular updates regarding my foster animal via phone, email or in person, and I will contact a Paws Rescue Board Member with any questions regarding the care of my foster animal.

6. I, the foster person/family, understand that I will decide whether or not to foster any particular animal. I will not hold Paws Rescue responsible for any damage, injury, or harm caused directly or indirectly to any person or property by any foster animal. I assume the risks of being bitten, scratched, injured, made ill, or frightened by dogs, puppies, cats, and/or kittens in connection with my volunteer work as a Foster Family for Paws Rescue. I hereby for myself, my heirs, administrators and assigns, fully, irrevocably and unconditionally release and agree to hold harmless Paws Rescue, its individual members, and any venue at which Paws Rescue may hold an adoption event, or fund raising event, 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, attorneys' fees) or damages, including but not limited to any illnesses, 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 any action or failure to act on my part or the parts of others while I am fostering and/or volunteering for Paws Rescue, or for any negligent act or omission by Paws Rescue. Any dispute arising between the parties with respect to this Waiver and Agreement shall be submitted to binding arbitration under the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. The venue for such arbitration shall be the County of Warren, Mississippi. The parties agree to submit to jurisdiction and venue in Vicksburg, Mississippi for purposes of such arbitration.

If I fail to abide by the terms of this Application & Waiver or if I am otherwise unable to meet the requirements of the foster and/or volunteer program, which are subject to change from time to time, I understand that I will be terminated from the foster program. I also understand that I may at any time be removed from my position as a foster person/ family by action of the Paws Rescue Board of Directors, and that I will be notified in writing or email should that occur.

I, the undersigned, have read the above requirements and conditions and understand them fully. I hereby certify that I am at least eighteen years of age and that all statements made on this form are true and correct.

Print your Name here \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Paws Rescue Board Member Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions help us assess your experience so that we can place an appropriate foster animal in your home. **You do not need experience in all of these areas to be approved as a foster home.**

Please describe your specific experience by circling Y for YES and N for NO

Y N - Basic obedience training. Trainer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Y N - Modifying an undesirable behavior. Type of behavior? \_\_\_\_\_

Y N -Raising puppies or kittens until ready to be placed in new home

Y N -Bottle-feeding puppies or kittens

Y N -Socializing a semi-feral kitten

Y N -Socializing a pet (exposure to other pets, new people, children and other experiences)

Any other training, skills or experience with cats or dogs?

Any experience with a particular breed?

Any other information you would like to provide?