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Fostering/Foster-To-Adopt Agreement

Thank you for your interest in fostering one of our dogs! We rely on our foster homes to give our dogs a safe place to stay while they are in transition to their permanent homes. With your help, we can save more homeless and at-risk German Shepherd Dogs.

To participate in our Fostering/Foster-to-Adopt program, you will need to sign up as a volunteer and pay \$20 annual dues for insurance purposes. We will visit your home so we can make an appropriate placement for your situation. Once you have had a home visit, you can take the dog home and foster the dog until your next local Adoption Day (AD) at Modesto, Sacramento, Vacaville or Benicia.

If you are interested in our Foster-to-Adopt (FTA) program, this will usually give you a month to have the dog at your home. At that time, on the Monday prior to the Adoption Day, you'll need to make a decision. Either you will need to adopt the dog by that upcoming AD, or bring the dog to the AD and make the dog available for adoption. **The dog still belongs to us until you pay the fee and complete the adoption paperwork.**

In the interests of safety and clarity, we require that fosters and fosters-to-adopt follow a few rules, such as:

- * Get all vet visits & expenses pre-approved
- * Be willing to take the dog to one of our partner vets where we get a discount
- * Bring the dog to your closest Adoption Day once a month
- * Never allow the dog off-leash except in a completely fenced, private home yard
- * Not take the dog to a dog-park
- * Not allow the dog on the furniture
- * Not change the dog's name
- * Not shave the dog
- * Immediately report any incident of aggression (snarling, growling, nipping, biting, etc.)
- * Allow prospective adopters to meet the dog if you decide not to adopt

Since almost all of our dogs come to us with no training or manners, it's very important that we keep both dogs and humans safe! We require that our fosterers know how to handle their foster dog properly, and to teach them basic manners, which includes housebreaking, yielding, and boundaries. We provide handling instructions at every adoption day and require fosterers to come to their local AD as often as possible to handle their own foster dog and other dogs to gain experience. We also provide separate handling seminars several times a year, and individual instruction as needed. We may require Fosters-To-Adopt to attend training if necessary before allowing the adoption of the dog.

Thank you again for your willingness to help our wonderful German Shepherds!