



## SFSR Canine Foster Care Agreement

Thank you for your interest in providing a temporary home for a rescued Samoyed or Samoyed mix dog or puppy (together, the “Dog(s)”). This Dog Foster Care Agreement is entered into between San Francisco Samoyed Rescue, Inc. (SFSR), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, and the undersigned (the “Caretaker” or “you”). Please read the entire agreement, and be sure you understand and agree with the conditions and restrictions provided below before signing. The terms “Caretaker” or “you” refer to all individuals over age 18, living at the address indicated at the end of this contract. The Caretaker represents that no member of its household has ever been charged with cruelty to animals,

In consideration of the mutual promises in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, SFSR and the Caretaker agree to the following terms and conditions intending to be legally bound.

1. **The Dogs:** We are delivering the following described Dog(s) to you for temporary boarding and foster care until the Dogs are placed in permanent homes.

Dog’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Chip/Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Foster Coordinator for the dog named \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Foster Care:** You will provide Foster Care, for the Dog(s) identified above, at the address provided at the end of this Agreement. The Dog(s) will not be removed from this location without permission of SFSR. The Caretaker will provide periodic updates to SFSR regarding how the Dog(s) are doing. Your Foster Care for the Dog(s) will be comprised of:

- Providing nutritious kibble dog food (unless health issues require wet food), two or more times daily
- Providing clean, accessible water every day
- Providing sufficient shade when the Dog(s) are outside
- Providing daily exercise and play
- Allowing the Dog(s) inside your house when you are at home
- Administering any required medications, including heartworm preventative
- Providing competent veterinary care, including transport to and from the vet clinic
- Socializing the Dog(s) to as many people, environments, and situations as possible
- Grooming, including keeping the undercoat brushed out and the nails trimmed
- Prompt veterinary care in case of a medical emergency (expenses over \$200.00 need approval from an SFSR board member)
- Working on basic obedience training with the Dog(s) (sit, down, stay, walk well on leash\*)
- Crate-training, if possible\*\*
- Housetraining, as needed

\* At no time will SFSR foster Dog(s) be allowed off leash in an unfenced area.

\*\* Crating the Dog(s) is not required, but crate training them is requested. The Dog(s) should not be crated for more than 5 consecutive hours at a time.

3. **Veterinary Care:** Whenever possible, you will use one of the following veterinarians for the Dog(s):

**Bishop Ranch Vet Center 925-866-8387, San Ramon, CA**

Before taking the Dog(s) to the veterinarian, you will contact a board member of SFSR to get pre-approval for all veterinary care and to advise him/her of emergencies involving the Dog(s). SFSR may need to occasionally euthanize a foster Dog, if the Dog becomes sick or exhibits behavior problems making the Dog unsuitable for placement as a companion animal. Decisions regarding euthanasia will be made by SFSR.

4. **Costs and Expenses:** SFSR will pay all approved veterinary expenses that may be incurred while the Dog(s) are in foster care. Approval must be received by phone or email. Receipts must also be provided for all reimbursements. Following is the allocation between you and SFSR of the costs and expenses, which are necessary to care for the Dogs(s):

You are volunteering your time to assist SFSR and the foster Dog(s) at no expense to SFSR.

<u>SFSR</u>	<u>Caretaker</u>	<u>Item</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dog food
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dog bed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leash/collar
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food/water bowls
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crate
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grooming tools
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heartworm medication (monthly)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys & treats
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterinary costs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boarding/Pet sitting (vacations, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

5. **Lost/Stolen/Sick:** In the event the Dog(s) are lost, stolen, become seriously ill or die, you will contact the SFSR board immediately. If lost or stolen, the Caretaker will assist SFSR with all reasonable attempts to locate the Dog(s).
6. **Vacation/Travel:** The Caretaker, when away from home for over a 24-hour period, will advise the SFSR board, so that alternative arrangements can be made for the Dog(s).
7. **No Liability:** SFSR does not warrant the health, temperament, or behaviors of the Dog(s), and SFSR is not to be held liable for any acts of the rescue dog while living with the Caretaker. You are not liable to SFSR for any injuries to, illness, or disappearance of the Dog(s) in your care, except if such injury, illness, or disappearance is caused by or arises out of your gross negligence or intentional misconduct. SFSR is not liable for any bodily injury, illness, or property damage, losses or injuries whatsoever to you or other persons, or to your or another person's animals and pets, caused by the actions, behavior, or health of the Dog(s), or arising out of the Foster Care, except if such damage, losses, or injuries are caused by our gross negligence or intentional misconduct.
8. **Returning Dogs:** You agree to notify SFSR immediately in the event that you are no longer able to willing to provide Foster Care to any or all of the Dogs. You will continue to care for the Dog(s) for a reasonable period until we are able to come to your home to retrieve any Dog(s) being returned, or until we can accept the return of the Dog(s) from you to an SFSR representative. We will notify you whenever we wish to retrieve any or all of the Dogs, whether for adoption into a permanent home or any other reason. You will cooperate with SFSR by promptly arranging a mutually satisfactory time for us to pick up any Dogs being returned. You may not entrust the care of the Dog(s) to any other person or relocate the Dog(s).
9. **Adoption By Caretaker:** As the Caretaker for the rescue Dog(s), you have the option to request adoption of the Dog(s) in your Foster Care. In the event that you wish to adopt any or all of the Dogs as a household pet(s) for yourself, you must first enter into an Adoption Agreement with SFSR and pay the regular adoption fee. The request to adopt the Dog(s) must be submitted to the Rescue Coordinator before an agreement has been made with any other prospective adopter of the Dog(s).
10. **Loaned Equipment and Supplies:** SFSR is temporarily providing you with the following equipment and supplies for use in providing Foster Care: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 You will return these items to SFSR in good condition (subject to normal wear and tear) at the end of the Foster Care period, or whenever SFSR requests them. If the foregoing items are lost, stolen, or damaged beyond use or repair as a result of your negligence, you will promptly pay SFSR the replacement price to purchase new items.
11. **Bites/Injuries:** The foster home must notify the SFSR board within twelve (12) hours of any bite for other injury inflicted on any human or animal by the rescue Dog(s).
12. **Adoption of Dog(s):** The Caretaker shall not give, lease, or otherwise transfer custody of the rescue Dog(s) to any other person, or to any business or organization, except to return the Dog(s) to SFSR. The Caretaker **may NOT promise the Dog(s) to anyone nor imply they have the authority to approve a potential adoption.** While the Caretaker may have input regarding a potential adopter, SFSR retains ownership of all fostered Dog(s), and will make the final decisions regarding adoption of each foster Dog.
13. **Potential New Owner Visits:** The Caretaker understands that prospective adopters may wish to visit the foster Dog(s) before adopting and will allow prospective adopters to meet the dog either at their home or at a mutually convenient location.

14. **Rentals/Condos/HOAs:** The Caretaker acknowledges that the residence, whether a rental, a condo, or a regulated community/home-owners association, permits pets pursuant to the lease or other contract, or by special permission of the landlord, resident manager, or board.

15. **Entire Agreement; Modifications; Binding Effect:** This Agreement is the entire Agreement between you and SFSR. Any modifications to the Agreement must be in writing, signed by both you and an SFSR board member. This Agreement binds you and SFSR's respective heirs, executors, representatives, successors, and assigns.

**Dated** \_\_\_\_\_

**Caretaker(s):** *All adult residents living at the address below should sign this Agreement.*

Address, City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SFSR Representative:** *Representing the SFSR board.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby authorize this electronic signature to serve as my legal signature.**

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