



**SECONDHAND
MUTTS**

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Dog Adoption Center

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FOSTER CAREGIVER AGREEMENT

APPLICANT NAME:		APPLICATION DATE:	
ADDRESS:		PHONE:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		EMAIL:	

How did you hear about the Secondhand Mutts Foster Program?

Referred by friend Facebook Event Brochure Website Other: _____

Are you interested in fostering a specific Secondhand Mutt? Yes No If yes, which dog and why?

What ideal length of time you're willing to foster?

Until my foster dog is adopted 1-2 weeks Weekdays Only Weekends Only

Have you fostered a dog before? Yes No

If so, what kind of dog and for what organization or circumstance?

Please describe the "perfect" foster dog for your household. Please check all that apply.

Age: Any age Puppy to 2 years 2 to 4 years 4 to 8 years 8 years or older

Gender: Male Female No preference

Would you consider fostering a pair of dogs? Yes No Not Sure I need additional information

Using a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being a couch potato and 5 being super high energy) what activity level are you looking for in your foster dog? 1 2 3 4 5

Why do you want to foster a dog at this time?

What are your expectations for your foster experience?

What activities will you engage in with your new foster? (check all that apply)

Dog Park Pet-store exposure Human socialization Exposure to children Walks

Additional Comments on activities:

How will the foster dog get exercise? (please check all that apply)

Leash Walks Fenced in yard exercise Daycare Visits to the dog park Enclosed dog run

When the foster caregiver is not at home to supervise the foster dog where will he/she be kept? (We do not allow our foster dogs to be left alone outside when the owner is not at home to supervise.)

In a crate/ cage - If so, do you need us to provide you with a crate? Yes No

What is the longest amount of time the dog will be crated during the day? _____

Where in the home will the crate be located? _____

Dog will be free to roam the entire home

Other, please provide details: _____

Are you willing to work with your foster dog(s) in areas such as basic obedience and house training?

Yes No I need assistance or a workshop to learn

How would you describe your philosophy of dog training? Strict Anything Goes Other (please describe):

What are your "home rules" for the dog?

Not allowed on furniture Human food allowed Other (please describe):

How would you handle a foster dog that had bad habits (taking food from table, excessive barking, etc.)?

What items are you prepared to supply for your foster dog once it leaves our facility? (check all that apply)

Food Crate Bedding Treats Toys Flea Meds Heartworm Preventative Anything

Would you be interested in fostering a dog with any of the following special needs? (check all that apply)

Puppy (under 6 months) Puppy (under 1 year) Senior Dog (over 6) Injured Dog Sick Dog

Abused/Neglected Dog or Puppy Dog that requires behavior training

Do you have any experience working with dogs that have been abused, neglected are under-socialized or that have behavioral issues? If yes, please describe.

FAMILY & HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Please provide the following information of each individual, including children, with whom you live:

	NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____

If you have children in the home or frequently visiting, have they been taught to respect a dog (especially new dogs)? Yes No

Do you have any concerns about your child's behavior around a new dog? Yes No

If so, please describe these concerns.

Does anyone in your household or family have known allergies? Yes No If yes, please describe:

Does anyone in your household or family smoke inside the home? Yes No

Do you own or rent your residence? Own Rent If you rent please continue:

Provide your landlords name and phone number: _____

Does your lease permit pets in the home? Yes No

Do you have a fenced-in yard? No Yes Please describe the yard and fence (if applicable):

If you do not have a fence, how will the dog be managed when outside?

What hours do you work each day (including travel time)?

Mon _____ Tue _____ Wed _____ Thu _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ Sun _____

CURRENT PET INFORMATION

Please provide the following information for each pet in your home including name, type of pet, gender, age and the length of time you have owned the pet.

Are all the dogs in your home socialized with other dogs? Yes No

Are all the cats in your home socialized or considered good with dogs? Yes No

Are all the pets in your home up to date on vaccinations? Yes No

Are all the pets in your home spayed or neutered? Yes No

Have you ever surrendered a pet? If yes, please explain.

If you have pets currently, how will you integrate the foster dog into the pack and what steps would you take if the foster dog was not immediately accepted?

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Veterinarian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Personal References (such as neighbor, co-worker, friend). Please do not list people related to you. Let them know you have listed them as a reference as someone from our organization may call.

#1 _____ Relationship _____ Phone: _____

#2 _____ Relationship _____ Phone: _____

#3 _____ Relationship _____ Phone: _____

Do you have any questions, comments or concerns?



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Foster Agreement & Release

As a foster caregiver for Secondhand Mutts, I agree to the following:

Foster Care:

- Keep my foster dog under my control at all times
- Never tie or chain my foster dog outside
- Never leave my foster dog outside unsupervised
- Crate my foster dog safely for short periods of time if necessary when no one is home
- Provide quality fresh food and water each day
- Exercise my foster dog regularly
- Begin gentle, positive training of my foster dog
- Notify Secondhand Mutts if my foster dog shows any signs of aggression or behavioral problems
- Approve vacation or boarding arrangements with Secondhand Mutts
- Keep Secondhand Mutts identification tags on my foster dog at all times
- Notify Secondhand Mutts immediately if my foster dog escapes or become lost
- Notify Secondhand Mutts if fostering becomes a hardship

Medical Care:

- Notify Secondhand Mutts via phone or e-mail before any veterinary appointments or visits
- Take my foster dog to a Secondhand Mutts-approved vet clinic for vet appointments and necessary care
- Attempt to contact Secondhand Mutts before going to the emergency clinic. Secondhand Mutts can be reached at (216) 621-6888.
 - Gateway Animal Clinic – (216) 771-4414
 - Emergency Clinic West: Westpark Animal Hospital – (216) 252-4500
 - Emergency Clinic East: Great Lakes Veterinary Specialists – (216)831-6789

Adoption Efforts:

- Take my foster dog to adoption events and special events whenever possible
- Coordinate visits for possible adoption of my foster dog
- Provide weekly updates by phone or e-mail on my foster dog
- Complete the Foster Dog Information Sheet no later than three weeks after my foster dog arrives in my home

Miscellaneous:

- Relinquish my foster dog on demand of Secondhand Mutts
- Represent Secondhand Mutts professionally in all dealings with the public
- Notify Secondhand Mutts if I apply to foster with any other organization
- Notify Secondhand Mutts of any new residents (animal or human) in my home
- Notify Secondhand Mutts in advance of any changes of address, phone number or e-mail

Foster Caregiver Signature _____

Date _____



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FOSTER PARENT NAME:		PHONE 1:	
ADDRESS:		PHONE 2:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		EMAIL:	

Foster Agreement & Release

I, _____, agree to participate in the foster program for Secondhand Mutts. I hereby acknowledge that I have applied to foster a dog for Secondhand Mutts. I understand that this dog remains the property of Secondhand Mutts. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Foster Agreement and Release and to return this dog to Secondhand Mutts upon the organization’s request. I do hereby declare myself physically able to foster this dog. I am fully aware that there are risks inherent in the care of animals and related activities performed by Secondhand Mutts, and I agree to familiarize myself with all of the rules, procedures, and equipment used by Secondhand Mutts.

In consideration of being permitted by Secondhand Mutts to participate in volunteer activities, the undersigned hereby releases, waives, discharges, and covenants not to sue Secondhand Mutts, its board of directors, employees, volunteers, sponsors, contributors or agents (“released parties”) from all liability to the undersigned, and the undersigned’s personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin, for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demand therefore on account or injury to the person or property of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the released party or otherwise.

I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and Secondhand Mutts. I authorize Secondhand Mutts to verify this information by any reasonable means if they deem necessary.

Foster Caregiver Signature _____ Date _____

Secondhand Mutts Representative _____ Date _____