

Thank you so much for your interest in fostering dogs for Take Paws Rescue. By opening up your home to foster dogs, you're not only helping to save lives, you're providing the individual attention and love these dogs desperately need. Although fostering can be a lot of work, it is a very rewarding experience.

This is our Foster Handbook for you to read over and save in your files. It will give you a general overview of our procedures for fostering. Please take some time to read through it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your foster coordinator.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I foster dogs even if I have a full-time job?

Yes! Our foster coordinator will do their very best to match you with the best foster for your needs and your current schedule. If you have a full-time job, the foster coordinator will match you with a dog that may be OK alone during the workday. You will just need to provide ample exercise before or after you go to work. Many dogs need a mid-day potty break as well.

Can I foster a dog if I don't have a fenced yard?

Yes! Again, our foster coordinator will do their very best to match you with the best foster for your needs and your current living situation. And if you do have a fenced yard, we request that you supervise all outdoor activities with your foster dog. We ask that you always keep your foster on a leash when you're on walks.

What do foster families need to provide?

Foster families need to provide:

- A healthy and safe environment
- Transportation to and from all vet appointments as needed
- Socialization and cuddle time to help teach dogs positive family and pet relationships
- Lots of exercise and positive stimulation to help them develop into great dogs

How long will the dog need to be in foster care?

Foster dogs stay in their foster homes until they get adopted. Puppies are adopted quickly, older dogs need a bit more time to find their perfect forever home. We do not have a boarding location. If you need to travel while you have a foster dog in your care, please contact the foster coordinator to work out a temp foster home while you are away. You cannot leave your foster dog with an unauthorized person or pet sitter. Please provide ample notice, as it is not always easy to find a temporary foster home. We try not to move our foster dogs around too much, as it is disruptive and stressful for them. If you anticipate personal or work travel, please take that into consideration when offering to foster a new dog.

If you need to travel or evacuate for a hurricane, please treat your foster like it is your own dog and plan accordingly. If a pet sitter or boarding is needed, you can ask for recommendations on the Facebook foster page.

Will I need to give medicine to my foster dog?

Most of the dogs that we have in our foster program are rescued from shelters and have been exposed to shelter illnesses such as kennel cough and intestinal parasites. While we do our best to ensure that we are aware of all the conditions that a foster dog may have prior to going home, many illnesses have incubation periods, meaning symptoms can arise after you take a dog home. If your foster dog needs medications, the rescue's vet will show you how to administer them.

What if I want to adopt my foster dog?

If you want to make your foster dog a permanent part of your family, please contact the foster coordinator right away. It is very stressful for a potential adopter to expect a dog to join their family and then be told that the dog is no longer available.

What if my foster dog is not working out?

The foster coordinator will work with you to select a foster dog that meets your specific requirements. We will always do our best to match you with a dog that fits with your lifestyle and schedule. However, this is not an exact science and we have limited information about the dogs coming into the rescue. Once the animal is placed in a foster home from a shelter, the dog cannot be returned to the shelter if the person fostering the dog decides it's not working out. If you feel you can no longer foster a dog, a new foster home must be found.

We take in dogs that have been abandoned, abused and neglected. They need time to decompress from very stressful situations. We ask that you commit to your foster dog and do all that you can to help your foster dog succeed and move on to his or her forever home. However, we understand that a dog may not be a good fit for your particular home. Please call the foster coordinator if this situation arises. There may be something that can be done to help improve the situation.

You are not required to continue to foster a dog if you feel it's not working out. However, we may not have an immediate alternate foster home for the dog. We do not have a boarding facility. We will work with you on moving your foster dog as soon as practicable, but ask for your understanding and patience. There are always more dogs in need than available fosters.

See also (below), **Not The Breed – People Training for Dogs**, force free, positive reinforcement-training program for dogs of all ages, behavioral issues, and breeds.

Preparing for your foster dog:

All foster dogs must be housed indoors only. A garage, backyard or outdoor run is not a suitable accommodation for a foster dog.

Dog-proofing your home

Foster dogs come from a shelter environment, and even if they have previously lived in a home, we don't always know how they will react in a new home. So, before bringing home a new foster dog, you'll want to survey the area where you are going to keep your foster dog. Remove anything that would be unsafe or undesirable for the dog to chew on, and latch securely any cupboards and doors that the foster dog could get into. People food and chemicals can be very harmful if consumed by dogs, so please store them in a place that the foster dog cannot access.

At first, please minimize introductions to your foster dog, so that he or she is only meeting immediate family and your personal pets. When you take your foster dog home, he or she may be frightened, stressed, sick, and/or recovering from spay or neuter. Please do not overwhelm him or her. This is not the time for a party. Sometimes it is better to confine the foster dog to a small room or area at first, to let him or her adjust before giving free rein in your home. This area should be large enough for an appropriately sized crate for the dog and should allow the dog access to his food and water dishes and toys.

If you have other pets at home, it is especially important to give your foster dog a space of her own where she or he can stay while getting used to all the new sounds and smells. Don't leave your foster dog unattended in your home with your personal pets until you are comfortable that all of the animals can interact safely.

Dog introductions

If you have personal pets who are dogs, you'll want to introduce them to your foster dog one at a time and supervise their interactions at first. It's a good idea to introduce them outside in a large yard or on a walk, keeping all the dogs on leash and allowing them enough space to get adjusted to one another.

Cat introductions

We can't ensure that a foster dog has been "cat-tested," so if you have personal pets who are cats, you'll need to make the introduction to the foster dog carefully and safely. Start by keeping them separated at first. You can either keep your cats in a separate room (equipped with food, water, litter boxes and beds) or confine your foster dog to a room. Over a one- to two-week period, let the dog and cats smell each other through the door, but don't allow them contact with one another. Exchanging blankets or towels between the dog's area and the cats' area will help them get used to each other's smells.

After a week or two, do the face-to-face introduction. Keeping your foster dog on leash, allow your cat out in the same area. (If you have more than one cat, introduce one cat at a time.) Do not allow the foster dog to charge or run directly up to the cat. Try to distract the dog as best you can so that the cat has the chance to approach without fear. Watch the body language of each animal closely and don't continue the interaction if either pet becomes over-stimulated or aggressive. The idea is to keep the interactions positive, safe and controlled.

Children and dogs

Do not ever leave your foster unattended with children.

Since we don't always know a foster dog's history or tolerance level for different types of people and activities, please teach your children how to act responsibly and respectfully around your foster dog. We will do our best to place you with an appropriate animal for your home situation, but you should still supervise all interactions between children and your foster dog. Key things to remind your children:

- Always leave the foster dog alone when he/she is eating, chewing or sleeping. Some dogs may nip or bite if bothered while eating or startled while sleeping.
- Do not take away a toy or prized possession from the foster dog.
- Do not tease the foster dog.
- Don't chase the foster dog around the house or run quickly around the foster dog; it may scare him.
- Pick up all your toys. Some dogs may not be able to tell the difference between what is theirs and what belongs to the kids.

Do not allow young children to walk the foster dog because they may not be strong enough or experienced enough to handle encounters with other dogs or cats who cross their path. View www.stopthe77.com for a very informative and excellent video on preventing dog bites and safety for your dog and your family. This video is also excellent as it shows stress signals in dogs.

Supplies

Take Paws Rescue will provide you with any supplies that you may need. However, we greatly appreciate any help that you can provide in supplying items for your foster dog!

Here's what you'll need to help your foster dog make a smooth transition to living in your home:

- At least one bowl for dry food and one for water.
- A collar with an ID tag and a leash: Even though foster dogs will be microchipped, they *immediately* need an ID tag with your current contact information on it. Please have one ready for when you receive your foster dog.
- A soft place to sleep: a dog bed, old towels or blankets work well.
- A baby gate is useful to keep certain areas of your home off-limits.

- A crate: The crate should be large enough for the dog to stand up and turn around in, but not much bigger than that. A crate can be provided if you do not have one.
- Dog treats: Giving treats is a good way to help train and build a positive relationship with your foster dog.
- Dog toys: Make sure the toys are durable and appropriate for the size of your foster dog. Avoid choking hazards.
- Grooming supplies: A clean and well-groomed dog has a better chance of getting adopted.

Daily care

Feeding

Your foster dog should be fed a good quality food. If you are not sure what kind of food to feed please ask for suggestions. It is helpful to the rescue group, from a monetary standpoint, if the foster family can provide the food. *If this presents a hardship for you, please let us know and we will help.*

Dogs should be fed twice a day (young puppies may be fed 3 or 4 times daily)

Make sure the dog always has access to fresh, clean water.

If you have family dogs, always feed the dogs in separate areas and monitor them to avoid altercations around food. If your foster seems to be reluctant about using a crate you can feed the dog in the crate so that they associate the crate with food.

You can give your foster dog treats of any kind (unless he/she has known allergies, of course); giving treats helps you and your foster dog to bond with each other. Most dogs like to chew on things, so try Greenies, Antlers, Nylabones or Dentabones. Keep in mind, though, that not all dogs like to share, so only give these treats when your foster dog is confined to his/her own area.

Daily routine

When you first take your foster dog home, take care not to overwhelm her with too many new experiences all at once. Sometimes, too much stimulation can cause a dog to behave unexpectedly toward a person or animal, which is why it's a good idea to keep introductions to a minimum during the first couple of weeks after you bring your foster dog home. It is important to establish a daily routine of regularly scheduled feedings, potty breaks, and walk times. **Dogs take comfort in having a routine they can count on.**

Also, on a daily basis, be aware of your foster dog's appetite and energy level. If she's not eating well or seems listless, something may be wrong medically. Please let the foster coordinator know if you suspect something is not right with your foster.

Every dog that comes to ^{SEP} you will come with varying skills, manners and energy levels. If you can get the dog on the right track from the beginning it will make an easier transition to its new home. Some simple commands and good manners include learning sit, down, no jumping, quiet in the crate, waiting at the door, etc

Use only positive training techniques with your dogs. No choke chains, slip collars, or prong collars. A dog should be redirected to a positive behavior and verbally praised, and possibly, food rewarded for demonstrating the correct behavior.

House-training

It's not guaranteed that your foster dog will be perfectly house-trained when you take him or her home. Dogs that have been stray are used to going everywhere and those that have lived in a shelter for a while have probably had minimal walks and chances to relieve themselves outside. Be prepared for an adjustment period until your foster dog gets used to your schedule.

Because a dog has a better chance of being adopted if she is house-trained, please help your foster dog to perfect this skill. Take your foster dog outside to go potty multiple times per day (3-6 times

daily, depending on age). Initially, you may need to take her out more frequently to remind her where the door to the outside is and to reassure her that you will take her out for potty breaks. Most dogs will give cues — such as standing near the door or sniffing the ground and walking in small circles — to indicate that they need to go out. Keep the dog in a crate when you are not available to supervise her indoors.

If your foster dog has an accident inside the house, don't discipline or punish them. It will only teach them fear and mistrust. When your foster dog successfully goes outside, praise and even offer treats to let them know they have done a good thing.

Crate training

Crate training, done in a positive way, can be an effective component of house-training. A crate can be a safe place for your foster dog to have down time and can also limit his access to the entire house until he knows the rules. A crate should never be used as a form of punishment and a dog should never be left in a crate for an extended period of time.

Your foster should only associate good things with the crate, so start by putting treats and/or toys in the crate and encouraging him to go in. Some dogs warm up to the crate slowly. If he is afraid to go in, place a treat in the crate as far as he is willing to go. After he takes the treat, place another treat a little farther back in the crate. Keep going until he is eating treats at the very back, then feed him his next meal in the crate with the door open, so that he can walk in and out at will.

Crate training a fearful dog can take days, so be patient and encouraging. If a crate is properly introduced and used, your foster dog will happily enter and settle down.

Grooming

A clean and well-groomed dog has a better chance of getting adopted, so bathe your foster dog as needed and brush him regularly if he has longer hair or requires more frequent grooming. Contact the foster coordinator if you feel that your foster dog needs to see a professional groomer. If you are comfortable with it, you can trim his nails. But please be careful because you can cause pain and bleeding if you trim the nails too short.

You can take your foster dog to Muddy Mutts Grooming at

Address: 339 Harrison Ave, New Orleans, LA 70124

Phone: (504) 304-3944

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10AM–6PM
Wednesday	10AM–6PM
Thursday	10AM–6PM
Friday	10AM–6PM
Saturday	10AM–6PM
Sunday	10AM–2PM

Safety requirements

Please do not leave your foster dog outside unsupervised, even if you have a fenced yard. We ask that you supervise your foster dog when he is outside at all times to ensure that he doesn't escape or have any negative interactions with other people or animals. Your foster dog is only allowed to be off-leash in an enclosed backyard that is completely fenced in.

When walking or hiking with your foster dog, please keep her on leash at all times. This means that your foster dog is not allowed to go to off-leash dog parks or other off-leash dog areas. We do not know how your foster dog will act in these situations, or how other dogs will react, and we need to ensure that all animals are safe at all times. In addition, we don't know if the other dogs they encounter are vaccinated appropriately or carry diseases, so it is best if your foster dog does not meet any unknown dogs. Having recently come from a shelter setting, foster dogs can be vulnerable health-wise.

Also, your foster dog cannot ride in the bed of an open pickup truck. When you're transporting foster dogs, please keep them inside the vehicle.

Helping your foster dog get adopted

Frequently asked questions

All animals up for adoption are spayed or neutered and deemed healthy enough to go to a home by a veterinarian.

How can I help my foster dog find a great home?

As you get to know your foster dog, we ask that you stay in constant contact with the foster coordinator so that he/she can update the foster animal's biography online to reflect accurate information about the dog's preferences and quirks. Some people write their own biography for their foster dogs, which we encourage, though they may be edited. We also welcome any quality photos that you take of your foster dog in your home. A good photo does a lot to get a dog adopted. If your dog is good with children and other dogs, a photo can convey that. We get the most applications for dogs with good photographs posted.

Please post the info about your foster dog and photos on the Take Paws Foster Group on Facebook and tag Mary Ann Cardinale and Jessica Clements.

If you would like help getting good quality photographs of your foster, please ask. We have volunteers who will do that for you.

Contact Kate Toluzakova via text at (504) 458-8088 or at kate@toluzakova.com

What if I know someone who's interested in adopting my foster dog?

If someone you know is interested in adopting your foster dog, please contact the foster coordinator and give her the details. Also, tell the prospective adopter to start the adoption process as soon as possible. Once the dog is up for adoption, we cannot hold him/her for anyone, but we do want to accommodate referrals from foster parents if we can.

<http://www.takepawsrescue.org/adoption-form>

Section 6: Medical and emergency protocols

You are responsible for scheduling appointments for your dog's veterinary visits. If you are fostering a dog who is on medications, please make sure that he/she gets all prescribed doses. Do not end medication early for any reason.

Take Paws Rescue provides all medical care for our foster animals at our approved veterinary clinic:

Batt Veterinary Services
1125 General Ogden
New Orleans La 70118
(504) 228-4692

Because we are ultimately responsible for your foster dog's well being, our staff must authorize any and all treatment for foster dogs at our approved veterinary partner.

Monthly Heartwork, Flea/Tick prevention *will be provided to you for your foster dog. Please record the type and date given on your copy of the vet record and at the time of adoption, let the adopters know when it is due next.*

Signs of illness and what to do next

Dogs generally do a good job of masking when they don't feel well, so determining if your foster dog

is under the weather will require diligent observation of the dog's daily activity and appetite levels. Please record any of the following symptoms, which could be signs of illness:

Eye discharge. It is normal for dogs to have some discharge from their eyes when they wake up and some may have more than others, depending on the breed. But if your foster dog has yellow or green discharge, or swelling around the eyes (making it hard for him to open his eyes), or the third eyelid is showing, you need to contact the foster coordinator to schedule a vet appointment.

Coughing and nasal discharge. Coughing can be common if your foster dog is pulling on leash. Please use a harness, so that you are not hurting the dogs neck on walks.

If the coughing becomes more frequent, however, watch for discharge coming from the nose. If the discharge is clear, the infection is probably viral and medication may not be needed, but check with the foster coordinator to find out if a vet appointment is necessary.

If the discharge becomes colored, make a vet appointment because the dog may have a bacterial infection. Be sure to monitor the dog's breathing. If the dog seems to struggle to breathe or starts wheezing, call the foster coordinator immediately. Also, once you notice nasal discharge, monitor the dog's eating habits more closely to ensure that he or she is still eating.

Loss of appetite. Your foster dog may be stressed after arriving in your home, and stress can cause lack of appetite. But if the dog hasn't eaten after 24 hours, please notify the foster coordinator. Also, if the dog has been eating well, but then stops eating for 12 to 24 hours, call the foster coordinator to set up a vet appointment.

An abrupt change in diet can cause diarrhea, which can lead to dehydration.

Lethargy. The activity level of your foster dog will vary depending on age and personality. If the dog cannot be roused or seems weak and unable to stand, it's an emergency, contact the medical/foster coordinator and the vet immediately.

Dehydration. Dehydration is usually associated with diarrhea, vomiting and/or loss of appetite. To test for dehydration, gently pinch the dog's skin around the scruff area. If the skin stays taut, the dog is dehydrated. Please call the foster coordinator and schedule a vet appointment.

Vomiting. Sometimes dogs will eat too quickly and will immediately throw up their food. Occasional vomiting isn't cause for alarm, but if your foster dog has thrown up two or more times in one day, please notify the medical/foster coordinator. It could be indicative of infection.

Pain or strain while urinating. When a dog first goes into a foster home, he or she may not urinate due to stress. If the dog hasn't urinated in more than 24 hours, however, please contact the medical/foster coordinator. Also, if you notice the dog straining to urinate with little or no results, or crying out when urinating, please contact the medical/foster coordinator immediately because it may be indicative of an infection or an obstruction.

Diarrhea. It is important to monitor your foster dog's pooping habits daily. Soft stool is normal for the first two or three days after taking a dog home, most likely caused by stress and a change in food. If your foster dog has liquid stool, however, please contact the medical/foster coordinator so that an appointment can be scheduled to ensure that the dog doesn't need medications. If your foster dog has bloody or mucoid diarrhea, please contact the medical/foster coordinator immediately.

Frequent ear scratching. Your foster dog may have a bacterial or yeast infection (or, in rare cases, ear mites) if she scratches her ears often and/or shakes her head frequently. These conditions can be treated by a veterinarian, so please call the medical/foster coordinator to schedule a vet appointment.

Swollen, irritated ears. If your foster dog has irritated, swollen or red or pink ears that smell like yeast, he may have an ear infection called otitis. This type of infection is more common in dogs who have very floppy ears, like basset hounds or Labradors. These dogs may need to have their ears cleaned more often to ensure that the infection does not re-occur.

Hair loss. Please contact the foster department if you notice any hair loss on your foster dog. It is normal for dogs to have thin fur around the lips, eyelids and in front of the ears, but clumpy patches of hair loss or thinning hair can indicate ringworm, dermatitis or the early stages of mange.

Common ailments in animals from shelters

Shelter dogs may suffer from kennel cough, giardia or intestinal parasites. Symptoms of kennel cough include a dry hacking cough, often with phlegm discharge, discharge from the nose and/or eyes, decrease in appetite, dehydration and slight lethargy. Symptoms of giardia or intestinal parasites include vomiting, diarrhea and gas (often with a pungent odor) and/or dehydration.

If your foster dog is displaying one or more of these signs, please contact the medical/foster coordinator. These ailments can worsen if left untreated.

Criteria for emergencies

What constitutes a medical emergency in a dog? A good rule of thumb is any situation in which you would call 911 for a person. Here are some specific symptoms that could indicate an emergency:

- Not breathing or labored breathing
- Symptoms of parvovirus: bloody diarrhea, vomiting, weakness, high fever (above 103.5 degrees)
- Signs of extreme dehydration: dry mucous membranes, weakness, vomiting, tenting of the skin (when the skin is pulled up, it stays there)
- Abnormal lethargy or unable to stand
- Unconsciousness or unable to wake up
- Cold to the touch
- Broken bones
- Any trauma: hit by a car, dropped, stepped on
- A large wound or profuse bleeding that doesn't stop when pressure is applied
- Loss of appetite for more than 24 hours

If your foster dog displays any of these symptoms, please contact the medical/foster coordinator. If the animal is vomiting or has diarrhea, but is still active, eating and drinking, you can probably wait until the next day to get help.

Contact Monique Bonnaffons at (504) 914-4803 or Jessica Clements at (504) 583-2040

Behavior support

One of your goals as a foster parent is to help prepare your foster dog for living successfully in a home. So, we ask that you help your foster dog to develop good habits and skills through the use of positive reinforcement training, which builds a bond of trust between you and your foster pet. The basic idea is to reward desirable behaviors and ignore unwanted behaviors.

You must not punish a dog for a behavior that you find undesirable because punishment is ineffective at eliminating the behavior. If the dog is doing something undesirable, distract him or her before the behavior occurs. It is also important for every human in the foster home to stick to the rules established for your foster dogs, which will help them to learn faster. Be consistent.

Some foster dogs will have behavioral issues such as: separation anxiety, destruction of property, fear issues or aggression toward other animals. We will only place dogs with behavioral issues with a person who feels comfortable working with the dog on his/her particular issues. We will provide that person with all the necessary information so that proper care and training can be given to the foster dog.

If you feel unable to manage any behavior that your foster dog is exhibiting, please contact the foster coordinator to discuss the issue. We will guide you and help in every way that we can.

Not The Breed – People Training for Dogs

Great dogs need care and attention, and great training. We've partnered with Samuel Steinmetz & [Not the Breed – People Training for Dogs](#) to provide a trusted referral for our adopters and fosters alike. He describes his services as a force free, positive reinforcement-training program for dogs of all ages, behavioral issues, and breeds. We love how great he is with our dogs and our owners and it comes from the passion he has for our mission and for the underdog.

Samuel Steinmetz of Not the Breed - 504-269-9047

****Be sure to mention you're with Take Paws Rescue ****

Classes are in the field across from City Bark on every Thursday evening from 630-730pm and every Saturday morning from 9-10am. Cost to Train for Fosters \$0

Paperwork:

Your foster dog should be spayed/Neutered (unless under 6 months or has a medical reason not to), up to date on immunizations, and micro-chipped. When you pick up your foster dog from the vet, make sure to get all available shelter and vet paperwork.

Time to Say Goodbye – Adoption

When your foster dog is spayed/neutered, up to date on shots, and doing well living in your home, he/she is ready to be adopted. Your foster coordinator will ask for your opinion on the suitability of any applications that are received. This is where we need your input on the dog, to be sure that we are adopting into a safe and loving forever home. Reach out to potential adopters, ask questions, and explain your foster dog's quirks and personality. If you are comfortable, you can do the home visit, see where the dog would be living. Then, once everything looks good, and the adopters are ready to proceed, we need:

1. Take Paws Rescue does not accept personal checks. The adoption fee can be paid on-line at <http://www.takepawsrescue.org/adopt>

Adoption fees are due and payable prior to or on the day of adoption, no exceptions, according to the following fee schedule:

Dogs under 12 months - \$300 / Dogs over 12 months - \$200

Please explain to the adopters: if your newly adopted pup is less than 6 months old, you are obligated to have your Take Paws Rescue puppy spayed/neutered at 6 months of age. *We do not want to add to the problem of pet over-population and homeless and unwanted animals. At 6 months of age, Take Paws will cover the cost of spay/neuter at Batt Veterinary Services, located at Riverbend Stables at [1125 General Ogden, New Orleans, LA 70118](#) (504) 228-4692

2. The adoption contract must be printed, filled, out, and signed.
http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b6555b_5966276692954c3991f7a30289d67412.pdf

* Please fill in the date under Surgical Sterilization.

3. Scan and email the adoption form to adopt@takepawsrescue.org along with a copy of all shelter and veterinary paperwork. The originals will go to the adopter.
4. Tell the adopters to register the dog's microchip online at www.HomeAgain.com and let them know the date that monthly Heartworm, Flea/Tick prevention is due (this should

be noted by you on the vet record)

5. Take a quick photo and post a message to the Facebook Foster page to let us know that your foster has been adopted. The adoptive family will be so happy, and would love to have a new family photo!
6. Ask to keep in touch! The best part of fostering is seeing these babies go into wonderful forever homes and live happily ever after! Sometimes its hard to say goodbye, but you have given an amazing gift to your foster and to the adoptive family. Thank you!
Fostering saves lives.
7. Foster again!

Foster Care Agreement

I understand and agree to all information provided to me in the foster booklet. If the dog I foster is on medication I will continue the medication as directed. I will not let the dog out loose by itself. If during the time I am fostering the dog it requires medical attention I will bring it to the vet. I understand the foster dog is the property of Take Paws Rescue and will not sell, trade or dispose of the dog. I understand the importance of my own animals being up-to-date on all standard vaccinations.

YES _____ NO _____

I understand that anyone interested in adopting my foster dog (including myself) must go through the standard adoption process, and approval of candidates, and placement of the dog is up to Take Paws Rescue (Of course we welcome your referrals). YES _____ NO _____

I understand that although Take Paws Rescue takes reasonable care to screen dogs for foster care placement, it makes no guarantee relating to the dog's health, behavior or actions. I understand that I receive the foster care dog at my own risk and can reject or return any dogs for which Take Paws Rescue has asked me to provide care. I indemnify and hold Take Paws Rescue free and harmless from all liability arising out of any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, action, judgment of every kind and description which may occur to or be suffered by me, members of my household, my own animals or any third parties by reason of activities arising out of this agreement. I release Take Paws Rescue from responsibility for any diseases that may be contracted by my resident animal(s) from the foster dog.

_____ Foster Parent

_____ Date

_____ Take Paws Rescue Representative

_____ Date

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____
Color _____ Special needs _____

(504) 914-4803 www.takepawsrescue.org email: adopt@takepawsrescue.org FB: Take Paws Rescue