

## FOSTER AGREEMENT

### ***Purpose of fostering:***

The purpose of fostering is to allow a rescue dog to live in a home environment while awaiting permanent placement, permitting the foster family to evaluate the dog's temperament and behavior to determine its specific needs and requirements for permanent placement.

A home environment is less stressful and more ideal for temperament testing than a shelter. We are able to determine many behaviors and reactions that shelters would be unable to observe. While in foster care any behavior issues can be addressed and a plan of action can be implemented to overcome this issues. The foster family needs to be committed to helping the dog become a well-mannered dog.

The exposure the dog gets from being treated as "one of the family" often speeds up the adoption process. Things the foster family will provide include the following: walks on leash, outings to various places, car rides, vet visits, crate training, and basic obedience. Problem solving will be addressed with a trainer and a training plan will be put in place for the foster dog.

A Rotta Love Plus considers its foster homes to be essential to the welfare and proper placement of our rescue dogs, and wishes the experience to be enjoyable and free of misunderstandings.

### ***Terms:***

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (name(s)) fully understand that I/we agree to act as a foster home for A Rotta Love Plus. The following conditions apply to fostering A Rotta Love Plus rescue dogs while in my care and in my home: (Understand the term fostering means "to care for the dog as a member of the family, according to the foster agreement, until a permanent home is found".)

1. The animal(s) primary residence will be inside the home on the grounds of the foster home at all times, and will remain the property of A Rotta Love. When outside the home the dog will be on leash or in a secure enclosed area. This includes visits to other locations. We enforce on leash and/or secure off leash outside time in all situations. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
2. The animal(s) will be fed, watered, and exercised appropriately. Any dietary recommendations from a Director of A Rotta Love should be followed. **Any dietary recommendations must be approved by an ARL director before being implemented and paid for by ARL.** This includes any weight loss or supplement programs. Our aim for all dogs in the program is to have them healthy, both mentally and physically, when being placed into a permanent home. A Rotta Love will provide dog food for all dogs in foster. **It is the foster's responsibility to inform ARL when they are out of the provided food for**

**their foster dog. If a foster family chooses to feed their foster dog different food than what ARL provides, it is at the foster's expense, this will not be a reimbursed expense unless otherwise agreed upon. Initial \_\_\_\_\_**

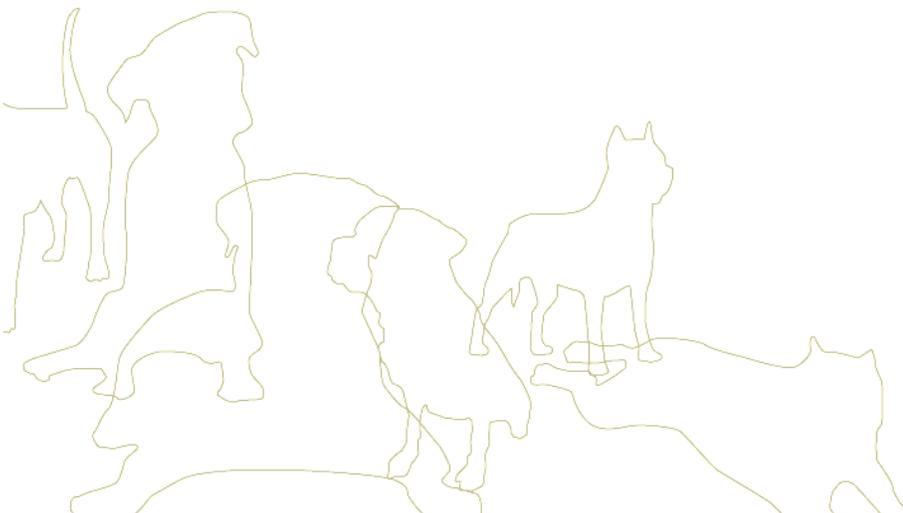
3. Veterinary care will be provided by A Rotta Love. This includes vaccinations, heartworm testing, and preventative, altering and any prescription medications necessary for the dog. All veterinary care must be approved by a Director of A Rotta Love prior to care. All veterinary visits will be with our veterinarian unless a medical emergency requires other attention. **Any unauthorized veterinary visits will be the responsibility of the foster.**Initial \_\_\_\_\_
4. Emergency care will be considered to be the foster's responsibility until the incident is reviewed by the Board of A Rotta Love. While in foster care it is the foster's responsibility to keep the dog and others safe. Should any emergency situation arise, a Director will be contacted first. Any veterinary expense will be paid by the foster until reviewed by the Board. **The foster will be responsible for the emergency bill if the visit is deemed to be due to carelessness on the foster's behalf. This decision will be made by the vet who provided service in conjunction with the ARL board of directors.**Initial \_\_\_\_\_
4. The adoption process of A Rotta Love is in place to ensure proper placement of dogs with families. The dog is to be adopted to its permanent home only under the supervision of an A Rotta Love adoption coordinator or Director to a family pre-approved by A Rotta Love. Adoptive families may be contacted by the foster family to inquire about the animal(s); however, adoptive families are accorded respect and privacy. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
5. All donations connected with the adoption of the animal(s) will be sent directly to a Director of A Rotta Love. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
6. Communication between fosters, adopters, volunteers and Directors of A Rotta Love is critical to the internal functions of the organization **and is an expectation between the foster family and the assigned case manager.** Any questions or concerns regarding a dog are to be directed to A Rotta Love officers. If there is a need to remove the animal(s) from the foster home, the animal(s) is/are to be given directly to an A Rotta Love officer or assigned agent. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
7. The foster family accepts responsibility for any and all events that occur in connection with the fostering of A Rotta Love dogs. The foster family agrees to release and indemnify A Rotta Love from any and all claims, known and unknown, now or hereafter, arising in connection with the dog. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

8. A Rotta Love requires that the foster family have a crate available. All dogs are expected to be crate trained and comfortable in a crate. A Rotta Love will provide a crate to all foster families. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
9. The foster family will evaluate the animal(s) and prepare an evaluation form. Evaluation forms allow us to track dog's progress and need for improvement while in foster care. **These forms are mandatory once per month unless otherwise arranged with the organization.** They will be sent to a Director for review. The foster family will be familiar with the animal's behavior and temperament so will be asked their opinions regarding possible adopters. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
10. Should a behavioral issue be of concern, the foster home will contact an officer of A Rotta Love for advice on how to handle the issue. An approved trainer of A Rotta Love will be consulted to help remedy the problem. We rely on humane training methods and any form of shock training, ear pinch, or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
11. The animal will reside as an indoor dog. Basic obedience/house manners and house training will be enforced on a daily basis. The dog should improve its manners/training while in foster care so that it is more appealing to prospective families. The foster family has indicated that they are knowledgeable enough to help the dog learn these basic things. They further understand that A Rotta Love has resources to help overcome any difficulties that may arise during their foster experience. The foster is expected to be proactive and contact A Rotta Love immediately should any issues arise. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
12. The foster family agrees to be courteous, helpful, and honest to potential adopters and to fully cooperate in accommodating those who wish to see the dog once approved by A Rotta Love. It will be remembered that in all dealings with the public, A Rotta Love is being represented. Any disagreements or conflicts will be discussed and handled by a Director or the Board of A Rotta Love. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
13. In the event that the foster family wishes to adopt their foster dog, their application will be reviewed again. If approved, the adoption agreement must be signed and delivered to an A Rotta Love officer along with the current adoption fee. Initial \_\_\_\_\_
14. A Rotta Love encourages our foster families to engage in play and petting daily. A Rotta Love will provide toys as available however cannot reimburse foster families for purchases on toys, treats, beds and other luxury items. **Should a foster decide to purchase these things for their foster dog they will be responsible for the expense of these items.** Initial \_\_\_\_\_
15. A Rotta Love requires that all dogs in the program wear a buckle collar (no quick release collars are accepted) while in foster care and any training collars used should be removed



daily after training. A Rotta Love reserves the right to determine which collar best suits the foster dog. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

16. Events are an important part of adoption for A Rotta Love. Each month A Rotta Love holds adoption days at various locations. **Foster dogs and their foster are required to attend at least one adoption day per month.** In the rare case a foster is unable to make an adoption day they will contact a Director immediately and arrange for an alternate date that month OR make arrangements to have another volunteer take the foster dog to the adoption event. **Presence at adoption days are REQUIRED and part of the foster responsibility and agreement.** Initial \_\_\_\_\_





**Acknowledgement:**

I understand all of the above, and accept full responsibility for any and all expense incurred by me during my tenure as a representative for A Rotta Love, Inc. I further agree to keep records of dogs handled, release and adoption forms, monies collected and expenses incurred for each and every rescue dog. A Rotta Love may request to review these records at any time. In the event that I resign, voluntarily or by request, I hereby agree to turn all records and supplies over to A Rotta Love within ten days of resignation. My foster dog will be transported to a location determined by A Rotta Love. It is the foster's responsibility to transport the dog to that location.

I have accurately completed the questionnaire and have read the above paragraph and appreciate the risks involved in working with dogs. I understand that A Rotta Love cannot be responsible for the actions, behaviors, and/or medical condition of the dogs that it seeks to rescue. I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with dogs that may have been abandoned, beaten, or otherwise mistreated or abused, or who may suffer from an illness, condition, or disease.

The UNDERSIGNED foster person(s) hereby acknowledges having read the terms of this Agreement and does hereby agree to abide by each of the rules of fostering set forth above.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ DL# \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

HOME OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF ARL REPRESENTATIVE DATE

