

Smithtown Animal Shelter
410 East Main St.
Smithtown, NY 11788
(631) 360-7575

Shelter Emergency Contact: _____

AGREEMENT TO FOSTER

Thank you for giving generously of your time and energy to foster a Smithtown Shelter animal. To help assure the safety and well-being of all, we ask that you review the following information.

Please give the animal time to settle into your home or facility. Remember, this is a big adjustment. They may not sleep through the night at first, they may or may not be house trained, and there may be issues between them and any other animals you may have. In our experience, with love and patience, these potential problems can be resolved. However, if you need to return the animal, we will take him/her back at any time.

As a volunteer foster caretaker you agree to the following:

1. The Smithtown Shelter must approve all adoption applications, so please do not promise anyone that they can adopt your foster pet. Of course we are happy to receive adoption referrals and your recommendations. If you encounter someone who is interested in adopting/fostering an animal, please contact us.
2. Your foster pet must be kept on leash or in an appropriate carrier or crate AT ALL TIMES when in an unfenced or unenclosed area, even if moving very short distances. All rescues are prone to being escape artists, especially in a new environment or when left alone. They may bolt out an open door or gate. Be aware and be careful.
3. The Smithtown Shelter will be responsible for any medical expenses that may occur while the animal is in your care. If a veterinary visit is necessary, we prefer to use our vets. Call us if needed. We will provide food, a crate, and other items as needed.
4. Congratulate yourself on being an extraordinary person. It's easy to say you want to help, but by taking a needy animal temporarily, you are making a **huge** difference. Your commitment to help enables us to rescue more animals.

Thank you!

I, the foster caretaker named below, understand that the Smithtown Shelter and its staff have no way of predicting or guaranteeing the actions, behavior, or disposition of any animal that is placed into foster care. I understand that although an effort has been made to assess the animal's temperament, being living creatures, they may act unpredictably in any given situation. I must take every precaution to prevent accidents and guard against unpredicted actions by any animal that I foster. I will notify the shelter immediately if the animal exhibits any behaviors that are peculiar or dangerous. I have signed the Town of Smithtown Animal Shelter Volunteer Release of Liability Form and agree to the terms therein. I also agree to return the animal immediately if requested.

I promise to take adequate care of the animals I foster while they are in my possession, providing food, water, and shelter as needed. I also promise to notify the Smithtown Shelter if my foster animal is in need of routine veterinary care so that this care can be provided in a timely manner.

At no time will I allow this animal to be a nuisance to people or other animals. To that end I will keep it safely confined in a securely fenced yard or inside a house/facility when it is not with me or with a member of my family or staff. At no time will the animal be placed outside on a tie-out unsupervised. When off my property, the animal will be kept on a leash or in a secure carrier/crate unless it is in a fenced area approved for free running animals.

Special note for dogs: The Smithtown Shelter recommends the use of a kennel or crate for confinement when indoors and unsupervised. We require ID tags on a collar at all times and that dogs be walked on harness, or slip collar, or choke collar, not on a collar only.

Name of Animal	Description
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Foster Caretaker Name	Signature	Date
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