

Ruff Beginnings, Inc.
Foster Home Application/Contract
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Ruff Beginnings Inc. does not have a facility to house rescued animals, so for now we rely on compassionate and caring animal lovers who are willing to volunteer as a Foster Parent(s). Foster Parents provide a safe home environment for our rescued animals while they await a permanent home. Foster Parents speed up the socialization process by allowing the animal to interact with people regularly. Foster Parents are essential to the proper placement of our animals as they increase the animals chance of finding a loving, permanent home by evaluating the animal and providing our board members with a profile of the animal's character and personality! Which serve to facilitate the best possible permanent match. Ruff Beginnings would like your experience as a Foster Parent to be a good one, therefore it is important that you read through everything and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask:

Please Note: This Foster Home application/contract is quite lengthy. Please answer all questions completely. We do not mean to be intrusive, but our main concern is for the animals. Your personal information will NOT be seen by anyone other than a Ruff Beginnings board member. We want to make sure our rescued pets get the best foster home that they truly need. All of our pets have had Ruff Beginnings, they all deserve a safe, happy place to live while they await their permanent home! All applicants are subject to a home visit before and after a pet has been placed in the foster home. We reserve the right to deny any applicant.

You may be required to transport your foster pet to and from a vet visit (A Ruff Beginning Board Member will meet you at the vet)

You may also be required to transport your foster pet to and from special adoption weekends (at a local park, animal hospital etc.)

We ask that if you are approved to foster, that you keep your foster pet separated from your own pets for at least 10 days.

Ruff Beginnings will provide you with:

- Food** (First Initial bag, after that, you are responsible for purchasing the same type and providing us with a receipt so that we can reimburse you)
- Dishes** (Must be returned to Ruff Beginnings at end of Foster Care period)
- Litter** (If Fostering a Cat or Kitten- First Initial box after that, you are responsible for purchasing the same type and providing us with a receipt so that we can reimburse you)
- Litter Box** (If Fostering a Cat or Kitten- Must be returned to Ruff Beginnings at end of Foster Care period)
- Leash and Collar** (If Fostering a Dog or Puppy)
- Some Toys**
- A Crate** (If Fostering a Puppy- Must be returned to Ruff Beginnings at end of Foster Care period)
- Vet Care for your Foster Pet**

****Any and All Purchases Need to be Approved by a
Ruff Beginnings Board Member****

You will need to provide your foster pet with:

- Clean, accessible water everyday
- Love and Affection
- Prompt Veterinary Care when necessary
- Housetraining if needed
- A warm, comfy Bed
- Administering any medication needed
- Working on basic obedience

Your Full Name:

Your Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Your Home Phone Number:

Your Cell Phone Number:

Your Email:

Your Age/Birth date (If under 21):

Your Occupation:

Your Employer:

Please describe your average workday:

Marital Status:

Full Name of Spouse/significant other:

Do you have any children?:

If yes, how many?:

What are their ages?:

Please list any other people who reside in your home:

How long have you lived at your current residence?:

Do you own or rent?:

If you rent are you allowed to have pets?:

Does your landlord or association have any pet restrictions?:

If you rent- what is your landlords name and phone number?:

Do we have permission to contact your landlord?:

Do you plan on moving in the near future?:

What type of home do you live in (house, condo, apartment, townhouse, mobile home etc.)?:

Does your home have a fenced in yard?:

If yes, what type of enclosure is it (chain link, wood, 4ft, 5 ft etc.)?:

If no- how will you exercise your new pet?:

Do you have any objection to a Ruff Beginnings board member visiting your home prior to and/or after the placement of a foster pet?:

What accommodations will you make for your foster pet if you're away overnight or away on vacation or business?:

Does everyone in your household want to be a foster family for a Ruff Beginnings Rescue?:

Does any one in the household suffer from allergies or asthma?:

Do you have any other pets?:

If yes: what is their species/breed/gender/age?:

If no: did you have pets in the past? Where are those pets now?

Are all of your current pets up to date on vaccines?:

If no- why not?:

Are all of your pets spayed/neutered?:

If no- why not?:

If you own pets now, are they on heartworm preventative?:

If yes- what type?:

If no- why not?:

If you own pets now, are the on flea and tick control preventative?:

Would this pet be an inside or outside or both inside/outside pet?:

How many hours a day will your foster pet be left alone?:

Where will you keep your foster pet while you are at work or out of the house (Inside, outside, in a crate etc.)?:

If you own pets now, are they inside, outside or both inside/outside pets?:

Until your foster pet learns the rules of your home, he/she may urinate or defecate in your home, and may chew household items. How will you handle this?:

How will you discipline your foster pet?:

Are you acquainted with a nearby veterinarian?:

Please provide us with your veterinarians name and phone number:

Do we have permission to contact your veterinarian?:

Please provide us with a personal reference (Name and Number):

Do we have permission to contact your personal reference?:

Hurricanes have become a common occurrence here in Florida, if there was a hurricane/tropical storm headed our way, what precautions would you take to ensure your foster pet would be safe during and after the storm?:

Type of Pet you would be willing to Foster:

Dog (over a year) _____ (yes or no)

Puppy (under a year) _____ (yes or no)

Cat (over a year) _____ (yes or no)

Kitten (under a year) _____ (yes or no)

Male _____ (yes or no)

Female _____ (yes or no)

Restrictions on type of pet I can foster (for example: "No dogs over 30 lbs", "Only Short-haired Cats":

How long are you willing to foster a single pet for (a week, a month, until they are adopted etc.)?:

Are you willing to administer medication to your foster pet if needed?:

Do you understand that if you do foster a rescued pet from us and we come for a home visit after you have the foster pet in your care, if the living conditions (including but not limited to, adequate food and water, sleeping quarters, etc.) are not up to our standards we have the right to take the foster pet back into our custody?:

Do you understand that not all of our rescued pets are spayed/neutered?:

Would you be willing to care for a rescued pet after they have been spayed or neutered, this includes but is not limited to providing a quiet place for the pet to rest, away from other pets in the home until the stitches are removed, administering medication, and providing extra TLC?:

Do you understand that even though our rescued pets are checked over by our veterinarian, there is no guarantee of their age/health/behavior or temperament?:

Do you understand that all of our cats/kittens are tested for Feline Leukemia and FIV either at our vet or at the Miami animal services before we pick them up, but we do not guarantee the negative result is 100% accurate. We recommend that you keep your new cat/kitten separated from other pets in your home for at least 10 days, then have them retested in 6 months at your vet?:

Do you understand that if you are approved to become a foster home, we are not responsible for your personal pets health or, medical bills, even if an injury or illness is caused by our rescued pet?:

Do you understand that if you are approved to become a foster parent, we are not responsible for any damage done to your home or household items (Including but not limited to scratched or chew marks on furniture, walls, and shoes/clothing)?:

Do you understand that we are not responsible for the behavior (Including but not limited to bites/scratches) or temperament of one of our rescued pets once it is in your care?:

Do you understand that if you are approved to foster a Ruff Beginnings pet, you can not sell / adopt out / give away and/or transfer the pet in your care and any attempt to do so will breach this agreement and require immediate return of the pet to Ruff Beginnings?:

Do you understand that if you are approved to foster a Ruff Beginnings pet and you become no longer able to care for the pet, you must contact Ruff Beginnings immediately?:

Do you understand that if you are approved to foster a Ruff Beginnings pet, and there is a medical emergency you are required to take the pet to our vet immediately and contact us ASAP?:

Do you understand that if you are approved to foster a Ruff Beginnings pet, and you notice a lack of appetite, loose stool, vomiting, lethargy etc. you must contact Ruff Beginnings immediately?:

Do you understand that if you are approved to foster a Ruff Beginnings pet and it becomes lost while in your care you will contact us immediately and help with all efforts to find your foster pet?:

How did you hear about us?:

I agree to care for this pet humanely and to provide my new foster pet with adequate food, water, shelter, and companionship. Foster Parent further agrees to treat the animal in a kind and respectful manner, encouraging good behavior and confidence in order to create a well adjusted, adoptable animal. Foster Parent will not strike or otherwise physically harm any foster animal, or allow anyone else, relative or otherwise to do so. My new foster pet will not be used for medical purposes. I agree to foster this pet with the understanding that no guarantee has been given as to the animal's health, disposition or conduct. I will not hold Ruff Beginnings responsible for any and all animal bites/scratches that may occur, and I will be solely responsible for the pet's actions while it is in my custody. I will not sell, adopt out, give away or transfer any foster pet any time. Ruff Beginnings will reclaim the pet if any of the above terms and conditions are violated by me or members of my family and I will return the pet freely. I will not hold Ruff Beginnings responsible for any behavior issues or my personal pets medical expenses.

Do you agree to all of the above conditions as listed in the Ruff Beginnings foster home application/contract?:

Foster Parents Signature: _____

Ruff Beginnings Board Member: _____

Date: _____

(For Ruff Beginning's use only)

Approved: _____

Not Approved: _____

Copy of Foster Home's Personal Pets Vet Records?: _____

Do we have permission to publish your FIRST name and a picture of you with your new foster pet on our website (www.ruffbeginnings.com)? :

As a Foster Parent, you have first choice on submitting an Adoption Application if you decide you want to make your home, a permanent home for your foster pet(s) You will still be required to go through the adoption process and pay an adoption fee.