



## **FOSTER AGREEMENT**

***Purpose of fostering:*** To allow a rescue Akita to live in a home environment while awaiting permanent placement, permitting the foster family to evaluate the Akita's temperament and to work with it to identify and resolve any issues with socialization and house training. The additional exposure the Akita gets from being treated as "one of the family" (walks, outings, etc.) often speeds up the rehabilitation process.

Rakki-Inu Akita Rescue, Inc. (RIAR) considers our limited use of foster families essential to the welfare, evaluation, and rehabilitation of certain rescued Akitas, and wishes the experience to be an enjoyable one for all.

### **PLEASE CAREFULLY READ AND INITIAL/SIGN WHERE APPLICABLE:**

The person/family agreeing to foster the Akita will make no decisions or actions regarding the Akita's vet care or placement without prior approval from RIAR. In case of life-threatening emergency the foster family agrees to get immediate medical care, and contact a rescue representative as soon as possible. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family agrees to provide the Akita with humane, loving care while the Akita resides with them. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family agrees to provide the Akita with a fully fenced yard or other approved means of exercise. The Akita shall not be kept tethered or excessively outdoors. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family agrees to provide the Akita entrusted to its care with adequate, food, water, shelter, affection, socialization, exercise and approved medical care as they would their own dogs. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

In the event the rescue Akita is lost or stolen, the foster family will contact the rescue directors immediately, advertise in major newspapers and make all reasonable attempts to locate the Akita. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

Medical expenses associated with fostering are reimbursed to the foster family by the rescue. These expenses are ALWAYS to be pre-approved by RIAR in advance (except life-threatening emergency). **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

If for any reason the foster family cannot continue to foster the Akita in their care, they shall notify RIAR immediately and alternative arrangements will be made as soon as possible. The foster family WILL NOT undertake locating another foster home on their own. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

All foster families must be pre-screened. In addition, the foster family understands that family, friends, co-workers and others interested in adoption must contact RIAR and follow appropriate procedures. Under NO circumstances may the foster family place the Akita in any home that has not been approved by RIAR. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family understands that RIAR has limited information regarding the temperament or habits of the Akita in question. The foster family will take all reasonable precautions (through the use of leashes, supervision and common sense) to ensure that the Akita does not run loose, become a

nuisance, destroy property, cause injury to or become injured by another animal or by a person or persons. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family agrees to be courteous, helpful and honest to potential adopters and to cooperate in accommodating those who wish to see the Akita. The foster family will provide a rescue coordinator with a fair assessment of the Akita's interaction with the potential adopters and their impression of the likely success of such a placement. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family agrees not to keep the Akita confined to a crate, except for housetraining or sleeping. Some Akitas become unduly stressed when crated or have exhibited behavior problems because of excessive crating in the past. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family will notify RIAR immediately if I/we need to go out of town. The foster family understands the Akita can only be kenneled at a professional establishment (vet, kennel or another RIAR foster home). **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

In the event the foster family wishes to adopt the Akita in their foster care, they must contact the rescue volunteer in charge of this Akita and make formal arrangements. This includes completing the adoption application and contract. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the fostered Akita, and any puppies born to a fostered Akita in my care, are the sole property of RIAR. I also agree that I will surrender any puppies born to a fostered Akita in my care to RIAR once they are weaned. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

If, because of negligence, i.e., not paying attention while the dog is on a regular or flexi (not recommended) lead, the dog bolts out of the house, escapes over or under a fence, or is left attended or unattended with the resident dog(s), the rescue dog or another animal or person is injured, I understand and agree the foster home will bear all veterinary and legal expenses. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to return all items belonging to/provided by RIAR upon adoption of the fostered Akita in my care. Items provided may include, but are not limited to, crates, bowls, collars, leashes, food containers, etc. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family agrees to immediately surrender custody of the foster Akita to a rescue representative upon demand. The foster family agrees that the foster family has no legal ownership and will not obtain any legal rights to the foster Akita in their care. The foster family agrees that a RIAR representative will be allowed access to my home to check on the condition of the fostered Akita at any time. In the event that I/we do not satisfy the terms of this contract, or if RIAR is dissatisfied with the care and treatment that the fostered Akita receives while in my custody, RIAR has the right, at its discretion, to seize the fostered Akita from my home or property. I/we give RIAR and its representatives the right to come onto my/our premises where the fostered Akita is housed for the purpose of seizing it under these conditions. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family does hereby release, discharge and hold harmless Rakki-Inu Akita Resscue, Inc (RIAR) and any of its officers for damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action, belonging to the said foster family for any action or occurrence, from the date of this agreement, arising out of, or in connection with, the fostering of any rescue Akita. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

RIAR agrees not to place any rescue Akita known to bite or destroy property with this family. If aggressive or destructive behavior becomes evident during the fostering period, RIAR agrees to work out a date to remove said Akita from foster home to another location as soon as reasonably possible. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that this is a binding contract. In addition, by voluntarily accepting the terms of this Foster Contract, the foster "parent(s)" whose name(s) appears below, its agents, successors and assigns, hereby releases RIAR, their volunteers, agents, employees, successors and assigns from any responsibility for injuries, illness or damage occurring as a result of voluntary participation as a foster care provider for the Akita assigned to him or her.

**Rakki-Inu Akita Rescue, Inc. and its officers, including rescue volunteers, does hereby release discharge and hold harmless this foster family for any and all damages to this Akita under their care assuming the contract hereby agreed to has been followed to the best of their ability.**

**The undersigned foster family 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. The undersigned do also certify that they have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment.**

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**Foster Parent Signature**

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**Date**

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**Foster Parent Signature**

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**Date**

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**Foster Parent Name**

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**Social Security Number**

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**Foster Parent Name**

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**Address**

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**City**

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**State**

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**Zip Code**

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**Home Telephone**

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**Work Telephone**

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**Cell phone**

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**RIAR Representative Signature**