

## Ruts Rescue Foster Care Agreement

This agreement is between the rescue volunteers, foster homes, and Ruts Rescue. Nothing will be binding unless acknowledged in this document or a signed attachment.

Foster Initials	Terms
	1. The Volunteers shall accept dogs and cats only from a Ruts Rescue coordinator. Animals accepted from other sources will <b><i>NOT</i></b> qualify within the guidelines of this rescue program.
	2. Volunteers agree to assist Ruts Rescue as directed by a Ruts Rescue coordinator. This includes grooming, bathing, exercising, socializing, and feeding dogs and cats in the rescue program.
	3. Volunteers will <b><i>NOT</i></b> alter the dog's appearance in any way, shape, or form (e.g. cropping, docking) except for routine grooming.
	4. Volunteers agree not to enter into an agreement (EG: adoption, surrender, foster) with any other source without written authorization from a Ruts Rescue coordinator.
	5. Transportation, food, and other consumables (litter, potty pads, etc) are at the volunteer's expense.
	6. All Ruts Rescue rescues are to be seen only by a Ruts Rescue authorized veterinarian/facility for all medical care including but not limited to vaccinations, spay/neuter, dental surgery, and emergent care.
	7. The Ruts Rescue coordinator must first authorize any medical attention to a rescue dog or cat
	8. Any emergency medical care is to be reported immediately to the Ruts Rescue coordinator
	9. Routine medical care shall be at the expense of Ruts Rescue when provided by a Ruts Rescue authorized veterinarian/facility.
	10. Any medical care without authorization from a Ruts Rescue coordinator will be at the volunteer's expense.
	11. Medical care provided by veterinarians/facilities other than those authorized by a Ruts Rescue Coordinator will be at the Volunteer's expense and can result in removal of dogs or cats from the volunteer's possession.
	12. The Ruts Rescue coordinator must be notified immediately of any sudden (i.e. seizure, stroke, etc.) or on-going health problems exhibited by their rescue dog or cat.
	13. Medical care caused by negligence in foster care shall be at the volunteer's expense.
	14. If a rescue dog or cat requires euthanasia for any reason, the volunteer will immediately advise the Ruts Rescue coordinator <b><i>PRIOR</i></b> to euthanasia, unless in a medical emergency and the rescue will <b><i>NOT</i></b> survive in the opinion of the veterinarian.
	15. Volunteers agree to hold Ruts Rescue harmless from any liability in the event of an incident resulting in a bite or injury.
	16. Volunteers agree to follow any rehabilitation plans as set forth by Ruts Rescue or the Ruts Rescue veterinarian
	17. Volunteers understand they must notify the Ruts Rescue coordinator upon the first sign of a problem with a dog or cat, and make regular reports regarding the animal's progress.
	18. Volunteers agree to keep foster dogs inside their home when not at home and at night.
	19. Volunteers agree to keep foster dogs on a leash or in a fenced area when taken outside.
	20. Volunteers agree to not keep dogs outside for extended periods of time in extreme weather.

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	21. Volunteers agree to not leave dogs outside without adult supervision.
	22. Volunteers agree to keep foster cats inside their home at all times and in a pet carrier when transporting to and from adoption events, vet visits, etc.
	23. The volunteer will immediately notify Ruts Rescue at 317-490-9503 or 616-481-5910 if a rescue cat or dog is lost or stolen.
	24. Volunteers agree to assist in getting a photo of each rescue dog or cat that comes into their care for use on the animal's adoption profile.
	25. Volunteers agree to either write or assist a Ruts Rescue Coordinator in preparing a short description for use on the animal's adoption profile.
	26. If the volunteer is unable to continue fostering, Ruts Rescue must be given <b>one month's notice</b> to make appropriate arrangements.
	27. If at any time, the volunteer is unable to care for the rescued dog or cat, it shall be returned to Ruts Rescue, along with all documentation.
	28. Should the volunteer, at any given time, need to leave the state of IN, the animal in foster will be returned to Ruts Rescue and placed with another volunteer temporarily. Alternate animal care plans (boarding, dog sitting, etc.) must be approved by a Ruts Rescue Coordinator.
	29. Ruts Rescue reserves the right to remove dogs or cats from the Volunteer's possession.
	30. Volunteers will immediately return the dog or cat in good condition to Ruts Rescue if at any point and for any reason Ruts Rescue requests that I surrender the dog.
	31. Volunteers agree to acquire the following for all Ruts Rescue dogs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collar</li> <li>• Leash</li> <li>• Harness</li> <li>• ID Tag with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dog's name</li> <li>○ "Ruts Rescue"</li> <li>○ 317-490-9503</li> <li>○ Either volunteer's phone number or 616-481-5910</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	32. Volunteers agree to acquire the following for all Ruts Rescue cats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collar</li> <li>• ID Tag with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cat's name</li> <li>○ "Ruts Rescue"</li> <li>○ 317-490-9503</li> <li>○ Either volunteer's phone number or 616-481-5910</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	33. Volunteers agree to provide appropriately sized crates and/or carriers for the rescue animal.
	34. Volunteer acknowledges that they could be required to provide foster care to a rescue animal for an extended and indefinite period of time and agrees that the period covered by this agreement is the entire time during which the volunteer has custody of the rescue animal.
	35. Volunteer agrees to provide information for veterinarian for personal animals (for reference check) and keep all animals in house (personal and Ruts Rescue animals) current for all recommended vaccinations and preventatives.
	36. Volunteer affirms that all personal animals in home are spayed or neutered.

***I, the undersigned "Volunteer" verify that I am at least 18 years of age and of sound mind to enter into this agreement with Ruts Rescue. I certify that I am entering into this agreement as a representative of ALL members of my household and attest that ALL members of my household agree to volunteer with Ruts Rescue by fostering animals.***

***I / we understand that I will provide foster care for dogs and/or cats for Ruts Rescue at no charge.***

***I / we agree to the above conditions and terms for offering our services as a rescue volunteer.***

***I / we understand that this agreement is not specific to any one animal and applies to all rescue animals through Ruts Rescue.***

**Volunteer signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian/Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Clinic (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Animals in home (for information on inter-species compatibility of fosters only):

Dogs – Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

Cats – Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

Other – Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Visit Completed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Ruts Rescue **Coordinator signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Ruts Rescue **Coordinator Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please mail or email completed (signed) form to:***

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Pittsboro, IN 46167

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CC: fosterfurruts@gmail.com