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FOSTER GUIDELINES AND AGREEMENT

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Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Home/Cell: _____ Work: _____
 Email Address: _____ May we contact you on your work phone?: Yes No

Email completed application to: Info@HealyPack.org

FOSTER GUIDELINES

Please review the following guidelines very carefully before proceeding to the Foster Agreement that you will be asked to sign. Foster families are the backbone of our program in helping to develop and rehabilitate our rescues. We cannot exist as a rescue without your assistance and willingness to bring needy German Shepherds into your home until Fur-ever homes become available. Fosters have our undying gratitude and our deepest respect and admiration. There are never enough foster homes to go around, so each one is precious to HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY and the German Shepherd Dogs that we are trying to save.

We want your fostering experience to be one that is both positive and productive, not only for you and your family, but also for our rescued dog. We are always available should you have questions or concerns while you are fostering a dog for us. Please be sure you understand fully the scope of our Foster Guidelines and Application before deciding to foster a dog:

1. Arrange to introduce the new canine to your own pet/s (if you have any) outside on neutral territory. We can assist with this should you require it. Once inside, it is best to situate the foster animal in a crate at first and introduce them gradually to other household members. Do not try to make the foster an immediate part of your family. Let them settle into their new environment and help help them to learn the rules of the house as soon as possible. Never let the foster take over and place your own animals at risk or create any stress.
2. Use a training collar or martingale collar to walk a foster so they cannot slip out of the collar. A dog can easily slip out of a flat collar, which should be worn for identification purposes only. The training collar should be used only for walking and training and should be removed after the session. Keep the training collar attached to the leash at all times. If you do not know how to put the collar on properly, please check with any of our Board Members.
3. If you find prospective adopters for your foster on your own, please make them aware of the application process, as well as the HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY requirements and adoption donation. Please ensure that you understand the adoption application process and notify Healy Pack if you have a potential adopter contact you. HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY screens applicants very carefully. First, the written application is evaluated followed by personal and professional reference checks and a veterinary reference for all animals the prospective adopter owns or has owned. If the application, vet check and reference checks are good, a home visit is scheduled. If the adoption is then approved, a contract is signed, and an adoption donation is provided by the adopters. The donation amount varies per animal. Please keep some clean applications and rescue marketing materials on hand or have the capacity to print them from the website, to give to prospective adopters. Remember that not every prospective adopter is approved, and sometimes other applications may be pending.
4. Before taking a foster, ask about the animal's age, gender, temperament, behavior, and why they are in need of adoption. Find out to the best of your ability and ours if they are a stray, from a shelter, a private surrender, a victim of abuse or neglect, etc. Please share your personal observations with any of our Board Members.
5. Never turn over a foster to someone who claims it to be their lost pet! This person could be mistaken, or they could deliberately be trying to mislead you. The animal could have been removed from their former home for all kinds of reasons. The claimant could well have mistreated the animal. Report any such claims to the Healy Pack Board of Directors immediately, so that we can begin investigating.
6. If necessary, HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY can lend you a crate, an appropriate collar and leash. Whenever you transport any animal, make certain you have him/her on a leash with a training collar and flat collar. (If you plan to foster on a regular basis, it would be a great help to Healy Pack, if you could pick up an extra crate!) Make sure the dog has ample room to move around when choosing the proper size.

7. HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY provides food for dogs in our foster program. Some pet stores donate food for foster dogs, so it is worth contacting your local pet store such as Petsmart, Petco, or small businesses to ask for donations for your fostered dog. If you start to run low on food, please give Healy Pack 48-hours advance notice that you need to pick up another bag of food, and we will arrange a time to do so. Foster families typically provide extra toys and treats for their foster animals with no reimbursement from Healy Pack. Fosters may also be asked to participate in transporting animals or assisting in house checks.
8. If your foster animal becomes ill or gets hurt, contact HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY immediately. We cover medical expenses, but a Board Member MUST authorize treatments and medications before they are administered, and we must also approve the veterinarian who will be doing the work. In emergency cases, when every moment could mean the difference between life or death, do not hesitate to take the animal to a vet immediately or to an emergency clinic if after regular vet hours. We will work out emergency expenses. The important thing is to do everything possible to save the animal in distress. Know where your closest vet and emergency centers are located before you foster any animal, or ask HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY. Keep the numbers and directions in an easily accessible location. The time to search is not when you are holding a sick or injured animal in your arms.
9. Please be cautious of what you tell potential adopters. Avoid giving advice and criticism. Please avoid answering any questions with absolutes and never answer any question you are not sure about. Ask for assistance from Healy Pack if you are not 100% certain about something. Tell inquirers you will get back to them as soon as possible or share the contact information for the rescue with them. Always recommend that potential adopters do as much reading as possible about German Shepherds, adoption in general, obedience training and the varying special needs of the breed.
10. If you have any hesitations or peculiar feelings or “bad vibes” about potential adopters, DO NOT ALLOW IT TO GO FORWARD! Say the final decision is not yours to make, and we will get back to them as soon as possible. Discuss your concerns with a Board Member as soon as possible. You do not have to take the heat for your instincts, but we have learned through experience that it is best to go with them. Try to determine what is giving you pause or making you wary and take note of it.
11. Be very familiar with the regulations and policies of HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY. Please read the following Adoption Application carefully and be aware of any special needs that your particular foster dog may have such as medical conditions, behavioral issues, etc. Most of all, remember that no one can be approved until their application is deemed acceptable, the vet check is satisfactory, and a home visit is completed. If the adopters are approved, the adoption contract must be signed by the adopter(s) and by a HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY Board Member with all information carefully filled out and checked by you. Adopters must provide the non-refundable donation to HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY either before taking possession of the dog or upon taking possession of the dog.
12. You are taking full responsibility for the rescue whether it’s in your home or out in public. You will not hold HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY liable for any actions while the dog is in your care. Please remember that your actions are a direct reflection on HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY.

Please direct any questions to a Healy Pack Board Member:

SANDY VOGEL, President (727) 992-4233

ANNE LONG, Vice President (908) 334-3281

SHARON BOND, Treasurer (727) 324-3939

Please list 3 personal references that have knowledge of your experience with animals/fosters and their phone number:

- 1: _____
- 2: _____
- 3: _____

Please list 2 professional references (other than your veterinarian) and their phone number:

1. _____
2. _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Please share with us any particular reasons why you are interested in fostering: _____

Any other comments or questions you’d like to add? _____

Please read and certify the following: By signing this form, I certify that all the information in this application is true, and I understand that false information may void this application. I agree that upon fostering a dog for Healy Pack Senior GSD Sanctuary, I will agree and abide by their foster agreement and rescue policies.

Signature _____ Date: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

The following information is important to us when assessing whether your foster pet is a suitable match for your family and home environment.

Adults: _____ Children: _____ Ages of children: _____

Dogs: _____ Cats: Age/Sex/Breed: _____

Other Pets: (list types) _____

Do you have other children or pets that regularly come to your home? Yes No

Explain circumstances (i.e. family, babysitting, etc.): _____

What type of residence do you have? _____ Do you: Own Lease Rent

If you rent, do you have the landlord's permission to foster a pet? Yes No

If you are renting, please provide us with a copy of the pet policy from your lease.

Landlords name/telephone: _____

Length of time at current address? _____ HOA: Yes No Any breed restrictions in your HOA? Yes No

Please provide a copy of your HOA pet policy and restrictions.

Do you have a fenced-in yard? Yes No Please describe your fence: _____

FOSTERING INFORMATION

Do you have any special requirements/circumstances that we should be aware of such as health conditions, schedules, upcoming vacations, etc.? _____

Do you have time limit on how long you can foster a particular pet? Yes No If so, how long? _____

Do you have previous experience with German Shepherd Dogs? Yes No

Please describe: _____

Are you willing to foster a previously abused German Shepherd? Yes No

Are you willing to foster a German Shepherd with medical needs? Yes No

Are there any times of the year that you could not foster? Yes No If so, when? _____

Would you be willing to bring the dog to an adoption event? Yes No

Are you willing to be financially responsible for your Foster Dog, except for veterinarian expenses? Yes No

Would you be agreeable to a home visit by one of our volunteers? Yes No

What age German Shepherd do you want to foster? Puppy Adult Senior Any

How long will the dog be left alone during the day? _____

Where will the dog be while you are not home? _____

If necessary, would you be able to check on the dog during the work day? Yes No

Do you crate train? Yes No

How do you plan to exercise the dog? (i.e. leash walk, fenced yard): _____

Do you have any experience with dog training? Check all that apply:

Housetraining Crate Training Obedience Training Behavioral

Are you willing to take a dog to obedience training if needed, and provide documentation? Yes No

Your new foster pet will take time to adjust to you, the new environment, other pets and new routines. What do you consider to be a reasonable adjustment period? _____

Please describe how you would handle your foster dog not getting along with other pets: _____

VETERINARY INFORMATION

Please provide the following information so we can contact your current (or past) veterinarian.

Are you established with a veterinarian? Yes No

Vet Name _____ Phone Number: _____

Location: _____ : Length of time you have used this vet's services

Would your vet consider giving a discount for treatment of a rescued animal while in foster care? Yes No Unsure

Please note that all pets that you currently have in the home must be up to date on their vaccinations and be spayed or neutered to be considered for fostering. If there is a medical reason why they are not spayed or neutered, please specify reason:

SECTION II: HEALY PACK FOSTER AGREEMENT

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This agreement is made and entered into on this day _____ of _____, 20____, between HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY herein after "HEALY PACK" and the following individual(s), hereinafter "Foster,"

This agreement is valid for any future animals in Foster's care on behalf of HEALY PACK, whereas the Foster wishes to foster one or multiple dogs for HEALY PACK. This agreement holds binding for any and all future dogs fostered for HEALY PACK, even if there is a hiatus between fostering. Therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the parties to the agreement agree as follows: (Foster to initial each line)

- _____ Foster will provide compassionate and loving care for whatever dog is taken into the home for as long as necessary until the dog has been successfully placed in a permanent home. This care includes, but is not limited to, adequate food, water, shelter and medication when required.
- _____ Foster will carefully review the Foster Guidelines provided by HEALY PACK and will ask any necessary clarifying questions before taking any dogs into his/her care.
- _____ Foster will promptly address any matters of concern to a HEALY PACK BOARD MEMBER.
- _____ Foster will be patient and tolerant during the transition period (which can last from a few days to a few months).
- _____ Foster is prepared to work with the dog on basic training, such as housebreaking.
- _____ Foster will keep the dog primarily inside the home; the dog will not be outside without restraint and proper adult supervision.
- _____ Foster will notify HEALY PACK if any medical treatment becomes necessary during the time caring for the dog and will see that the dog gets necessary medical treatment as soon as he/she needs it.
- _____ Foster will not hesitate to provide necessary emergency care.
- _____ Foster will advise HEALY PACK of any medical expenses over and above the standard care. HEALY PACK provides all routine vaccinations, spaying or neutering, heart-worm test, worming).
- _____ Foster will not authorize veterinary treatments, procedures, or medications without the direct approval and authorization of a HEALY PACK BOARD MEMBER
- _____ Foster will make certain to administer monthly heartworm preventative to the dog. If Foster cannot donate the medication, HEALY PACK will provide it.
- _____ Foster will make certain that the dog is wearing a collar that securely fits and that a proper identification tag is securely fastened to the collar with a readable name and phone number on the tag.
- _____ Foster will immediately notify HEALY PACK of any problems or difficulties resulting from taking care of the dog.
- _____ Foster agrees to keep the dog leashed outside whenever he/she is not in a securely fenced area.
- _____ Foster will not tie or chain the dog in the yard.
- _____ Foster will never strike or choke the dog in an attempt to discipline.
- _____ Foster will never leave the dog outside in a yard or elsewhere without adequate adult supervision.
- _____ Foster will not allow strange or unknown people or animals to approach the dog without being in full control of the dog and the situation.
- _____ Foster understands and accepts that prospective adopters may wish to visit the dog before adopting him/her.
- _____ Fosters are willing to allow people to meet the dog either at his/her home or at a mutually convenient place.
- _____ Foster understands and accepts that the dogs are and shall remain the sole property of HEALY PACK. Foster further understands and acknowledges that Foster does not have any right or authority to keep or place the foster dog in other homes or with other individuals. Moving the dog or placing him/her in permanent homes can only be done with the full knowledge and approval of the HEALY PACK BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- _____ Foster understands and accepts that HEALY PACK makes no representations or warranties concerning the health, temperament, behavior and/or previous ownership of the dog.
- _____ Foster agrees to indemnify and hold harmless HEALY PACK from any direct or consequential damages arising out of this foster care agreement. This includes any and all manner of actions and causes of actions, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, agreements, judgments, claims, and demands whatsoever arising out of or relating to the adoption, placement, and/or possession of the dog.

Foster Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Foster Co-Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

HEALY PACK SENIOR GSD SANCTUARY Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____