

SMART

Foster carers

Agreement/Contract



As Participant in the SMART Foster Programme you are taking on an enormous responsibility which can, in extreme cases, mean the difference between life and death. We appreciate your commitment and determination to make a difference in the life of unwanted or mistreated animals.

For the programme to work well, both efficiently and with minimum stress, it is necessary for you to be aware of some very important “ground rules”. SMART wishes to ensure that you are both comfortable with, and aware of, the responsibilities you are taking on.

- The definition of foster is the **temporary** removal of an animal from SMART, to care for it until the animal is ready to be placed or is placed into a lifelong home.
- Foster Carers are responsible for providing safe transportation for the collection and return of animals.
- PLEASE do not take the animal(s) to your own veterinarian. As fosters they are still the financial responsibility of SMART. If the animal requires any veterinary care for any reason the shelter is to be notified and proper arrangements will be made with a vet of our choice.
- The foster carer must contact SMART immediately of any health or behaviour changes in the animal(s).
- All foster animals will have a medical examination and be wormed, flea treated, vaccinated, micro chipped and de-sexed before being placed in foster care.
- Animals under foster care are not to be taken to any public place without prior approval of SMART. Puppies are especially susceptible as they are not fully vaccinated and therefore able to contract various diseases, some life threatening.
- All dogs are to be kept on a lead when out in the public.
- SMART appreciates that having foster animals to care for can be a daunting situation for a new carer and for that reason we ensure that there is always someone available for advice and support 24 hours a day, although the after-hours number is provided for emergencies only.
- If you (the foster carer) fall in love with your foster animals and decide to adopt it, SMART needs to be informed as soon as possible. Payment for you foster pet will need to be organised and paid within one week of your decision, or the animal will go up for adoption as normal.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND RETURN TO SMART.

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- I agree to perform my foster care in strict compliances with the above mentioned policies and procedures of SMART, complying not only with the letter of these policies and procedures, but also with their spirit.
- I agree to immediately notify SMART of any illness or injury that I may have sustained as a result of any foster care work.
- I agree to immediately notify SMART of any problems in complying with the terms and conditions of the foster care agreement. SMART reserves the exclusive right to determine the proper course of action to take upon such notification.
- I understand and agree that the foster animal(s) are the exclusive property of SMART. No ownership right whatsoever is transferred due to this Foster care Agreement.
- I fully understand and agree that the disposition of any animal(s) under this Foster Care Agreement is at the sole discretion of SMART.
- I agree to maintain constant contact with SMART and to be easily contactable.

Foster carer name: _____ Signature: _____

Foster carers Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Foster carers Phone: _____

Foster carers e-mail: _____

Foster carers drivers licence number: _____