



P.O. Box 393, Catharpin, VA 20143

### **CANINE FOSTERING AGREEMENT**

We are here to promote a healthy relationship between you and your foster dog and encourage you to call us with any questions or concerns:

Primary Contact: Jade Nguyen, 703-298-7516, GrayFaceAcresJadeN@gmail.com

As a foster, or foster family, I/we agree to the following **(please initial)**:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I/we agree that the dog will continue to be called by, and referred to, by the name GFA has assigned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I/we agree that a representative of GFA will be allowed to visit my premises to verify that the terms of this agreement are being followed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I/we agree that the dog will be provided with a humane environment, including healthy, appropriate food as agreed upon by GFA to be fed daily in the morning and evening, or on a schedule agreed upon by GFA. I/we will provide clean and fresh water at all times, daily exercise, all medications as directed by GFA, clean bedding, and safe, clean, dry, temperate shelter indoors. The dog will only be crated if approved by GFA, in a GFA-approved crate, and only for the timeframe approved by GFA. Diapers, belly bands, and other sanitary garments will be changed as needed to keep the dog clean and dry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I/we agree that GFA has sole discretion in determining what is healthy, humane, proper, appropriate, acceptable, reasonable, and what constitutes neglect and/or abuse.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I/we agree that a safe, secure collar will be provided with rabies and I.D. tags to be worn at all times, including indoors. No choke or prong collars will be used.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I/we will provide appropriate food, toys, collars/harnesses/leashes, and bedding. GFA may provide these on a case-by-case basis. I/we will not purchase items that I/we will seek reimbursement for without advanced GFA approval.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I/we agree that I/we will obey all applicable laws governing the care and custody of the dog. I/we agree that the dog will be fostered as a companion only. The dog will not be put to any kind of work unless approved in advance by GFA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I/we agree that the dog will never be left outdoors unsupervised for any amount of time. The dog will be exercised and taken for potty breaks outdoors on leash in a safe area and/or allowed off-leash in a clean, safe, securely fenced area only. If taken to a public area, appropriate caution with other animals and humans will be taken. Daily exercise will be

provided consistent with the dog's age and condition. No electric or shock devices may be placed on the dog without GFA advanced approval.

\_\_\_\_ 9. I/we will notify GFA **IMMEDIATELY** by calling (and emailing, if no response to calls) the primary and secondary contacts listed above if the dog is lost. I agree to respond immediately to all inquiries.

\_\_\_\_ 10. I/we will notify GFA of any medical concerns as soon as they arise. I/we will maintain sanitary grooming and provide medical care as needed. I/we will transport the dog to veterinary and grooming appointments, and adoption events as directed by GFA, or arrangements will be made by the foster with GFA to provide transportation. I/we will not allow anyone else to transport the dog without GFA approval.

\_\_\_\_ 11. I/we agree that GFA retains ownership and responsibility for the dog. I/we may not make any legal or medical decisions regarding the dog unless in life-threatening emergencies. In emergencies, GFA will be notified as soon as possible once the dog is under veterinary care. GFA will reimburse foster for reasonable emergency medical expenses. Non-emergency medical exams and treatments must be approved in advance by GFA and performed by a GFA-approved veterinarian/hospital, or reimbursement may be denied. In most cases, GFA will arrange payment of non-emergency expenses in advance.

\_\_\_\_ 12. I/we understand that all dogs placed in foster care need to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated. If I receive an unaltered dog, GFA may request that I schedule an appointment with a designated GFA veterinarian and assist in transporting the dog to and from the appointment.

\_\_\_\_ 13. I/we understand that no dog can be adopted before being spayed or neutered.

\_\_\_\_ 14. I/we understand that any potential adopter must be screened, interviewed, and approved by an authorized GFA representative. I/we understand that the final decision to place or not to place any particular dog with any particular potential adopter will be made by an authorized GFA representative.

\_\_\_\_ 15. I/we agree to use caution when introducing a new dog to existing cats in the household and will do the introduction over a period of a few weeks while keeping the dog on a leash. I/we agree to contact a GFA representative for assistance if needed.

\_\_\_\_ 16. I/we understand that approved potential adopters will be allowed to meet the dog at our home or I/we will transport the dog to another reasonable location, following current health safety measures. I/we will answer all questions regarding the dog to facilitate adoption.

\_\_\_\_ 17. I/we agree that GFA inquiries about the dog and potential adopters will be responded to within 24 hours.

\_\_\_\_ 18. I/we understand that should I wish to adopt the foster dog, I will be required to fill out an adoption form and be approved as an adopter by GFA.

\_\_\_\_ 19. I/we agree that no smoking or vaping will be allowed inside the home.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. I/we agree that if a pool, hot tub, or similar item is currently or subsequently installed, GFA will be notified and allowed to inspect for safety before the dog is allowed within 5 feet of the item.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. I/we understand that the dog is an animal, in a new environment, and can be unpredictable. At no time will we leave children under the age of 12 unsupervised with the dog. If there is a child in the household under the age of 5, the dog must be in a crate or in a separate room while it is eating or sleeping to prevent accidents. Children under the age of 12 will not walk the dog unless supervised by an adult.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. I/we understand that when a child is in the house with the dog, the child is at risk of being scratched, knocked over, bitten, etc. I/we agree to notify GFA immediately if I have any concerns or feel uncomfortable with a situation between the dog and a child. I/we affirm that no member of my household has ever been convicted of an animal welfare law violation including but not limited to: neglect, cruelty, and/or abandonment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. I/we understand that GFA makes no representations, guarantees, or warranties about the age, breed, temperament, health, or behavior of the dog. If I/we have questions or concerns about any of the above, I/we will contact GFA immediately.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. I/we agree to release GFA and any of its volunteers, representatives or officers, as well as the former owners of the dog, from any and all claims arising from injury or damage caused by the dog to people, other animals, and/or property.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. I/we agree that GFA may require the return of the dog at any time and for any reason with impunity, and that the return of the dog will occur within the timeframe set by GFA. Failure to return the dog in this timeframe will result in GFA taking legal action.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. I/we understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I/we are entering into a legal and binding contract with GFA. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement may result in legal action against me/us by Gray Face Acres.

This contract is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Foster:**

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Foster:**

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone H \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

**GFA Representative:**

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_