



Sophie's Circle Dog Rescue **Foster Agreement/Contract**

Agreeing to follow the guidelines and statements below will help your foster dog to be the best that he can be. Remember you will help your foster dog get adopted, and STAY in his home if we can avoid and address behavioral issues right away. Please initial these rules so that we know you read them thoroughly and agree to follow them. Crates are mandatory for all dogs and using a leash in the home is as well for at least the first 5 days. In the first 2 weeks (also known as the the honeymoon stage!) the dog either acts perfect, wild, or scared and unsure. What ever way they act, we have to provide them with rules and guidance and they need to decompress for about an 24 hours quietly in a crate with only outings being on a walk or on a leash in the home. No need to introduce dog to other pets right away.

In the first 2 weeks...

____Dogs are coming with baggage and we need to help them let go of it all by providing them with a structured environment, rules and expectations. That means no high pitched voices and having friends and families or other dogs coming to meet new dogs.

____Long structured walks- no sniffing, leading, or marking. Dog always at your side. If you need help with leash pulling ask us to use our training tools and help you.

____Crating whenever you aren't home, at night, and any time you can't keep your eyes on him. In the first 2 weeks your foster dog should be crated much more than it is loose.

____Never let your foster dog out of crate when overexcited. Tell him wait and close door quickly on him if he tries to bust out of crate when you go to open door. Open it again and repeat and don't let him out till he is waiting patiently

____Any barking in crate address by walking to crate, popping the top calmly, and saying NO firmly. Walk away and repeat if it happens again. Same goes for whining. You can also you pet corrector spray or a bonker.

____Leash in house ALWAYS for the 1st week. Pop corrections for any bad behavior combined with word NO.

____No furniture at all

____Sitting and commands to eat food

____Food in crate only

____Parallel walks with other dogs only for the first few days

___If there are cats or other pets in the home, do not allow them off leash around them until you can tell they have ZERO interest in attacking or chasing. Use a baby gate to create a safe place for your smaller animals just in case.

___NO TOYS or bones unless POSSIBLY in crate or in a few days, toys only if he does commands for them. If your foster shows ANY sign of aggression with toys or bones please stop using them and contact us immediately.

___Dogs are on leash or in crate when guests come in house. Firm correction for jumping

___Working for lots of kibble. Don't use treats, just use his kibble for anything he does that is good. Frozen Kongs for daily feedings using kibble if possible.

___Not too much affection or high pitched voices that create an over aroused dog. instead lots of rules and boundaries. No romping like a wild child around the house.

___Be Firm but Fair

___ Return crate to Sophie's Circle in a timely fashion

___Have timely communication when Sophie's Circle contacts you to check on the dog

___If you would like to take your foster dog on vacation, you will let us know all the details

___Sophie Circle's foster dogs will not go to dog parks.

___Never use a retractable leash or a long leash at all. Dogs are encouraged to walk as close to your side as possible.

___ The foster dog belongs to Sophie's Circle Dog Rescue. If you decide that you would like to adopt, please let us know right away.

Children

___Never leave your foster dog alone with young children, even for a few minutes to run to the bathroom

___Do not let children hug and kiss the dog for at least the first 2 weeks

___Do not allow children to take bones, food, or toys from foster dog

___Do not allow children to ever go in the crate with the dog

___Refrain from high pitched sounds around dogs and if kids are running and playing, dog MUST be in crate for safety of everyone

Please sign to agree to follow the rules above. We take fostering very serious and dangerous behaviors can arise if rules are not followed. By agreeing to this form, you are acknowledging that we explained the importance of following these rules.

X _____ Date: _____

I have thoroughly read "The First Two Weeks" by Rebound Hounds prior to bringing my foster dog into the home.

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X _____ Date: _____

Visit www.looseleashesdogtraining.com to watch videos on walking, crating, command training and more and stopping unwanted behaviors.

We are so extremely thankful that you are taking the time, having the patience, and opening your home to a rescue dog. Please understand that these rules may seem extreme, but we do everything with the best interest of both the dogs and your family in mind.