**Doodleaid Foster Guidelines and Agreement:**

**Foster name:**

**Foster address:**

**Foster telephone:**

**Foster email:**

For the duration of the foster placement you will be allocated a primary DoodleAid contact, who will liaise with you regarding the dog’s care and behaviour, they will also be available should you have any questions or concerns. You will also have a back up contact should you not be able to get hold of your primary contact in an emergency.

**DoodleAid contact details:**

**Contact name:**

**Telephone:**

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You can also contact the DoodleAid Rehoming Team via email **contact@doodleaid.com**

This document is intended as a guide for people fostering a dog on behalf of DoodleAid. If you feel you cannot adhere to any of the guidelines below or require any further information or advice, please contact us immediately.

Being a fosterer comes with responsibility and listed below are a number of points that we ask our foster homes to comply with, to ensure the highest standards of safety and welfare are maintained. This is by no means a comprehensive list and we ask that you use common sense in all situations to ensure that the foster dog, yourself and your family are safe.

Thank you for agreeing to be a foster parent for DoodleAid.

General Guidelines:

* Where possible all foster dogs will be assessed prior to being placed in their foster home. Please be aware that in some cases this can only be an initial assessment and may not be a true reflection of the dogs nature. In cases where specific behavioural issues have been identified these will be discussed with you in detail prior to the dog being placed in your home. In such cases DoodleAid will commit to having the dog fully assessed by a qualified dog behaviourist.
* DoodleAid recommends that you introduce the foster dog to your own dogs outside of the house, on a walk before you bring the foster dog into your home for the first time. All fosterers must have the facilities to keep the foster dog separate from their own dogs if the need arises.
* DoodleAid may request that the foster dog(s) are taken to the vet for an initial check-up. This will ensure that any health issues are diagnosed early. We may also ask to you have the dog spayed/neutered whilst in your care. We ask that all vaccinations, flea/worming treatments are kept up to date whilst in your care. DoodleAid are happy to pay vets directly, or reimburse you.
* All dogs will be microchipped and all times when outside of the house wear an identity tag, with the fosterers contacts details.
* If any health problems are diagnosed, please speak to DoodleAid prior to arranging any treatment. If you find yourself in an emergency situation through illness or injury, we trust your judgement to do the best for the dog’s welfare and ask that you contact DoodleAid as soon as is reasonably possible to advise of the situation.
* It is impossible to predict the length of time that the dog will remain in your care. Unless there is a necessity, the foster dog will remain with the fosterer until a suitable forever home is found. If for any reason, you are unable to continue fostering then please ensure that you contact DoodleAid asap and give us as much notice as you can. Please understand that although we will make every effort to remove the dog within a reasonable timeframe, it may not always be possible, we ask that you please be patient whilst we make alternative arrangements.
* We would like you to assess the dog’s general behaviour and their reactions to social situations whilst in your care. Where possible and under proper control and due care, we ask that you expose them to as many situations as possible; in the park with other dogs, in built up areas, near busy roads, places where there will be children and bikes etc. This will help us to find the most suitable forever home for the dog.
* DoodleAid are very aware of the impact that a good diet has on temperament, health and recovery etc. and as such we will discuss their dietary needs with you and ensure that they are fed the most appropriate diet.
* We ask that all health issues and or behavioural problems are discussed as early as possible. DoodleAid are happy to provide any necessary aids / equipment needed.
* Please do not post any pictures or write ups about your foster dog(s) on any social media or websites without prior approval from DoodleAid.
* If the fosterer finds a potential forever home for the foster dog, please direct them to DoodleAid. All correspondence should be between DoodleAid and the potential adoptee. Application forms, home checks etc. will be carried out for and on behalf of DoodleAid.
* Please remember that potential adopters will have to visit you, these visits will be arranged at time that is convenient for you. We will discuss their suitability with you, but the ultimate decision will be made by DoodleAid.
* Please remember that the foster dog is in your care and it is up to you to ensure that appropriate care is taken in all situations and that the foster dog is under full control at all times.
* The foster home will at all times allow, but with prior agreement, a representative from DoodleAid to visit the dog in their care to assess the dogs progress.
* The foster dog must not be removed from your home for any reason without prior approval from DoodleAid. The foster dog remains under the ownership of DoodleAid at ALL times. DoodleAid reserve the right to remove the dog from your foster home at any time, should they deem it necessary.
* DoodleAid will cover all expenses; vet bills (including, treatment, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, flea/worming treatments, medication, microchipping) grooming costs (to get the dogs coat into an acceptable condition) food, and any miscellaneous expenses; for example, collars. DoodleAid will also pay mileage at a rate of £0.25 per mile to transport the foster dog to the vets, groomers, training session, to and from the foster, previous and new home.
* A dog in foster remains under the care of DoodleAid so fosterers have a strict responsibility to act, to their best endeavours, to bring no harm to the dog or put the dog at unnecessary risk. Any veterinary procedures, save for those deemed by a veterinary professional to be necessary to save the life of the dog, must be cleared, with a DoodleAid trustee or designated rehoming team member, in advance. DoodleAid may require the dog to be taken to a particular vet and all expenses will be met by DoodleAid.
* A dog in foster must remain on a lead or long line at all times outside of the house.
* A fosterer has sole responsibility for the dog and no third party (whether professional or otherwise) can be engaged to care for, exercise or otherwise take responsibility for the dog without the consent of DoodleAid trustee or designated rehoming team member. In exceptional circumstances e.g. medical emergencies, the dog may be left with a responsible adult or dog care professional, but DoodleAid must be informed at the earliest opportunity.
* Under no circumstances must a foster dog be exercised in any area with undue risk (cliffs, major roads, dangerous sports or activities etc). If in any doubt, talk to a DoodleAid trustee or designated rehoming team member BEFORE exercising or taking a foster dog with you to such an area or activity.
* Please ensure that all expenditure is cleared through DoodleAid in advance and that receipts are emailed to [contact@doodleaid.com](mailto:contact@doodleaid.com) as soon as possible so that we can reimburse you.

Thank you from DoodleAid, we hope you will find fostering for us a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Authorised representative from DoodleAid

Name:

Signature:

Details of foster dog(s) name, age, breed, colour and microchip number.

General Information/Special Instructions:

I accept these terms and conditions (fosterer to print, sign and date)

Name:

Signature:

Date: