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FOSTER AGREEMENT

I, _____, (hereinafter "Foster") agree to act as a Foster Home for the Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc. (GRRSWF) The following conditions apply to fostering Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc. dogs:

1. Care of the Dog.

- a. The animal(s) will be kept in the foster home. Foster dogs will reside in the house, at the foster family's address. The dog shall not be kept in the garage or in the laundry room exclusively.
- b. The use of any outside enclosure to house foster dogs is forbidden, unless specifically approved by GRRSWF and then only within very stringent guidelines.
- c. In no event will foster dogs be left outside while the foster family is away from the house.
- d. A GRRSWF Identification Tag will remain affixed to the animal's collar at all times.
- e. The animal(s) will be fed, watered and exercised appropriately. Foster agrees to abide by the Florida Leash Law. The dog shall be kept on a leash whenever it is taken out of the Foster's fenced yard to protect against the dog running away or being hit by a car. If the Foster does not have a fenced yard, the dog must be kept on a leash at all times when outside.
- f. Foster dogs shall be fed separate from other pets and away from children.
- g. The foster family shall not take the animal to a dog park or dog beach.
- h. The foster will provide a high quality food. Many Goldens have food allergies and superior quality foods can make a vital difference in the dog's condition.
- i. When the foster family is not at home, foster dog may be crated or kept in a separate room if there are other animals in the house until such time as the foster family is certain of the animals' interaction. The foster family may be held responsible for medical and other expenses resulting from failure to adequately supervise a foster dog, especially when there are other animals in the home.
- j. If the foster family is going on vacation or out of town, the GRRSWF Foster Coordinator should be notified at least one week ahead of time so boarding can be arranged at a pre-approved facility or the dog moved to another foster home. Boarding costs that are not pre-approved are the responsibility of the foster home.
- k. The foster family should exercise extreme care and caution when introducing the foster dog to other animals in the household, children or other family members.
- l. The dog's name will not be changed while in foster care.



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2. **Adoption.**

a. The animal(s) is/are to be adopted to their permanent homes only under supervision of GRRSWF to a family pre-approved by GRRSWF. *The foster family shall not show the dog to potential adopters unless they have been approved by GRRSWF. This includes placing overly descriptive comments and postings concerning the foster dog on Facebook or any other public media site.*

b. After the adoption process, adoptive families may be contacted occasionally by the foster family to inquire about the animal(s); however, adoptive families are to be accorded respect and privacy. Excessive casual or aggressive contacts with potential and actual adoptive families are not desirable.

c. All donations in connection with the adoption of the animal(s) will be sent directly to GRRSWF.

d. The foster has the first right of refusal for adopting a dog in their care. A foster will typically have a minimum of two weeks with the dog. If a potential adopter is identified earlier than the completion of those two weeks, the foster will get the full two week to make a decision whether or not they will adopt the dog. If the foster has had more than two weeks with the dog when an adopter is found, then they must make a decision within 24 hours. This allows GRRSWF to either seek another dog for the approved adopter or to immediately complete the adoption with the foster.

3. **Responsibilities/Expenses.**

a. GRRSWF and its principals are not responsible for injuries to people or pets, or for property loss or damage while the animal(s) is/are in foster home care. Foster acknowledges that every dog has the potential to bite or damage property. The foster family will accept responsibility for any events that occur while fostering.

b. Any expenditure requires the approval of the GRRSWF Foster Coordinator. Veterinary expenses **MUST** be pre-approved except in the case of an emergency. In the case of an emergency, the foster home should seek immediate, local veterinary care and immediately contact a principal of GRRSWF. The foster home may be held responsible for non-approved expenditures.

c. Certain restrictions may be asked of the foster with some dogs. Please abide by these as it is for the safety of the foster dog and others.

d. The animal(s) will remain the property of GRRSWF. The animal(s) must immediately be turned over to a principal of GRRSWF upon request and if it becomes necessary to remove the animal(s) from the foster home, the animal(s) will be given directly to a principal of GRRSWF.

e. The foster acknowledges that although GRRSWF makes every attempt to evaluate each dog's temperament and has disclosed to the foster any temperament issues of which GRRSWF had prior knowledge, it cannot guarantee that dog will never bite or damage property. The foster also acknowledges that GRRSWF does not have a full and complete history of the dog and shall not become complacent to the behavior or attitude of the dog due to the general nature of the breed.



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f. The foster agrees that the animal shall be fully monitored and under the foster's supervision at any and all times when children, elderly persons or other animals are present.

4. **Emergencies**

a. In the event of an emergency concerning the foster dog, the following person(s) should be contacted immediately:

Lynette Malinchak GRRSWF Foster Coordinator 813-866-0260

b. In the event of a dog bite by the foster dog, seek immediate medical attention.

c. In the event of a veterinary emergency, immediately contact the Foster Coordinator listed above. If for any reason a member of the GRRSWF Board cannot be reached, seek veterinary treatment at the closest veterinarian facility approved by GRRSWF. Or, if an emergency occurs after hours, seek veterinary treatment at the closest emergency clinic.

Please remember that the dog may have been in unusual circumstances and may not show its true nature, fears, behavioral triggers or health issues immediately.

Thank you for fostering for Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc. Without you there would be no rescue. Please do not hesitate to call us with any and all questions, problems or concerns you might have with your foster dog.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

GRRSWF Representative Signature _____

Local Representative: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____



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ADDENDUM 1

EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICES

Lee and Collier County:

Specialists In Veterinary Surgery
9500 Marketplace Rd
Ft Myers, FL 33912
239-288-5232

Emergency Pet Hospital
6530 Dudley Drive
Naples, FL 34105
239-330-1676

Southwest Florida Veterinary Specialists
28400 Old 41 Road, Suite 1
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
239-992-8387 or 888-445-4629

Florida Veterinary Referral Center
9220 Estero River Circle, Suite 7
Estero, FL 33928
239-992-8878

Hillsborough County (Tampa Area):

Tampa Bay Veterinary Emergency Services
238 E. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, FL 33613
813-265-4043

Sarasota County

Sarasota Emergency Vet
7414 Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 3423
941- 923-7260



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ADDENDUM 2

VOLUNTEER RELEASE

The undersigned has agreed to volunteer his/her services or facilities to Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc. for fostering.

INITIAL_____**

The undersigned acknowledges and understands that the dogs involved in Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc. may be untrained, unhealthy, aggressive and unpredictable. The undersigned further acknowledges that every dog has the potential to bite or damage property. The undersigned further acknowledges that GRRSWF does not have a full and complete history of the dog. Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc. makes no representations regarding the dog's temperament, health, age, ability, attitude or trainability whatsoever and the undersigned assumes all risk with regard to the activities of any dog connected with Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc.

INITIAL_____**

The undersigned, hereby agrees to forever release, acquit, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc. its officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, affiliates, members, participants, successors and assigns, for all manner of claims, suits, actions, demands and damages of every kind and nature whatsoever, and without limitation, which the undersigned volunteer may now or in the future, have against Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc., its officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, affiliates, members, participants, successors and assigns associated with or connected to the activities of Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida, Inc.

INITIAL_____**

Signature

Date

Print Name