



## Boone County Animal Services

1230 S. Appleton Road, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

**General Information and Field Service Requests: (815) 547-7774**

*(Licensing / Animal Bites / Abuse or Neglect / Stray Animals, etc.)*

**Adoption / Fostering / Volunteer Information: (815) 547-7555**

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e-mail: [animalservices@boonecountyil.org](mailto:animalservices@boonecountyil.org)

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## Foster Program Agreement Contract

We appreciate your interest in our Fostering Program. The following are policies for fostering with our facility. Please initial after each policy on the line and return this form to our Foster Program Committee. The goal of our foster program is to keep our adoptable dogs in homes, socialized, healthy, and happy while awaiting their forever homes.

- 1. Foster Caregivers are responsible for transporting their foster dog to adoption events.** The BCAS Foster Program Committee will contact all foster caregivers 2 days prior to the adoption event to verify the foster caregiver will have the dog(s) at the upcoming event. Please understand that adoption events are a vital way for our dog to find their forever homes. Part of being a foster caregiver is not only keeping the dog(s) safe but helping to find its forever home. We ask that all foster caregivers commit to bringing their dog(s) to adoption events. If there are scheduling conflicts, please notify BCAS so other arrangements can be made. If the dog(s) miss an excessive amount of events then BCAS staff has the right to re-consider the foster arrangement. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Foster Caregivers are required to fill out a "Pet Temperament Evaluation/Pet Profile" each week for the first three weeks of fostering a new dog and once a month thereafter.** The pet Temperament Evaluation/Pet Profile assists staff in placing dog with rescues, adoptive homes, or determining if the dog that is being fostered is a match with the adoption program and may also assist new adopters in making the adoption transition as easy as possible for the adopted dog by informing the rescues/adopters what training, tricks, and habits the dog may have or know. Most dogs begin to show their true colors once they are out of the kennel and into a home. The Pet Temperament Evaluation/Pet Profile also keeps BCAS staff up to date on a dog's temperament and any training the dog may need or has had. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Any dogs that show any aggression will be re-evaluated immediately.** BCAS unfortunately has different standards than a rescue shelter. The safety of the public, the foster caregiver and staff is of utmost importance and concern. If the dog is not deemed to be eligible for a rescue to accept, then the dog will be pulled from the adoption program. This is a decision that no one likes to make and can be very hard on the foster caregiver but we ask that you be honest and forthcoming with the temperament of the dog(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. The opinion of our foster caregiver's will be respected.** Should foster caregivers have difficulty with their foster dog(s) (trouble housetraining, etc.) the foster caregiver is required to contact the BCAS Foster Program Committee. If for any reason a foster caregiver must return the foster dog(s), the foster caregiver is NOT obligated to explain the reasoning for the return to any party other than BCAS staff. \_\_\_\_\_

5. **All foster caregivers are required to utilize a dog tag with the foster caregiver's first and last name, phone number, and current address or the name FOSTER with BCAS' information.** Should the foster dog(s) run away this is a means to quickly reunite the foster dog(s) with the foster caregiver. \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Foster Caregivers are NOT permitted to change the name of their foster dog(s).** Simply being in the shelter system can be stressful enough for dogs. Changing a dog's name multiple times can cause more stress and confusion for the dog. This also complicates BCAS records. \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Foster Caregivers are entitled to privacy.** Foster caregivers are not required to release their information. \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Dogs not adopted within 30 days of the date they became available for adoption may be transferred to another rescue organization, even if they are in a foster home.** Other facilities may have better luck adopting the dog(s). We want to keep all doors open for our adoption dogs in hopes of placing them in a permanent home. Foster caregivers will be notified immediately when BCAS begins searching for a rescue organization to transfer the adoption dog(s) to. \_\_\_\_\_
9. **The foster caregiver must be in compliance with State, County, and Local Animal Services laws.** As an animal services facility, BCAS enforces canine rabies vaccination and registration. We must ensure all the foster caregiver's dog(s) are current on their rabies vaccination and registration in the county in which they reside. In addition, the foster caregiver may not have any previous cruelty, neglect, or abandonment records. \_\_\_\_\_
10. **BCAS will NOT release the information of the adopters or rescue organization the adoption dog(s) were sent to.** We understand that giving up a dog you have fed, sheltered, socialized and trained may be difficult. By contacting rescues or adopters this can make the separation process more difficult and cause undue stress on our rescue organizations/adopters when they are contacted by outside volunteers/foster caregivers regarding the dog's status or progress. \_\_\_\_\_
11. **Foster Caregivers are NOT permitted to deliver the foster dog to any person other than BCAS unless directed to do so by a BCAS representative (this includes veterinarian visits, groomer visits, dog park visits, etc.)** BCAS has an administrative veterinarian that performs all needed veterinary work. BCAS will **NOT** be responsible for veterinary bills as a result of the foster dog being examined by another veterinarian without approval from BCAS. In the case of an emergency, contact a BCAS officer immediately! BCAS must approve a visit to the groomer prior the dog being groomed. Unfortunately BCAS has to consider liability and expenses of these services which is why we have our own list of approved professionals. BCAS dogs are not permitted to visit dog parks without prior approval from the BCAS Foster Program Committee. Approval will be given on a case by case basis depending on the individual dog's temperament. \_\_\_\_\_
12. **Foster caregivers are NOT permitted to administer any OTC medication, vitamin regimen, prescription medication, de-wormer, etc. to the foster dog without prior BCAS staff approval.** Most



Are all of your dogs current on rabies vaccination and registration in the county in which you reside?

YES NO

Please list each of your DOG(S) names, breeds, gender, and age below?

Dog's Name	Dog's Breed	Dog's Gender <i>(Please include if this animal is spayed/neutered)</i>	Dog's Age

1. What brand of dog food will your foster dog(s) be fed?

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2. How will you contain your foster dog (s) to your property *(please circle all that apply)*?

OUTDOOR TETHER / LEASH / 4ft. FENCE / 6ft. FENCE / DOG WILL STAY ON PROPERTY WITHOUT ANY OF THESE

3. How many foster dogs are you willing to foster at one time? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Approximately how many hours a day will your foster dog (s) be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Where will your foster dog(s) be when left alone *(please circle all that apply)*?

**\*BCAS recommends all foster dogs are crated when not being monitored by foster caregivers\***

IN A CRATE SEPARATE FROM OTHER PETS / FREE ROAM WITH OTHER PETS / FREE ROAM BUT SEPARATE FROM OTHER PETS

I will foster any size dog.

I have a preference on the size dog I will foster *(EXAMPLE: "No dogs over 30 lbs.") (please list your size preference below).*

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I will foster any breed animal.

I have a preference of the breed animal I will foster *(please list any breeds below that you are NOT willing to foster).*

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BCAS Staff Name

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BCAS Staff Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Approved