



Montgomery County Animal Shelter



Home for the Holidays Foster Contract

The **MCAS Foster Program** can be an extremely rewarding experience for both you and the animal you foster. Foster caregivers should understand the risks of contagious and communicable conditions. All your personal pets must be current on their vaccinations. If you have any questions, contact MCAS clinic staff at 936-442-7738.

I acknowledge I am 18 years old or older and agree to be bound by and to comply with the following terms and conditions:

This contract is between Montgomery County Animal Shelter, a department of Montgomery County and _____, the foster parent. By signing below the Foster Parent acknowledges receipt from the Montgomery County Animal Shelter a (Dog / Cat) ID# _____, described as a _____ (color) _____ (M/F), _____ (Breed).

_____ Initial MCAS does not guarantee or make any representations as to the health, physical condition, or temperament of any animal in the Foster Program ("Foster Animal") I understand that a Foster animal may have health and/or behavioral problems or propensities, whether known or unknown, that require special handling, and that these health and/or behavioral problems or propensities could present a hazard to me, members of my household or family, including animals and others. I agree to take whatever actions are necessary and reasonable to safeguard the Foster Animal and any person, animal, or property that might otherwise be harmed as a result of the health and/or behavior of a Foster Animal.

_____ Initial I acknowledge that I have not relied upon the statements or representations of MCAS or any officer, employee, volunteer, participant, or agent of the Foster Program. I assume full responsibility for the safety and health of the Foster Animal and for the safety and health of persons, animals, and property that may come in contact with or may be damaged in any way, including personal and property damage, by the Foster Animal or arising out of or in relation to my participation in the Foster Program.

- ◆ A dog or cat can be fostered anytime in December, but must be fostered over **Christmas Day** through **New Year's Day**, and can be returned to the shelter anytime after New Year's Day (beginning January 4th).

The animal being fostered must be spayed or neutered.

- ◆ A fostered pet must not be left outdoors or be tied up outdoors. Dogs should have exercise periods or be taken for a walk at least twice a day. Cats must be indoors. All animals must spend the night indoors.
- ◆ All animals to be provided with food twice a day and a warm place to sleep. Foster animals must be housed in a climate-controlled area that is comfortable and stress-free.
- ◆ All cats must be provided with a litter box.
- ◆ Dogs must have access to the outdoors for bathroom breaks. Do not discipline a dog if it has an accident. Make sure that dogs are taken outdoors to the same spot to relieve themselves every few hours, and give praise when the dog goes. *(Please note: Not all animals are completely housebroken, due to their time in cages or kennels, Please work with them on potty-training).*
- ◆ If the fostered pet gets sick or is injured or is involved in any altercations, please return the pet to the shelter. The Montgomery County Animal Shelter cannot be held responsible for the health or the behavior of any animal that is fostered during this promotion or at any time.
- ◆ Any foster party that decides to adopt its 'Home for the Holidays' pet must bring the animal's kennel card in to the shelter, and file the necessary paper work to adopt.
- ◆ MCAS offers basic medical care to all its foster animals. If your animal becomes ill during the foster period, please bring the animal in for a check-up, after 3 pm if possible. Ask for the veterinary technician on staff, or if they are not available, ask for the veterinarian.
- ◆ You are welcome to bring the fostered pet to your private veterinarian, but MCAS will not be responsible for any veterinary bills accrued by the fosterer.
- ◆ The animal must not be allowed to run at large or become a public nuisance.
- ◆ The animal may not be transferred to another household or given away. The final decision as to the adoptive home rests solely with MCAS staff or their appointees.
- ◆ MCAS retains guardianship and control of all animals in foster care. The shelter staff will make all decisions regarding their placement. Any adoption of a foster animal must go through the regular adoption process with all paperwork completed and adoption fees received.



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INDEMNITY: As a prerequisite to my participation in the MCAS Foster Program, I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Montgomery County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from all claims of any kind, character, type, or description arising out of or in relation to my participation in the Foster Program, including but not limited to claims attributable to the negligence, gross negligence and/or willful and malicious conduct of Montgomery County, its officers agents, employees, or volunteers, or of myself/ourselves or any member of my household or family. I expressly agree that the execution of this agreement does not create any personal liability on the part of any officer, director, employee, or agent of MCAS or Montgomery County. I also release and hold Montgomery County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers harmless from all claims of any character, type or description, including but not limited to negligence and/or gross negligence, whether or not such negligence is cause by an officer, employee, agent, participant, or volunteer of Montgomery County or of the MCAS Foster Program, as a result of any injury to me or to a member of my/our household or to my property because of my participation in or arising out of the MCAS Foster Program.

MCAS will accept the return or exchange of any Foster animal available within Foster Program. Animals must be returned during regular business hours. The Foster MUST bring the kennel card or have the ID number with them at time of return.

I have read and fully understand the MCAS Foster Contract. I agree to comply with the statements therein.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Expiration Date

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR “HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” PROMOTION,
AND FOR PROVIDING A WONDERFUL TEMPORARY HOME FOR ONE OF OUR MCAS DOGS
OR CATS.**

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND WISH YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS AND A
HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**