***Group Education to Protect and Defend Animals (GEPDA)***

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**APPLICATION DATE :** **ADOPTION DATE** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**NAME :**

**BIRTHDATE** **:**

**EMAIL :**

**HOME PHONE :**

**CELL PHONE** **:**

**WORK PHONE :**

**ADDRESS :**

1. What is your occupation?

2. How many hours do you work per week?

3. Do you own or rent your home (or apartment)?

4 How many years have you been living there?

5. If you rent, what is your Landlord’s name and phone number?

6. What is your spouse’s/domestic partner’s name and birthdate?

7. What is his/her occupation?

8. How many hours does he/she work per week?

9. List below all other people who live in your home, their ages and relationship to you.

 (Example: John—6 yrs. old—son)

 1)

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10. List all current pets (dogs and cats) in your home.

 (Example: Travis—Poodle mix—5 yrs. old—male—neutered)

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11. If you have a pet(s), is it current on all vaccinations (DHLPP, Rabies, Bordatella)? If no, why

 not?

12. Why are you interesting in fostering?

13. Do you have previous experience fostering pets? If yes, please describe the experience(s).

14. What size would you prefer your foster dog to be?

15. Do you prefer a male dog, or female dog, or either?

16. What is your preferred age **range**? (ex.: 6 mo. to 1 yr.)

17. Would you consider fostering more than one dog at a time? If yes, how many?

18. Provide 2 references (not related to you) who know you and your current or former pet(s).

 (Example: Jane Smith—#408-111-2222—(neighbor, friend, veterinarian)

 1)

 2)

19. How you will keep your dog socialized?

20. How will you exercise your dog?

21. How often will you exercise your dog?

22. During a typical week day, where will your dog be (**inside**, **outside**, or **both**)?

23. If **Outside**, how many hours? If **Both**, how many hours **Inside**? **Outside**?

24. Describe in detail the **area** where your dog will stay during the **day?**

25. Describe in detail the **area** where your dog will stay during the **night**?

26. How and where will your dog **sleep** at night? (ex.: crated in the bedroom)

27. Do you allow pets on your furniture? If no, why not?

28. How does your dog fit into your typical weekend routine?

29. What will you do with your dog when you go on vacation?

30. What is the maximum amount of time you will foster a dog in your home?

31. GEPDA has started this dog on a topical (on the skin) flea protection program. Will you commit to

 continuing this **monthly prescription** program?

32. Are you willing to schedule appointments and take the dog to, and pick the dog up from, the vet if

 necessary? If no, why not?

33. If your foster dog became sick or injured, would you prefer to return the dog immediately or would you

 consider continuing to foster this dog?

34. Are you willing to schedule appointments and take the dog to, and pick the dog up from, the groomer

 if necessary? If no, why not?

35. What method(s) have you used for potty training?

36. If you have used various methods for potty training, which is your preferred method and why?

37. Have you used a dog crate for other training purposes? If yes, what kind of training? How many hours maximum would you leave a dog in the crate?

38. How will you correct a dog’s inappropriate behavior?

39. Some rescue dogs (due to stress or inadequate training) may display undesirable behaviors while in

 your care. How will you handle those problems if they occur?

40. Do you realize that a rescue dog’s background and history is often unknown, and you may encounter

 some initial adjustment problems? Are you willing to allow your foster dog a 2-week adjustment

 period (if training assistance is provided) before returning the dog?

41. Are you willing to continue a trainer’s suggestions until the problem is corrected? If no, why not?

42. What kind of dog training experience do you have?

43. If you have previous experience, describe any training classes you and your dog have attended?

44. Describe, including type and height, your backyard fence.

45. If you do not have a fence completely surrounding your backyard, how will you keep your dog safe

 when it needs to potty or exercise?

46. If you have young children or pets, will you keep your foster dog separated from them when no one is

 present to supervise their interaction? How will you do this?

47. Is there anything else you can tell us that will help us match you with the right foster dog and the best

 fostering situation?

48. There are particular behaviors that dogs may interpret as confrontational, for example, putting your

 face or head close to, and directly in front of, the dog’s face. Others include, “smothering” the dog,

 approaching the dog too quickly, or startling the dog, etc. All people, especially children, who have

 contact with your dog must be warned of this potential danger. Will you take responsibility for teaching others how to behave respectfully and safely around your foster dog? And will you

 monitor the interactions between them until you are assured that the foster dog is secure in its new

 living situation and comfortable around people and other animals?

49. Would you consider other volunteering opportunities? Please check all that apply.

 \_\_\_\_ Pet transportation (to vet, groomer, etc.) --- sometimes at “a moment’s notice”

 \_\_\_\_ Pet-sitting to provide a break for primary fosters or between fostering and adoption

 \_\_\_\_ Community events (ex: assisting with showing dogs at PETCO)

 \_\_\_\_ Other, please explain

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| *GEPDA is not responsible for injury or property damage caused by the foster pet(s). In the event that any of the foster person’s/family’s own pets should become ill or injured due to interaction with a foster pet(s), GEPDA is not liable, and all vet bills must be paid by the foster person/family.**The foster pet(s) is the property of GEPDA, and must be surrendered to GEPDA when requested.**When dogs are fostered, the foster person/family accepts the dog as is, and with full responsibility for the dog’s actions while in the foster’s care. GEPDA prescreens all dogs and does not knowingly provide a dog that is dangerous or unsuitable for adoption. However, no warranty or guarantee is either intended or given as to the physical condition or temperament of these foster dogs, as their backgrounds are generally unknown.**When a foster pet(s) is sick or injured, no medical care shall be undertaken without prior consent/ approval from GEPDA, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. GEPDA MUST BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY when the animal is sick or injured in any way for advisement 24/7 and will NOT PAY if foster takes it to a vet of their own or emergency VET, again WITHOUT OUR CONSENT, OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULL VET. OR EMERGENCY BILL.* |
| *If, for any reason, the foster person/family can no longer take care of the pet, GEPDA must be contacted immediately to arrange for the pet’s return. (Please allow GEPDA at least 48 hours to prepare for this.)* |

I/(We) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (state full name(s) of both parties, if applicable) will care for, protect, and provide for this animal in an appropriate and loving manner to the very best of my/our abilities while it is under my foster care. Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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