



Tuba City Humane Society

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## Tuba City Foster Agreement

Everyone at Tuba City Humane Society is a volunteer. All that we are able to accomplish as a resource for the community and for the animals is because of the dedication, love and hard work of our volunteers. We count on each other for support when times get tough. We encourage you to participate to the extent that is right for you, and to communicate your needs and suggestions and ideas so that we can continue to grow and thrive as an organization. We value each member's contribution, and each person can have a big impact and make a big difference.

The Rez animal situation can be challenging. You may be exposed to some tough situations. Many of the animals we rescue are sick or dealing with harsh beginnings. We encourage a focus on what we can do, with sensitivity to the lack of resources in and on the Rez that make it challenging for those who do care about animals. We want to be a resource when we can, in the whole picture of what is needed.

Our aim is to move suitable homeless dogs and cats into foster homes, primarily in Tuba City and Flagstaff, to prepare them for life in permanent adoptive homes. All animals receive medical treatment and vaccines, and are spayed or neutered and microchipped before adoption. TCHS provides all veterinary care, food, equipment, and supplies for your foster animals.

We have evolved a way of working that is always changing in response to what we learn. These agreements and guidelines are a reflection of our current way of operating.

I, (Print name here) \_\_\_\_\_ have been provided a copy of the Tuba City Humane Society (TCHS) Foster Agreement Form. By joining Tuba City Humane Society as a foster care provider. I agree to care for my foster animals according to the requirements set forth by TCHS, which include standards and protocols of care and socialization, to the best of my ability. Please initial each blank, and sign at the end of the form if you are in agreement with our foster care provider requirements.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide a safe and clean living environment for all foster animals. That includes clean crates for training, a fenced in yard or leashed walks, quarantine for sick new arrivals, etc. Any home where animals are continuously harmed or falling ill will be subject to inspection .

\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide, food, water, veterinary care, socialization, and shelter for my foster, always making necessary adjustments to create a highly adoptable companion.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide required training, including but not limited to: litter box usage or potty training, leash training, crate training, and riding in the car (for dogs) and basic commands (dogs).

\_\_\_\_ I agree that all foster animals belong to Tuba City Humane Society and that TCHS will make decisions about veterinary care that is needed, and will pay for all veterinary care. TCHS utilizes specific veterinary providers with which we have rescue agreements. Fosters should utilize the veterinary providers that TCHS designates.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that in the event of unforeseen medical problems, the treatment must be authorized in advance by the TCHS President or their designee PRIOR to receiving treatment. TCHS makes every effort to be available for emergency situations. Please contact the TCHS President, and if unable to reach the President, please contact the TCHS Adoption Coordinator.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will also keep a current and accurate Foster Animal Veterinary Record which will be turned over to the adopter at the time of adoption. All veterinary records must also be shared with the TCHS President, so that there is a backup copy of all records.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to submit updates and photos of any animals being fostered under Tuba City Humane Society for Petfinder, Facebook, and other marketing opportunities. Maintaining good communication via e-mail, Facebook, or phone is key to getting any foster animals adopted in a reasonable amount of time.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that some of my foster animals may be transferred to another rescue or organization. Tuba City Humane Society primarily works with other rescue/foster groups or no-kill shelters for adoption placement. TCHS is not able to take every animal through to adoption ourselves, as we help so many, so some animals will be transferred to other rescue partners for adoption placement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that as a foster care provider, I may give some input into the adoption of an animal I am fostering, by communicating with the TCHS Adoption Coordinator. I may also be asked if I am available to home check a potential adopter, to witness all interactions with that potential adopter, and to share that information with the TCHS Adoption Coordinator. If physical inspection of the home is not possible, videos or skype of home and yard can be provided instead.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that any person adopting an animal through Tuba City Humane Society must sign an adoption contract and pay an adoption fee. Fees are listed on our web site and may be subject to change. As a foster care provider, I may be responsible for obtaining a signed contract and fees. I will provide the TCHS Adoption Coordinator information regarding the adoptive family for record keeping, and turn the adoption fee in to the TCHS Adoption Coordinator.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that if I have any problems or concerns, or unusual incidents regarding my foster animal or experience, I will contact Tuba City Humane Society immediately.

TCHS has protocols that we follow for adoptions including requiring an adoption application, a home check, that all people living in the household meet the animal, and if there are other animals, that all animals meet. People who want to adopt from out of our area are not always able to meet all of these requirements, and we generally stick to our protocols. During the adoption process, the Adoption Coordinator observes the behavior of the animal being adopted for signals of a right fit. If you have friends or family interested in one of our foster animals, please have them follow the same process that a member of the public would. Because we are a small group, it is difficult to have animals returned to us. Our Adoption Coordinator strives to find a good match and to minimize what are commonly called “go backs.”

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to respect and follow the TCHS Adoption protocols.

Because we are small, it can be difficult to find coverage when a foster is going to be out of town. We encourage you to let the President and Adoption Coordinator know ahead of time when you plan to be out of town, so that we can plan for those situations. Do not give your foster animal to

someone else to care for when you are out of town, unless you have prior permission from the President or Adoption Coordinator about the arrangement, and in those cases we need full contact information.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide plenty of notice of when I will be out of town so that arrangements can be made for any animals I am fostering. I can also provide notice of when I am available to foster and when I will be out of town, in general, to avoid these kinds of situations.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not intake an animal for Tuba City Humane Society without first coordinating with the TCHS President. I understand that if I intake an animal without that communication, I am doing it personally, and that the animal is not a part of Tuba City Humane Society.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can always state my preferences for the kinds of animals I am willing to foster and the time frames I am available or not available. For various reasons, sometimes animals are moved from one foster home to another.

\_\_\_\_\_ I may be asked if I can participate in adoption or fundraising events. It is always at my discretion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not intake animals to foster for another group while concurrently fostering for Tuba City Humane Society without first communicating with the TCHS President and/or Adoption Coordinator.

We hope that you will feel a passion for helping Rez animals. We find the value of transparency important and tend to share as much info as possible within our group, including financial information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Information shared within our group is for our group only.

Thank you for dedicating your love and time to Tuba City Humane Society. Fostering rescued animals is a rewarding but demanding experience. Tuba City Humane Society is dedicated to making your experience as simple and happy as possible. If you have any questions or concerns ever, please contact us immediately! Without our committed volunteers, TCHS would not exist!

By signing here, I agree to all the terms set forth above.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form and then scan or photograph the pages and email them to [tubacityhumane@gmail.com](mailto:tubacityhumane@gmail.com) or give to our Adoption Coordinator.

Any questions can be mailed to [tubacityhumane@gmail.com](mailto:tubacityhumane@gmail.com). Thank you for caring about the animals and working to create a thriving group!