



## BROOD/STUD FOSTER FAMILY AGREEMENT

**Dog's Name:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Dog ID:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:**\_\_\_\_\_

The foster family of a Guiding Eyes for the Blind brood or stud understands and agrees to the following conditions:

1. Guiding Eyes for the Blind is the sole owner of all broods and studs in its Breeding Colony. Upon retirement, Guiding Eyes for the Blind may offer the option for the foster to adopt the dog; however, the adopter must agree, with adequate notice, to transport the dog to Guiding Eyes as needed, continue attendance at the Eye Clinic and other events, and comply with other Guiding Eyes requests relating to the dog.
2. The responsible member of the foster family and the brood or stud shall attend all Guiding Eyes scheduled meetings and appointments, including (but not limited to) vet appointments, quarterly assessments, handling classes, and any appointments associated
3. The foster family shall provide good quality food, shelter (in the house), and a healthy environment for the brood or stud.
4. The foster family of a brood shall notify the Canine Development Center on the **first day** that the brood shows signs of a heat, and shall be prepared to bring her to the Canine Development Center for breeding **by the second day of heat**, or as requested by Guiding Eyes.
5. When you must be away and cannot bring your brood or stud with you, please use the foster sitting list or an approved personal sitter. If you are unable to find a sitter and need help, please contact the Breeding Kennel Manager (845-230-6431) for assistance, as far in advance as possible. If you do travel with your brood or stud, please notify Clover Williams, Cryogenics Manager prior to your trip, to verify that the dog will not be needed during your absence. If your dog is needed during your absence, he/she must be placed with a sitter and transported to the Canine Development Center when needed. **The Foster family shall notify the Canine Development Center whenever a Brood or Stud is going to be away from home overnight.**
6. A Breeding Colony brood or stud shall not be boarded anywhere other than the following locations:
  - at the Canine Development Center.
  - with an authorized family on the Brood Stud Sitter Program.
  - with another family approved by Guiding Eyes.
7. The foster family is responsible for transporting the brood or stud to and from the Canine Development Center for boarding, breeding, or health care.
8. The brood or stud **shall not be spayed or neutered** without written permission from Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Dogs retired from the program are normally spayed or neutered by Guiding Eyes.
9. The brood or stud shall be on-lead or in a fenced area, and supervised at all times when outdoors.

10. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide all veterinary care with a veterinarian of its choosing until the dog is retired, at which time all veterinary care becomes the sole responsibility of the foster or adoptive family.
11. The brood or stud shall be kept in excellent physical condition, within an assigned weight range, and will be exercised daily on a leash or long line. The amount of exercise provided will be a minimum of 21 miles per week of walking or running. Obesity is a major cause of dystocia (difficulty in whelping) for the female and difficulty in copulation for the male. **If the brood or stud becomes more than five pounds overweight (except when pregnant), the foster agrees to return the dog to Guiding Eyes for possible placement with a sitter or another foster. Permanent re-homing may occur if the weight is not properly managed.**
12. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide each brood or stud with a buckle collar carrying a current rabies tag and an ID tag showing the Canine Development Center phone number and/or address. In addition, the foster must obtain a town or state license and a foster family ID tag. The dog must wear its buckle collar with all ID tags at all times, whether in or out of the house. ID tags must be attached to the collar's buckle, not to the D-Ring.
13. The brood or stud shall be kept well-groomed and free from external parasites. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventive medications.
14. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide physical examinations of the dog at least twice yearly by a veterinarian of its choosing.
15. Decisions concerning the frequency of breeding and age of retirement are at the sole discretion of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Breeding and whelping locations, while usually conducted at the Canine Development Center, are at the discretion of Guiding Eyes for the Blind.
16. Development of future breeding dogs through cooperate efforts with other schools may require a breeding male or female to travel to other guide dog schools for breeding and/or whelping. This decision is at the sole discretion of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. These schools maintain the same high standards practiced by Guiding Eyes and in all cases, the breeding dog will return to the foster as soon as possible
17. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall have direct control of all breeding of the brood or stud, and all other breeding of the dog is prohibited.
18. Guiding Eyes for the Blind retains sole ownership, and the right of determination of disposition, of all puppies resulting from the breeding of dogs in the breeding colony.
19. All fosters shall procure dog crates prior to receiving their dogs.
20. Fosters shall communicate with the dog's puppy raiser on a regular basis, consistent with maintaining a relationship and providing updates on the dog's health and well-being. In general, fosters shall contact the puppy raiser every other month for the first year, and quarterly thereafter.
21. The foster family will not be held liable for the loss of the dog.
22. Guiding Eyes for the Blind will not be held liable for damages or injury that may be caused by the brood or stud.
23. Due to the huge investment in time and love that our raisers devote to preparing their dogs as guides, suitable dogs that are retired from breeding within one year of placement may, at the discretion of Guiding Eyes for the Blind, be trained as guides, dogs for people with special needs or detection dogs. In the event that the former brood or stud is then released from training, eligible puppy raiser(s) have the first option to adopt. In the event that all eligible raisers decline adoption, the foster family will have the option to adopt the dog. If the foster family has fostered the dog for **less than six months** they shall pay the current adoption fee. If the foster family has fostered the dog for **more than six months** no fee will be charged.

- 24. Guiding Eyes for the Blind owns the dog and shall maintain the sole authority regarding all health and placement decisions concerning the dog.
- 25. If the foster family moves to a new home beyond the approved distance from the Canine Development Center (more than 1 ½ hours away for broods or more than 1 hour away for studs), the dog will be returned to Guiding Eyes for the Blind and will be placed in a new foster home.
- 26. Guiding Eyes for the Blind, as the sole owner of the brood or stud, has the right to remove any brood or stud from the foster family at any time due to violation of any of the previous stipulations in this document, or for any unlisted reasons that endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the dog, or for lack of cooperation from the foster family. The foster family will be required to return the dog to our facility within 24 hours.
- 27. The foster will treat all Guiding Eyes volunteers, staff, donors, clients, and animals with respect and kindness. Likewise, Guiding Eyes staff is committed to treating each foster with mutual respect and kindness.
- 28. I understand that use of social media that is not in line with Guiding Eyes for the Blind’s mission and values will not be tolerated and may result in termination of volunteer assignment. Guiding Eyes values being honest and ethical, team-oriented, good communicators, and contributors to a positive community. Posts or comments that are perceived to be disparaging to Guiding Eyes students, graduates, volunteers, donors, staff, or dogs are not consistent with these values and will be handled accordingly.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AGREEMENT COMPLETELY  
AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

**Foster Family Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Home Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **(belongs to)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guiding Eyes for the Blind Witness** \_\_\_\_\_