



## Foster Application

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### Tell us About You

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you? ☐ Rent ☐ Own    Style of housing? ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Condo ☐ Mobile Home

If renting or leasing, are dogs/cats allowed in your dwelling? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, can you provide written proof or permission from your landlord? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any weight or size restrictions with regards to dogs in your lease? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, explain:

Are there any limits to the number of pets allowed where you live? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, explain:

Is the yard fenced? ☐ Complete ☐ Partial ☐ Chain link ☐ Privacy ☐ Picket/slats ☐ Invisible/electric ☐ Other

List ALL people living in your household.

Name   Age   Relationship


Is everyone in your household aware and in agreement of you volunteering to foster an animal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does anyone in your home have medical or allergy conditions? ☐ Yes ☐ No    If YES, explain:

Great Lakes Bay Animal Society will need to verify the medical information for all current pets and those recently owned or deceased. Please call the veterinarians you list to give permission for release of information to GLBAS to assure that there are no delays in processing your application.

Veterinarian Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Phone Number and City \_\_\_\_\_

List ALL the animals currently living in your household:

Pet type	Age	How long have you had the pet ?	Current on rabies and distemper?	Spay/neutered?

Do your pets get along with other animals, including dogs/cats? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If NO, explain:

Have you fostered before? ☐ Yes ☐ No If YES, provide names of groups, how long, and why you left:

What breeds of animals have you had experience with?

What and how many are you willing to foster at one time? (Mark all that apply below)

**Dogs:** ☐ (1 year old or more) ☐ Seniors (7 years old or more) ☐ Young (6 -12 months) ☐ Puppies (6 weeks - 6 months old)  
☐ Puppies needing special care (unweaned or sick) ☐ Pregnant bitches ☐ Litters ☐ Adult Special Needs: Behavior or Medical

**Cats:** ☐ Adults (1 year old or more) ☐ Seniors (7 years old or more) ☐ Young (6 -12 months) ☐ Kittens (6 weeks to 6 months old) ☐ Kittens needing special care (unweaned or sick) ☐ Pregnant Queens ☐ Litters ☐ Adult Special Needs: Behavior or Medical

Where will the animal be housed during the day?

☐ Inside/crated ☐ Inside/not crated ☐ Outdoors ☐ Garage ☐ Basement

Where will the animal be kept when unsupervised or left alone?

☐ Inside/crated ☐ Inside/not crated ☐ Outdoors ☐ Garage ☐ Basement

Where will the animal sleep? ☐ Inside/crated ☐ Inside/not crated ☐ Outdoors ☐ Garage ☐ Basement

How many hours per day will the animal be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: (Work, errands etc...)

As with any new dog or cat being brought into the home, a rescued animal will require time to adjust and learn what is expected of them in their new environment. Are there any behaviors you are not willing to give the patience or time a rescued dog or cat may need during this transition? ☐ Yes ☐ No If YES, explain in detail:

What methods do you plan on using to discourage unwanted behavior(s)?

A foster animal may be in your home for indefinite period of time. How long are you willing to foster an animal?

☐ Until adopted ☐ Short term in the following: \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Are you willing and able to take the foster pet to Adoptathons or scheduled events once per month including some weekend events? ☐ Yes ☐ No If NO, explain:

Are you willing to travel to potential adopters' home to perform a required home visit with the foster animal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

At times, the foster animal may need veterinary care or attention. Are you willing and able to transport the animal to an approved GLBAS veterinarian? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Approved veterinarian expenses will be paid by GLBAS)

You understand that rescue animals may have unknown medical history? ☐ Yes ☐ No Initial \_\_\_\_\_

You understand that rescue animals may have unknown behavior and behavior history? ☐ Yes ☐ No Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive and read carefully the Foster Responsibility Form? ☐ Yes ☐ No Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Do you foresee any situation at this time that would prevent you from continuing to foster your dog or cat until he/she is adopted? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, explain:

Are there any breeds or ages you will not foster and why?

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## Schedule A

(MUST BE FILLED OUT IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN YOUR HOME)

I understand that animals and children can be unpredictable. Extreme caution and strict supervision should be exercised at all time when child(ren) and foster animals are together. I understand we have limited knowledge of this animal and can only tell you what we have observed while in our care or what information, if any, the shelter or previous owner may have given us. At any time a child could provoke an animal to react in a negative way and cause a reaction by that animal when defending itself or its possessions, if feeling threatened. Extreme caution and strict supervision must be used when they are within the same area.

By your signature on this document, which is an attachment to the Foster Application, you understand the risks and any possibilities thereof regarding children and animals and release any liability against GREAT LAKES BAY ANIMAL SOCIETY and its representatives that you may incur and understand any danger that could exist with children and animals. THIS FORM APPLIES TO ALL ANIMALS THAT YOU FOSTER FOR GREAT LAKES BAY ANIMAL SOCIETY NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

Name of Foster (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Foster \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Hold Harmless Waiver

I am aware that by signing this waiver, I agree to provide what is needed for the health and safety of an animal in my care for Great Lakes Bay Animal Society. I further agree to assume all responsibility for the foster animal(s) in my care while on or off my premises. I also agree to assume all liability for the animal while I foster it for Great Lakes Bay Animal Society. I fully understand and agree to assume all risks involved in any and all duties that I perform for Great Lakes Bay Animal Society in my volunteer capacity and I agree to hold Great Lakes Bay Animal Society harmless for any injury(s) that I might sustain during the course of my volunteer duties.

This waiver does include myself, all of my family members and descendants forever from seeking any legal action whatsoever against Great Lakes Bay Animal Society or its Representatives.

By signing this waiver I also fully understand that the foster animal is owned solely by Great Lakes Bay Animal Society until the adoption fee has been paid in full and the adoption contract has been reviewed and signed by a GLBAS Board member. Until the adoption is approved GLBAS has the right to collect the foster animal from my premises at any time. I also understand that when I resign as a foster to return any equipment and unused supplies provided to me by Great Lakes Bay Animal Society

*By signing this application and waiver I submit I am at least 18 years of age.*

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### TO BE FILLED OUT BY GLBAS REPRESENTATIVE ONLY

Application received by:

Date application received:

Veterinarian Check OK? ☐ Yes ☐ No Notes:

Date home visit performed: By Whom?

Comments or notes:

Foster Form given? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Application ☐ Approved or ☐ Denied | Date:

Additional notes or comments:

FOR GLBAS REPRESENTATIVE - Specific information on each foster animal taken to foster after initial approval

Name/ID of foster animal:

Species and description:

Date foster animal was received by foster:

Did foster receive a crate (description)?

List any other supplies received:

Date foster animal was adopted (or returned before adoption and why):

Did foster take another animal and if yes Name/ID and description of animal:

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## Foster Responsibilities / Expectations

(Please keep in mind that we do evaluate each home individually, and even though you may not meet all requirements, you may still be able to foster. Contact us at [greatlbanimals@gmail.com](mailto:greatlbanimals@gmail.com) to find out more.)

Thank you for your interest in fostering for Great Lakes Bay Animal Society. Although fostering can be quite demanding and sometimes frustrating, once you have found a dog or cat its new forever home, you will see that any of those demands and frustrations has all been well worth your efforts, making fostering a very rewarding experience!

### Main Responsibilities:

1. Provide a warm, safe and nurturing home and environment for the dog/cat until its new forever home is found.
  - a. Dogs and cats will be kept as an inside pets. Dogs may be allowed outside but will NOT live outside. They will sleep INSIDE your home, in an appropriate area. Cats must be kept in your home at all times.
  - b. Work with foster on good home manners when you have time
2. If required, will take the animal to all necessary vet appointments.
  - a. GLBAS will cover the costs of vet care as long as they are taken to a GLBAS pre-approved veterinarian. (A complete list of pre-approved veterinary hospitals will be provided to you as part of your foster welcome packet. In some cases, the use of other vets may be required, however any vet other than approved vets will have to be pre-approved by the GLBAS Board prior to the visit or costs may not be covered.
  - b. If an emergency arises and our regular veterinary hospitals are not open, contact a foster coordinator and rush the animal to the emergency vet.
3. Bring dog to weekend adoption events
  - a. Great Lakes Bay Animal Society host several adoption events to showcase their adoptable animals on Saturdays or Sundays from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (locations may vary weekly) throughout the month.
  - b. Unless other arrangements have been made, fosters will be expected to stay with their foster animal and be available to talk with potential adopters during the adoption event.
  - c. We understand that dedicating every Saturday to adoption events can be overwhelming but the more adoption events that you can attend with your foster, the more likely the foster is to be adopted. However, it is up to the foster on which events they attend.
4. Process adoption applications for the animal you are fostering if an application is forwarded to you by a GLBAS representative:
  - a. Perform a vet check on animal(s) currently in the home of the potential adopter (calling the adopters listed vet and asking for info over the phone)
    - i. If the potential adopter has never owned a pet, then this task would not be required.
    - ii. See the GROUNDS FOR DENIAL form for items we will automatically deny applicants
  - b. Once a Board member has approved the application, then a home visit and meeting with the animal and family must be performed to ensure the living situation will be appropriate for the foster animal. DO NOT perform a home visit or arrange to have individuals see the animal BEFORE an application is received (unless the person has seen the animal at an adoption event). If you go through the effort of doing a visit and then the applicant is denied based on information provided on their application, you would have wasted that visit. In some cases, a home visit may be performed by another GLBAS volunteer if they live in closer proximity to the adopters address then the foster home.
  - c. Adoption applications are received through our email and by mail. In those matters, a vet check may be performed by a representative receiving that application and will already be application and vet approved before it is sent to you or in some cases, may be denied in which case you would not be notified. If you receive a pre-approved application:
    - i. You will follow up on making arrangements with the applicant for the home visit and meeting then inform a Board member upon completion as to the determination of whether or not that home and family are appropriate for your foster animal.

- d. In both instances, a Home Visit Check List will be provided to you or to the volunteer who is conducting the home visit.
  5. Deliver the foster animal to the adopter's home. In some cases, if the home visit has already been performed, it may be possible to have the adopters pick up their new dog at one of our adoption events but we generally encourage our volunteers to home deliver their fosters.
  6. Review GLBAS Adoption Contract with adopter (have them sign) and fill out all necessary adoption paperwork. If the adopter is adopting a puppy a spay/neuter contract must be signed by the adopter and a \$50 deposit must be collected. The \$50 will be refunded to the adopter if they send proof to GLBAS that the surgery has been done.
  7. Collect adoption fee and give adopter a copy of the animal's vet records (make sure to keep a copy for GLBAS records). If you do not have a copy of your foster animals vet records, please notify a GLBAS representative. Please inform the adopter that the vet records will be sent out to them as soon as the paperwork is received by a Board member from you.
  8. Forward all paperwork (copies of vet work, signed contract, signed application, PetSmart forms if applicable, HV Check List & adoption fee) to appropriate GLBAS contact at P.O. Box 2891, Midland MI 48641-2891
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### **What to Expect with Your Foster Animal:**

1. New fosters should realize that in most cases, we do not know much in the way of history of the animal in question. Temperament, how the animal interacts with various people and pets cannot typically be confirmed until the animal is in its foster home.
2. The first few days a foster animal is in its new temporary home can be stressful for both the animal and the foster. Keep in mind the animal is now living in a new situation. It may have an accident – it probably WILL have an accident. The animal may have lived its whole life outside or it does not know where exactly it should go. Bottom line is that every foster needs at least 3-5 days, maybe more to become acclimated to their new surroundings.
3. We ask that new fosters keep an animal for a minimum of 3-5 days before deciding to return a foster back to the group because you feel it will not work out. As stated above, some animals need time to adjust to new surroundings. If the foster is not working out, GLBAS will take the animal back but it may take up to a week to make alternate arrangements for the foster animal. We ask for your patience during this time. Most GLBAS volunteers work full time jobs during the day and do rescue work on their lunch hours, after work and on weekends. We cannot always respond ASAP.
4. The goal of GLBAS is to place our animals into the BEST possible home. This means that we do not place animals into the first available home just to get rid of them. You may have a foster for a week or you might have the foster for several months, depending on the animal. This also means that at times, we disappoint potential adopters who very much wanted the animal because we decided the adopter was not suitable for the animal or vice versa. Unfortunately, that is a common issue but we are dedicated to our animals first and adopters second.
5. GLBAS does request that you do not foster other dogs from other organizations without first consulting a GLBAS representative. We also ask that you do not take in stray or owner surrender dogs. Taking in a stray or owner-surrendered animal whose medical history is not known also allows for possible transmission of disease to other household pets and even family members. If you come across a stray or know someone wishing to relinquish their pet, please contact a GLBAS representative.
6. You will get to know your foster animal better than anyone. So we ask that you occasionally give us updates on your foster animal regarding any changes, such as weight, personality, likes and dislikes, and behaviors. Getting updated pictures of your foster dog goes very far in the dog getting noticed on our websites, so please do this as often as you wish!

**Thank you for your time and consideration in fostering for our group.**