



## FOSTER APPLICATION

Date of Application:	Have you read and agree to NB PAWS Code of Ethics? (attached) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If you have questions about anything found in these documents, please talk to us before you sign.</i>	
Name:		
Home Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home phone: ( )	Cell phone: ( )	Best time to call:
Email Address:		Alternate Email:

Number of People in Household:	Ages of children in the household, or visit often:
Are the children good with animals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Will you supervise children at all times with foster pets? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you or any member of your family allergic to dogs: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Occupation (optional):	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Student
Do you plan to stay committed to your foster pet(s) until s/he is adopted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you prepared for an extended adjustment period* for you and a foster pet? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>* The adjustment period is the time it takes for a dog to adjust to a new environment (your home), new people (you and your family) and new rules. It can last anywhere from 2 hours to 2 months or more. Please talk to us if you are not sure what the adjustment period entails.</i>	
Do you plan to go out of town while fostering a pet? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, how do you plan to care for your current foster pet(s)?	
If for some reason you are no longer able to foster a pet, do you agree to contact the Foster Care Coordinator immediately and return the pet only to us within one week? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Amount of time you will spend with foster pet(s):	Amount of time foster pet(s) will be alone:

Please check yes, no or fill in the blank for each of the following statements:

- I agree to a home visit by NB PAWS in my home before I begin fostering for NB PAWS: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I agree to follow-up home visit by NB PAWS in my home after I begin fostering for NB PAWS: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I agree to attend adoption events at least once per month with current foster pets: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I am willing to foster sick or special needs pets: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I am willing to potty train foster pets in my care? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I breed or sell animals or plan to in the future? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I am willing to foster other species: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I am able to say when I have taken on too much and allow NB PAWS time to fix the situation: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I am willing to foster a maximum number of foster pets of: \_\_\_\_\_
- I am willing to foster pets ages from a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ to a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_
- I am willing to foster pets weighing a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ lbs up to a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

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## EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

In a few words, please tell us why you wish to become a NB PAWS foster parent:

What is your experience level with fostering/rescue? Please check yes, no or fill in the blank.

- I have Volunteered or worked for an animal rescue group, shelter, etc. but not as a foster parent. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I have Volunteered or worked for an animal rescue group, shelter, etc. as a foster parent. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Were you able to foster the pet(s) until adopted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
- If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes to any of the above, please complete the following:

Organization's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of employment and/or volunteerism: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are no longer with this organization, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

- I have privately rescued and found homes for a pet or pets on my own: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, please explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_
- I currently have a pet or pets in need of a home: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you plan to foster for another Organization and/or privately rescue pets while fostering for NB PAWS? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, do you understand and plan to implement proper Quarantine procedures to keep NB PAWS pets safe? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, do you understand that these pets will be solely your financial responsibility, including any illnesses, parasites, injuries, etc. passed on to NB PAWS pets while in your care? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you know how to tell if your foster pet is sick? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your foster pet becomes sick, how will you handle?

Do you know what foods/items are harmful to your foster pet? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What brand/type of food do you plan to feed your foster pet?

Are you willing to work with a foster dog on behavior issues (e.g. housetraining or chewing) if such problems arise? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any behavior or medical issues that you are NOT willing to work with a foster pet on? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, list the issues here:

Have you ever obedience trained a dog before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what type of training?

Would you consider obedience training classes for your foster(s) (paid for by NB PAWS)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of residence: ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Condo ☐ Mobile Home ☐ Other:

☐ Own or ☐ Rent?

If renting, are dogs allowed ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is a pet deposit required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Paid\*? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Max. Size dog allowed?

***\* A letter of permission from your landlord is required if renting***

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Are certain breeds or breed mixes banned by your homeowner's insurance or landlord? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what breeds are banned?				
How many hours per day will your foster(s) be alone?		How many hours per night will your foster(s) be alone?		
Where will the foster(s) spend days? <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Explain setup:		Where will the foster(s) spend nights? <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Explain setup:		
Do you have a safe, enclosed fenced yard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, please describe the type of fence you have: <i>(height, size &amp; style: chain link, privacy, invisible, pen, etc.)</i>		
If no fence, what arrangements will you have for your foster's exercise and toilet duties?				
Please describe the typical feel of your home environment - think of it from a pet's point-of-view: <b><i>(check one or more)</i></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Chaotic <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet <input type="checkbox"/> Loud <input type="checkbox"/> Bright <input type="checkbox"/> Dark <input type="checkbox"/> High Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Low Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Crowded				
<b>PET INFORMATION</b>				
Do you currently live with other pets? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Have these pets lived with other dogs before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Name, Species, Breed of all pets currently living in your home <i>(add attachment if necessary)</i>		Age / Sex	Spayed/Neutered	Personality
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside
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Are these your pets? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Are these pets current on vaccines, heartworm and flea/tick prevention (if it applies)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
What other pet(s) have you had in the past (including this species)? How long did you have the pet(s) and why do you no longer have them? If they have passed on, please explain if it was from natural causes or for another reason.				
<b>REQUIRED REFERENCES</b>				
<b>Current or past name of Vet Clinic</b> <i>(Please notify your Vet's office that an application has been submitted for fostering an animal for NB PAWS. Give them permission to release general information about you and your pet care history to a NB PAWS representative. In addition, your signature below will also serve as giving your permission to release the aforementioned information (required by some Vets). This is only used for foster care purposes.):</i>				
Clinic Name and Veterinarian's Name:			Phone:	
Client/Guardian Name on file:			Client for how long?	
Pets seen there:			Experience with this species? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Emergency Veterinarian</b> <i>(If you do not know who handles emergencies in your city, please research and list them here. Be sure to know in case an emergency ever arises. Most vets will not see their client's emergencies. Usually, you must go to a separate Emergency Clinic. We would like to make sure you are prepared. Keep this information on your refrigerator or close to the phone.):</i>				
Emergency Clinic Name:			Phone:	
Pets seen there:			Experience with this species? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Personal References</b> <i>(Please list one relative and one non-relative, if possible).</i>				
#1 Name:		Relationship:		
Phone:		Best time to contact:		

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#2 Name:	Relationship:
Phone:	Best time to contact:

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### Foster Agreement

I agree to abide by the Program and Policies set forth by North Beach Progressive Animal Welfare Society (NB PAWS) Board of Directors. I understand that any foster animal in my care may be removed from my home at any time with or without reason by or on the authority of the NB PAWS' Board. I understand that NB PAWS foster animals do not belong to me or my family. I understand that should I want to adopt a NB PAWS foster animal, it will be at the sole discretion of the Adoption Coordinator. I understand that I will have a strong influence in who shall adopt any foster animal in my care, but the Adoption Coordinator has the final word in the foster pet's adoption.

I am aware there is no guarantee, warranty or full knowledge of any rescued pet's health and temperament. I volunteer to accept the rescued animal in my charge as a humanitarian act and agree to release and hold harmless NB PAWS along with NB PAWS volunteers and Board members, from any and all liability or responsibility in connection with any pet(s) I agree to foster.

I hereby agree that any money (adoption or general donations) that I collect or receive on behalf of NB PAWS will be turned over to a NB PAWS board member or coordinator. Additionally, I hereby certify that I am in good standing with the local rescue groups and veterinarians. I agree to uphold a professional relationship with every contact I have through NB PAWS, including, but not limited to vet clinics, distributors, potential adopters, other volunteers of NB PAWS, and other rescues. Furthermore, I promise that I will not conduct myself in any manner which could reflect badly on NB PAWS or any of NB PAWS' volunteers. Last, I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and a legal US citizen. I agree to include a photocopy of my current driver's license for verification purposes. I understand that this will be kept confidential and not given out to any other parties.

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Applicant's Signature

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Submission Date

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NB PAWS' Rep Signature

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Approval Date

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## Code of Ethics

### Goal

The goal of this Code of Ethics is to protect and preserve North Beach PAWS, Volunteers, and individual animals. Those affiliated with North Beach PAWS have an obligation to put the welfare of the animals above personal gain and refrain from activities that would be detrimental to the best interests of these animals or NB PAWS. These guidelines are presented with the realization that ethics are difficult to regulate, and most individuals desire and intend to do what is right. Education and communication are the preferred methods of obtaining compliance to these practices.

### Mission

North Beach PAWS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, dog and cat animal rescue formed in late 2003 with the goal of helping animals in need of rescue/shelter/medical care from a variety of sources, including other shelters, owner surrenders, strays from the streets, breeder/hoarder seizures, and other rescues. Animals are not limited in their paths to becoming homeless and in need of medical treatment, so North Beach PAWS does not limit the ways in which they may find rescue with them. Listed below are some of the methods employed by NB PAWS to meet this goal. NB PAWS programs are constantly evolving; this is only a partial list.

#### Foster Program

Homeless animals are placed in foster homes until a permanent home is found. On rare occasions, sanctuary is provided for animals who cannot be adopted out to the public.

#### Education

Spread the word on the importance of spay/neuter to prevent unwanted animals. Help animals keep their homes by providing education on behavior and other concerns. Help pet owners find financial aid for expensive medical care so they can keep their pet. When a home cannot be salvaged, educate pet owners on how to find another good home for their pet to keep the pet out of a kill shelter. Educate the public on how they can help a stray animal in need.

#### Crossposting / Networking

Utilize email and social media to spread the word about animals in need.

### General Conduct

North Beach PAWS is governed by a Board of Directors which sets policies to ensure the success of North Beach PAWS' mission. Those affiliated with North Beach PAWS shall comply with the Policies and Procedures and record keeping requirements as set forth by the NB PAWS Board of Directors.

Those affiliated with North Beach PAWS shall provide all animals in their care with the highest possible standards of nutrition, shelter, cleanliness, exercise, training, socialization and individual attention so that these animals may become well-adjusted companions.

Those affiliated with North Beach PAWS shall NOT engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentation of his/her rescues. Those affiliated with NB PAWS shall NOT malign other NB PAWS affiliate, veterinarians, or rescue organizations. Those affiliated with NB PAWS are encouraged to provide pertinent information about their own rescues or those of others, providing such information is accurate and verifiable.

Those affiliated with North Beach PAWS should seek the best possible environment for each foster. no one affiliated with North Beach PAWS shall sell, consign, or donate animals to such places as commercial/USDA breeders, pet stores, pet brokers, or catalog houses. Animals may not be offered to events such as raffles, auctions, drawings, lotteries, contests, or laboratories. Those affiliated with North Beach PAWS should not knowingly deal with unethical persons.

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## Housing of Animals

North Beach PAWS' preferred housing method is in approved private foster homes. Indoor foster homes are best suited for creating a well-rounded, highly adoptable pet and will, therefore, remain North Beach PAWS' housing method of choice.

## Health Issues

Any and all health issues, concerns, and/or obvious veterinary needs must be reported to one of the Foster coordinators who will then decide what steps to take. Do not take any of these issues into your own hands unless it is a life or death emergency, and do not dispense medications such as antibiotics to a foster pet without prior approval from one of the Foster coordinators. Keep in mind funds are limited at all times. North Beach PAWS is able to maximize the use of funds thanks to the extensive knowledge of our volunteers.

If an emergency arises, go to the nearest emergency clinic or Vet, and call one of the Foster coordinators en route if possible. If you are unable to reach them, call the Cat or Dog Handler next, then any Board member. If you are unable to reach anyone prior to arriving at the clinic, get an estimate, what that estimate includes, diagnosis and prognosis. If you do not get an answer, leave a detailed message stating how to contact you, which animal is having the emergency, what that emergency is, where you have taken the animal, and what is being done by the Vet to handle the emergency.

## Behavior Issues

North Beach PAWS Fosters shall not utilize abusive methods. Any behavior concerns should be discussed with one of the Foster coordinators or handlers to come up with a treatment plan. Any aggressive or potentially dangerous behavior must be reported to one of the Foster coordinators immediately who will then decide what steps to take.

PRINT Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read this date: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in being a foster home for NB PAWS. We will consider your application and contact you shortly to set up a home visit.