



PARTIES

Name Greater Bendigo City Council trading as Bendigo Animal Relief Centre
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Short name BARC

Name

Address

Email

Short name Foster Carer

THE PARTIES AGREE

- A. BARC operates an animal pound and shelter service and shelters the animal.
- B. BARC and the Foster Carer agree that the Foster Carer will care for the animal on a temporary basis on the terms and conditions attached to this agreement.

EXECUTION

Signed for and on behalf of BARC by its authorised officer:

Signed by the Foster Carer:

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Signature of authorised officer

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Signature of Foster Carer

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Name of authorised officer (please print)

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Name of Foster Carer (please print)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Foster care period

This agreement commences on the date it is signed by the parties and will continue for a period of twelve (12) months from commencement (Foster Period).

2. Foster Carer's obligations

2.1 General obligations

During the Foster Care Period, the Foster Carer:

- a. will care for the animal in their home on a volunteer basis;
- b. will meet the daily needs of the animal, including without limitation feeding, cleaning, socialisation, training, medication and affection;
- c. will adhere to an individual Foster Care Plan provided with each animal including any special health or behaviour management instructions as specified by staff at BARC;
- d. must not give away, sell or authorise another person to care for the animal;
- e. must inform other members of their household of their voluntary care role for the animal and use their best endeavours to ensure that other household members abide by the terms of this Agreement;
- f. must notify BARC immediately of any change to their contact details listed in the Foster Care Plan; and
- g. if the Foster Carer wishes to adopt the animal, must contact BARC and apply through the formal adoption process.
- h. has obtained all permits required to keep the number of animals at their property.

2.2 Expenses

During the Foster Care Period, the Foster Carer will be responsible for all costs associated with the following:

- a. food, unless otherwise agreed;
- b. dry and comfortable bedding;
- c. toys;
- d. food bowls and water bowls; and
- e. lead and collar

2.3 Condition of home environment

- a. The Foster Carer agrees to provide animals a safe, enriching and loving home environment for the duration of the Foster Period.
- b. The Foster Carer will ensure the animal has access to clean, dry and comfortable bedding at all times.

- c. The Foster Carer will contain the animal in an approved, safe, enclosed area at all times which prevents the animal from escape. The Foster Carer must contact BARC immediately if the foster animal escapes from the Foster Carer's property.

2.4 Inspection of home environment

- a. The Foster Carer will use best endeavours to provide BARC, its employees and contractors with full, free and safe access to their property to inspect and ensure the environment is suitable for the care of the animal. BARC may inspect the Foster Carer's property at any reasonable time during the Foster Period, upon giving 24 hours' written notice.
- b. The Foster Carer agrees to promptly comply with the directions of BARC following an inspection to ensure compliance with this Agreement.

2.5 Travel

- a. The Foster Carer agrees to collect the animal from BARC and return it to BARC for regular health and behaviour progress checks specified in the Foster Care Plan or when requested by staff at BARC.
- b. The Foster Carer will be responsible for costs associated with travelling to and from BARC for the purpose specified in 2.5(a), unless otherwise agreed.
- c. The Foster Carer will ensure the animals is appropriately contained or restrained whilst travelling in a vehicle.

2.6 Animal health and behaviour

- a. The Foster Carer will adhere to an individual Foster Care Plan provided with the animal including any special health or behaviour management instructions as specified by staff at BARC.
- b. The Foster Carer agrees to contact BARC immediately if there are any health or behavioural changes in the animal.
- c. The Foster Carer will notify BARC immediately if they notice any changes to the animal's appetite.
- d. If the animal becomes sick or injured during the Foster Period, the Foster Carer will contact BARC immediately for assessment and treatment.
- e. The Foster Carer will not take the animal for treatment without prior approval from BARC unless in an emergency situation. An emergency situation could include a situation where the animal has ingested a toxic substance, become seriously injured or experienced dramatic behavioural changes that could be linked to ill health.

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3. BARC obligations

- 3.1 BARC will only release the animal to the Foster Carer once it has been assessed as having acceptable health and a temperament suitable for socialisation with humans.
- 3.2 BARC will provide the Foster Carer with a Foster Care Plan containing instructions on any behavioural or health requirements.
- 3.3 If the animal becomes sick or injured, BARC will pay for the expenses associated with the assessment and treatment of the animal.
- 3.4 BARC will pay for the assessment and treatment of the foster animal if the animal requires an emergency assessment or treatment by a veterinarian specified in 2.6(e).
- 3.5 BARC will provide the Foster Carer with a contact number for an emergency situation relating to the care of the animal or the ability of the Foster Carer to provide foster care.

4 Risk and Release

4.1 Risk

- a. The Foster Carer acknowledges that whilst the animal has been assessed for temperament, animal behaviour can be unpredictable and reasonable caution must be exercised when handling the animal.
- b. The Foster Carer agrees to care for the animal at the Foster Carer's sole risk.

4.2 Release

The Foster Carer unconditionally releases and indemnifies BARC to the full extent permitted by law from all loss which arises in respect of any accident, damage, injury or death to any person or property as a result of or in connection with the animal whilst the animal is in the care of the Foster Carer.

5. Confidentiality

- 5.1 The contents of this Agreement and any other information provided by BARC to the Foster Carer and marked as confidential must not be disclosed by the Foster Carer to any person without the prior consent of BARC.

- 5.2 This clause 5 continues notwithstanding the determination or the earlier termination of this Agreement.

6. Termination

- 6.1 If for any reason the Foster Carer is unable to continue to care for the animal, the Foster Carer will contact BARC as soon as possible by the contact method specified in the Foster Care Plan.
- 6.2 The Foster Carer will return the animal to BARC if other members of their household impact on the safety and care of the animal, or if the animal impacts the safety and care of another member of the household.
- 6.3 Any items provided to the Foster Carer by BARC to care for the animal continue to remain the property of BARC and must be returned at the conclusion of this Agreement or when requested by the BARC.

