



Smiley Dog Rescue

**Open Your Heart
to an Animal in Need**

Dog Foster Manual

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Introduction

Thank you for agreeing to foster a dog for Smiley Dog Rescue. Foster homes like yours allow us to rescue more dogs, and we appreciate your generosity in opening your home to a rescued dog.

By providing a foster home, you're providing a stable, loving environment for a dog that has been neglected and abandoned. You're also providing much-needed socialization, and basic training, that will make our dogs more appealing for adoption and better members of their adoptive families.

Smiley Dog rescues dogs from shelters all over the greater bay area, and beyond. Dogs all must pass our temperament test in order to be pulled from the shelter. Only directors of Smiley Dog Rescue can determine which dogs our organization will take in. The dogs we rescue are generally those that are in their last hours at the shelter either because no one has adopted them or they are "rescue only" for a variety of reasons. Thus, they are at great risk of being euthanized.

General Guidelines

Please read & review the following important guidelines:

1. Prior to fostering, all Foster Homes must complete an online Foster Home Application as well as a Foster Home Agreement and home inspection. (a copy of this agreement is in the Appendix.)
2. All Foster Homes agree to accept primary responsibility for providing lodging and care of their foster dog until a permanent adopting family is found.
3. Food donated to Smiley Dog Rescue will be made available to all Foster Homes, as it is received. Otherwise, a monthly allowance per dog for food and basic necessities will be reimbursed to the Foster Home by Smiley Dog Rescue. This must be pre-approved by SDR representative.
4. Medical care will be provided only via a Smiley Dog representative. If you think your Foster Dog needs any medical care, including vet visits or over-the-counter medications, please contact your Smiley Dog representative before acting.
5. Foster Homes agree to bring their Foster Dog to adoption events regularly, at least twice per month. These events are the primary method of matching up potential adopters with our dogs. Events occur generally every Saturday from 1-4 p.m., exact times & locations are posted on our website. Foster homes will receive a weekly email telling them the location of the event and asking if they can attend. Foster Homes are expected to notify SDR each week on whether they will be able to bring their Foster Dog to the event.
6. Foster Homes are asked to keep their SDR contact apprised of their foster dogs behavior and if any issues arise. If they are not handling the dog at the adoption event they should give basic information to the adoption event coordinators.
7. Foster Homes are not required to foster any dog that they do not wish to foster. However, there may not be an immediate alternate foster home for your dog. We will work on moving your foster dog out as soon as possible, but ask for your understanding as we work on it. Only those dogs that have received prior approval for fostering and

- are deemed adoptable by a director of Smiley Dog Rescue can be fostered within SDR's Foster Program. Volunteers and/or Foster Homes are not authorized to pull dogs directly from the shelter.
8. We do not foster-to-adopt. Potential adopters should go through our regular application process rather than become Foster Homes. Foster Homes are asked to commit to fostering for a minimum of 6 months before they consider adopting a dog, whether it is from SDR or elsewhere.
 9. All applicants for a particular Foster Dog must go through the Smiley Dog Rescue application process (online application, interview by SDR Director, home visit). If a friend or family member of the Foster Home wishes to adopt your Foster Dog, that's great! But, the adopter must go through the same process as other applicants.
 10. Your own dogs should be current with their vaccinations. We also recommend that you vaccinate your dogs with a Bordetella vaccination to prevent kennel cough, a common illness with shelter dogs.
 11. Smiley Dog Rescue is not responsible for any veterinary bills for resident dogs. The Foster Home assumes responsibility for any veterinary bills that result from resident dogs becoming ill due to exposure with a Foster Dog.
 12. If you are planning a vacation, please notify SDR as far in advance as you can. We will need at least 2 weeks to arrange for alternative placement for your foster dog. If you want to take your foster dog with you, even for just a weekend, you **MUST** notify SDR beforehand. If SDR has an applicant interested we may make arrangements to keep your dog locally to be able to show him/her.
 13. Do not leave your dog with anyone else without prior approval from SDR. Anytime a foster dog is left we **MUST** have a signed release of liability

Getting your home & family ready for fostering

Fostering is a commitment that will effect your entire household: your family, your permanent-resident pets, and your house and yard itself! Here

are some tips to ensure that fostering will be a positive experience for you and your family.

Discuss your plans with other family members and get their input on how to make it work out best for everyone. Include in the discussion what kind(s) of dogs are appropriate for your household: small/large, young/old, active/not active. Do you thrive on a spunky dog with lots of energy who is a willing playmate for your active dog? Or, do you have an older dog who would appreciate not being pestered? How long are you gone during the day? We'll need to match you with a dog that works with your schedule. You'll need a dog that fits your lifestyle, even if he/she is only a temporary resident. Your Smiley Dog representative can work with you to ensure that we understand your personal situation and what types of dogs are appropriate for you.

Supplies

You should have the following on hand before your foster dog arrives:

- Food & water bowls: it is best to have separate bowls for your foster dog, and, to feed your resident dogs & foster dog separately so that they can eat in a stress-free environment as they are getting to know each other.
- Food & Treats: Smiley Dog can sometimes supply food or treats depending on our receipt of donations. Otherwise, we will advise you as to what kind of food or treats is best for your foster. We do provide reimbursement for dog food and treats or can purchase them for you at an adoption event.
- Dog Crate: We strongly recommend you have a crate for your foster dog. Crate training is a very helpful way to introduce a dog into a new home. We can supply you with a crate if you do not have one, and give you some excellent articles on crate training if you are unfamiliar with it.
- Bed: Cotton blankets or large beach towels are best as they are washable and less likely to be chewed up by your foster dog.
- Toys: Kongs are excellent for stuffing—they will keep your foster dog occupied, especially while you are away from the house. Stuffed toys or balls are also great, depending on your dog's temperament. Smiley Dog can sometimes provide these depending on our donations.

- Collar & leash: We will provide a collar and leash for your dog. A Smiley Dog Rescue ID tag will be on your dog's collar as well. This collar and tag should stay on at all times as it will help ensure the dog is returned to Smiley Dog Rescue if the dog ever gets out and is picked up by the shelter.
- Flea Treatment: Smiley Dog will provide you with Advantage or FrontLine. This can often be picked up at an adoption event, just notify us ahead of time. We ask you to keep track of applications and be sure to apply it monthly.

Introducing your Foster Dog to your Home

Here are some tips for a smooth transition.

Everyone needs their space

If possible, it is best to keep foster dogs & resident dogs separate from each other for the first 2 days. This is a stressful time for both the foster dog (who may have been on the street/in the shelter/in a transition foster home before arriving at your house—a lot of change for an animal that likes to have a “pack” and some stability in his/her life!). Also, there are some common sicknesses that sometimes don't show up for 1-2 weeks that dogs often get at the shelter, so separation can ensure that your dogs don't get sick.

If it is not possible to keep them separate, be aware that your dogs may be exposed to illness. However, also be aware that many of the diseases that shelter dogs get (Kennel Cough, Diarrhea, etc) are stress related. Many have had poor nutrition and a hard life before coming to your home. Smiley Dog cannot be responsible for resident dog vet bills, we do not have the financial resources to make that commitment.

If it is not possible to physically separate the dogs, try to ensure that everyone has their own “personal space” of a bed, a crate, or a special area. This will keep the stress levels lower for your own dogs and the foster dog.

The backyard is not an acceptable place to leave the foster dog alone & unsupervised, however. They may be destructive (digging, trampling plants), they may be escape artists, they may bark incessantly, or they

could be snatched. A crate or a room that is enclosed (like a kitchen) are the best choices.

Dog Introductions

Introduce your resident dogs to the foster dog on neutral territory, at a park or down the street from your house, for example. Introduce them on leash, with an adult holding each leash. Allow a quick “hello” sniff or walk-by, and then separate them, even if things seem fine. This gives them a chance to think about things, and often, they will then seek each other out to get a lengthier greeting. Give lots of positive reinforcement so that both dogs feel safe and that the other dog is a friend, not a foe. If one dog gets aggressive, separate them quickly, comfort the dogs, and slow down the pace of the introductions.

Don't force things if they are not immediate best friends, sometimes it takes a few days for dogs to accept each other. Sometimes, dogs just don't like each other. By giving them each attention separately, and making them feel safe about their bed, toys, and food, you can minimize any tension.

Getting along

Dogs are pack animals. There is usually one who dominates. Correction of one dog by another (whether it is your resident dog or the foster) is normal. As long as the dogs are responding positively to each other and seem to recognize the “pecking order”, this is fine. So, one dog may growl at another. If the dog reacts by moving away or showing passivity, then usually, the dogs will get along fine. If they are constantly battling for the “alpha” position, then they will have to be separated, and may not be a good fit for each other.

Never leave the dogs unsupervised together. They are still getting to know one another, and will need correction on appropriate behavior toward each other, which means supervision. If you are leaving the house, then crate the dogs or otherwise physically separate them.

Again, feed the dogs separately. This reduces stress for everyone. Food aggression between dogs is common.

Cat Introductions

First, make sure that your cat has his/her own sanctuary—preferably a room where the foster dog will not be allowed to go. If you can keep the cat's food & litter box in this room, and keep the door closed, then the dog & cat can sniff each other under the door for a few days before meeting face to face. This will make things go a lot smoother, as they will most likely feel they have already “met.” Supervise the dog's behavior even at the door, reinforce playful, curious behavior and correct any aggression or obsession.

When introducing the dog & cat for the first time, put the dog on a leash & just allow the cat to walk by if he/she wants to. Here, you're looking to evaluate both the dog & the cat. Is the cat fearful or curious? Is the dog happy/playful or chomping at the bit?

After introductions have occurred, keep in mind the following tips:

- Never leave the cat & foster dog unsupervised, even if it looks like they get along great. A playful dog can still unintentionally harm a cat.
- Make sure your cat has places to jump up to in each room or hide under where the dog can't get him/her.
- Playful chasing is normal, but always remind the foster dog to play nice/slow down/not run.
- Don't allow the dog to stare down the cat. The dog should know that he/she is not allowed to obsess on the cat.
- The cat may swipe at the dog or hiss in order to correct. This is usually a great help in ensuring the dog knows his/her place. But, keep an eye on interactions to ensure the cat doesn't injure the dog, as well.

With all your resident pets, allow the animals to accept one another on their own time. Never push them toward each other or force interaction. Many animals become companions and playmates, while others simply tolerate each other.

Working with your foster dog

While your foster dog is living with you, you can provide some basic training along with lots of tender loving care. No formal training regime is needed for most foster dogs, but if you can work on the following, it will make your foster dog much more “adoptable.”

- **Socializing** is definitely the first priority. This means ensuring that your foster dog is acclimated to meeting new people, dogs, cats, children, as wide a group as possible. If you have a shy dog, this is a big task, and should be approached slowly (but all the more important to address it so that your dog overcomes his/her shyness.) With a more outgoing dog, it's more about curbing enthusiasm so that people aren't overwhelmed upon meeting the dog (or knocked over with love!)
- **Food aggression** with other dogs is a fairly common trait, however food aggression towards people is not acceptable. If your foster dog is growling when you are near his food, you need to work on correcting this behavior. Hand-feed the dog, so that it's clear the food is yours, and you are the giver of food. Then, when feeding with a bowl, take it away several times during the meal, giving it back after the dog sits & waits politely. With a non-food aggressive dog, these are still good tips, along with taking chewies away & giving them back. If the dog growls a bit, tell them “no”, and then practice taking it until they get the idea. Repeat daily. If your foster dog is showing food aggression with your dog over food or chews, always feed them separately. Another good reason to crate your foster dog, as you can use that place as a safe place to give treats, chews, and toys.
- **House training** (potty training) is definitely desirable for both you and the future adopter. The best way to house train is to use a crate, and to be vigilant about taking the dog outside regularly, including after naps and meals. If a dog is particularly stubborn about house training, keep them on a leash in the house; this will prevent them from wandering off to hide to go potty.
- **Crate training** is a great way not only to potty train, but also to establish general house manners since the dog will not be roaming free in the house unless he/she is being supervised. So, no chewing on couch cushions, counter-surfing, or garbage can diving if the

dog is not left alone. We have more materials on crate training available to you.

- **Sitting** is relatively easy to teach and pays big dividends. A dog that sits for his/her leash and food knows they are subservient to the person commanding them to sit. It also helps to get an overly excited dog under control.
- **Jumping up** is a common problem with our foster dogs—they are so happy to have someone to love! But, it's best if they are taught not to do this, since it can knock people over or just be rude. The best prevention is to see it coming and tell them to stop and sit. Once they have this down, they can be invited “up” for a visit, but only with an invitation.
- **Leash walking** is challenging to teach. Many of our dogs have never been on a leash and have no idea how to behave. If you're ambitious, you can work on “heel”, but even “easy” is fine. “Easy” is when the dog isn't necessarily healing at your side, but they are also not dragging you down the street. This takes time to learn and patience on your part. A nervous dog may not be pulling but reluctant to walk or trying to get away from you and the leash. The goal then is to get the dog to relax and walk confidently with you. We can give you some pointers on either of these cases.
- **Squirt bottles** can be a great way to get the point across to a dog that is not responding to a verbal correction. Fill a squirt bottle with plain water, and set the nozzle to stream (not spray.) A quick squirt in the face with a verbal command such as “no” or “down” at the same time can be very effective. It does not hurt the dog, but it catches them off guard and can be helpful in getting their attention. Generally, you can move to verbal commands only after a time.

Dogs & Children

Dogs and kids go together like peanut butter & jelly, they are great playmates, guardians, and confidants. But, children must learn proper handling and discipline, and dogs must learn self-control so that they do not play too rough.

Children must be supervised and taught that dogs are beings, not dolls or toys to dress-up or handled constantly. Teach children not to tease or rile up the dog unnecessarily. This includes chasing around the house, which can scare a dog, who may snap if cornered or frightened.

Make sure your children know that it is not the dog's fault if the dog chews up toys that are left out. Keeping doors shut & toys in toy boxes can help minimize damage. Make sure the dog has his/her own toys, and keep them in the same place all the time (like in a basket, or in the dog's crate.)

Children like the idea of caring for a dog, but the daily work of feeding, bathing, brushing, and cleaning up after the dog is not really suited for them. Recognize that the initial enthusiasm will wane quickly, and the true responsibility of caring for the dog will fall to the adults in the household. Young children should not walk foster dogs, as, even if the dog is easy to walk, the child cannot really handle any encounters with other dogs or cats that are bound to happen.

Children should not play unsupervised with foster dogs. For puppies, teach proper handling (pick up by the body, not the limbs), and limit interaction. Children need to be taught that a puppy's mouthing is not biting, and that the puppy is not trying to hurt them. Perhaps most importantly, children must learn to properly discipline the foster dog/puppy (a sharp "no" or squirt with a water bottle). Children may think that squirting the dog is fun, and need to learn to only use it sparingly. Children often react to a dog's bad behavior by hitting the dog, is unacceptable.

Adoption Procedure

Smiley Dog Adoption Counselors work hard to find the proper match for each of our dogs, to ensure that both the adopting family and the dog will be happy with their decision. All applicants must go through the Smiley Dog adoption process. Dogs cannot be adopted out to friends or family of the foster home directly, all applicants must be properly screened. It is important for you to understand our adoption procedures, however, since you will get questions about it. The adoption process is as follows:

1. The applicant fills out an application, preferably using our online application. (a copy of this agreement is in the Appendix.)

2. A Smiley Dog Adoption Counselor reviews the application and screens the person to see if they are a good fit; asking about where the dog will sleep, how long the dog will be left, what training plans are, how they will exercise, etc.
3. The adopter and all members of their household must meet the dog.
4. Assuming everything looks good so far, a home visit is conducted to check their yard.
5. The adopter fills out an adoption agreement with a minimum of \$175 donation. (a copy of this agreement is in the Appendix.)
6. If there are multiple applicants, the adoption counselor will ask your opinion, review the applications, consult other SDR adoption counselors, and make a decision after the event.
7. No dog is "held" for a potential adopter, no matter how much we like them. For example, if one applicant comes without a family member, and another comes with everyone, if both are qualified for the particular dog we will go with the second. We do not hold dogs (or offer to extend fostering) for adopters who are about to go on vacation. We ask that they come back after they have returned.
8. We do not do trial periods with new adopters. Our belief is that this is too stressful on the dog and doesn't really show the adopter the true dog as they will be on their best behavior.

Our donations are tax-deductible since Smiley Dog is a non-profit. All dogs are spayed or neutered and are up to date on their shots and have had a general physical before being placed. If an animal is sick or recovering from injury, we will usually not place the dog until he/she has fully recovered.

Since all adoptions must be handled directly by a Smiley Dog Adoption Counselor, it is important that you let us know any concerns you have about the requirements for your foster dog's adoption home. This includes how long can the dog be left, how the dog is with cats/children/other dogs, and any other pertinent information. We maintain a requirements list for each of our foster dogs to ensure that the dogs' needs are met.

If you are present at the adoption events and have feedback on potential adopters you speak with, please give this information to the appropriate Adoption Counselor, as well. Please keep in mind that you should not make

any promises or statements about the adopter's "chances" of getting the dog. This is a topic that can get very emotional, with potential adopters getting very attached to the dogs they are looking at. So, we look to minimize hard feelings and keep emotions from running too high by having the Adoption Counselor be the only one to let potential adopters know where they are at in the adoption process. This also minimizes miscommunication.

We also ask that you trust the adoption counselors as they have been doing this for many years and have learned some things the hard way. However, if you don't understand a decision, feel free to ask. We want to keep you informed, but sometimes get caught up in everything that needs to be done. Please periodically review your foster dogs posting on our website (www.smileydogrescue.org) and let Lynne (webmaster) know of any updates or changes. The Bio is intended to be truthful, but we also try to focus on the positive. Read the current bios online to get a sense of the style we use. Of course, we always discuss a dog's behavior (positive & negative) in detail with potential adopters at events—we want to make sure they are fully apprised of the dog's strengths & weaknesses so as to minimize surprises post-adoption.

Adoption Events

Our adoption events are generally every Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Exact times and locations are listed on our website. We ask that you commit to bringing your foster dog to **at least two events per month**, since our main outlet for getting the dogs adopted is getting them seen at adoption events. You may not have to stay at the event, as we may have volunteer dog handler if you are unable to stay. You will receive an email each week from Smiley Dog asking if you can bring your dog to the upcoming event, and, if you are staying or just dropping off. We will let you know, usually on Friday, if we have a handler for your foster dog. Unfortunately, we often don't have enough handlers. Also, sometimes we need to limit the number of dogs at an event. We will always base this on what dogs have appointments as they take priority. Otherwise we go on a first come, first serve basis, so please respond to your email as soon as you can. If you don't check email often, please try to check on Wednesday or Thursday as that is when we send out the emails.

If your foster dog is ill (kennel cough, etc.) please let us know and do not bring the dog to the event. If your dog is very shy and just settling in, we may ask you to wait a week or two before attending the first event. Your dog

should be up-to-date on his/her vaccinations before attending events, as well. Check with your Smiley Dog Representative to confirm that your dog is ready for adoption events.

Before the event:

Make sure your dog is bathed & brushed and free of fleas, as well.

- If your dog is very energetic, try to take it to the dog park or a long walk/run before the adoption event. A calm dog shows much better than a dog that is bouncing off the walls and wants to play.
- Please bring your SDR leash with your dog to the adoption event. Do not bring retractable, nylon, or chain leashes.
- Realize adoption events are stressful on your foster dog -- even dogs who enjoy them are often exhausted afterwards and sleep.

Top Ten Things A Dog Handler Should Know:

1. There must be one handler per dog except for puppies or small dogs that are in a pen. (If you need to take a break, please do not tie up a dog or have another person handle two dogs. Ask the Coordinator or a spare volunteer to handle your dog for you.)
2. Keep your dog calm, and use a short but loose lead. The coordinator manages the mobile site and will speak to a handler that is not being attentive to his/her dog.
3. It helps reduce the stress of the dog to pet the dog slowly and talk to the dog in calm tones. When the dog is less stressed, you can get a better sense of who the dog is.
4. If you wish to introduce “your dog” to another Smiley Dog or to a prospective adopter’s dog, introduce them one-on-one away from the other dogs. If you need help, ask the on-site dog trainer or the mobile coordinator.
5. Handlers must be aware of their dog at all times and should discourage play between animals. (Play gets them excited and then they don’t appear calm for potential adopters.)

6. Handlers must be aware of their surroundings, too, including being alert if a small child or another dog approaches. Do not allow children to put their face into the dog's face. If someone approaches you with a dog that is showing aggression, control your dog and move out of the way.
7. Dogs that are barking should be corrected by voice, squirt bottle or other training. Dogs should not be allowed to jump up on anyone.
8. Do not allow children or frail adults to walk a Smiley Dog without an escort. Do not let children handle puppies, parents can handle and allow their kids to pet them.
9. It can be helpful to have some treats in your pocket to reward your dog and to get their attention when a prospective adopter is near (esp. helpful w/ shy dogs.)
10. Dog handlers should acknowledge members of the public with a friendly greeting **as soon as possible**. By greeting them and introducing your dog to them, ("Hi. This is Sparky" or "Are you looking for a dog today?"), you will increase people's recognition of and respect for Smiley Dog Rescue. Even if they are not there to adopt a dog that day, they may have friends who are interested, may be interested later, or may have money to donate.

Important note: Adoption events are our "public relations" time. Please make every effort to chat with people who stop by, even if they are not looking to adopt. Every person is potentially important to us, as an adopter, a volunteer, a donor, or referrals for other adopters.

Please focus on the public at the event.

Medical Treatment

Prior to any medical procedure being done, you must contact a Smiley Dog Representative and get approval. Failure to get prior approval will mean that you forego reimbursement for treatment. In addition, even if you are willing to cover vet expenses, we prefer to have the dogs seen by the vets on our list so that the dogs get consistent care and have their records centralized.

If the dog is sick, injured, needs to be spayed/neutered, or needs a doctor's visits for immunization, your Smiley Dog Representative can make a vet appointment for you at a convenient time for you to have the dog seen. If you need help transporting the dog to the vet, please let us know.

For medical emergencies, please call immediately:

Kathy Marks 510 938 5729

Lynne Grigsby 925 497 5737

Robin Stevens 510 681 6007

Make sure that your own pets are protected. We expect that resident pets are all spayed/neutered, and have all their vaccinations. We recommend, in addition to DHLPP and Rabies, that your pets are immunized for Bordetella (kennel cough) since it is a common ailment among shelter dogs. We also expect that your resident pets are being treated for fleas.

Your Smiley Dog Representative will keep track of your foster dog's immunization records and medical treatment. We ask that you ensure that your foster dog is treated for fleas, brushed, and bathed

Reimbursement Procedure

Smiley Dog will reimburse you for:

- Pre-approved medical expenses
- Pre-approved flea treatment
- A monthly allowance for food will be determined on a case by case basis, please check with your Smiley Dog representative
- Other supplies, if pre-approved

Note that if you would like to donate any of the above to Smiley Dog Rescue, your donation is tax deductible! (And, thanks very much in advance!)

To receive reimbursement (or a receipt for tax purposes), submit an Expense Report (a copy of this agreement is in the Appendix.) with original receipts attached to:

Lynne Grigsby
3318 Bennett Way
Concord, CA 94519

Appendix

For reference, this appendix contains copies of our common agreements and forms:

[**Foster Agreement**](#)

[**Expense Reimbursement Form**](#)

[**Adoption Application**](#)

[**Adoption Agreement**](#)

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**PO Box 2728
Oakland, CA 94602**

Foster Home Agreement And Guidelines

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Address: _____ Work Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Cellular Phone or Pager: _____
E-Mail: _____

Why do you wish to foster a dog? _____
How many years of experience do you have with dogs? _____

Please list all family members that will be living with the dog:

Names:	Relationship:	If a child, how old?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list all companion animals currently living with you:

Name	Dog/Cat/?	Sex	Altered?	Age:	Dog Friendly?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

How many hours a day will the dog be left alone?

Where will the dog be kept when no one is at home?

Where will the dog sleep at night?

Smiley Dog Rescue Guidelines:

1. Only the designated Senior SDR members shall approve and place rescued animals into foster homes. Your Foster Home contact must be notified as soon as possible of any changes in the status of either the animal in your care or the foster home environment you have indicated above.
2. All animals placed in foster care will be examined by an approved Veterinarian, and will have been given/will be given all necessary immunizations, and either already or will be scheduled to be spayed or neutered.
3. All basic medical and general expenses will be covered by SDR if foster home is unable to pay them. We appreciate any willingness to donate basics. An approved Smiley Dog Rescue representative must approve any unusual expenses. Basics include: Dog: Collar, tag and leash. Sleeping and travel crates will be provided as deemed necessary by the foster parent and authorized representative of SDR.
4. The SDR rescued animal must wear his/hers' **SDR ID Tag at all times**, and must be on a leash or in a secure pet carrier when outside of its foster home and yard. During transport, the SDR rescued animal must ride inside the car.
5. Your Foster Home Contact must be notified immediately if the animal in your care is injured or missing. Any emergency veterinary expenses for your foster dog will be reimbursed by SDR in the event an approved Veterinarian cannot be reached.
6. Ownership of all rescued animals remains with SDR until such time as proper adoption is completed. No rescued animal may be adopted, transferred, or relinquished without the approval by the authorized representative of SDR.
7. Only authorized representatives of SDR will conduct Interviews, Home Visits and adoptions.
8. Adoptions will be deemed consummated only after completion of the Adoption Contract, receipt of the agreed upon donation, and final approval by the authorized representative of SDR.
9. If foster home decides to adopt his/her dog, it is agreed that he/she will pay the full adoption fee charged.

Smiley Dog Rescue Contact: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Alternate Smiley Dog Rescue Contact:

Telephone Number: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I/We have read and fully understand that Smiley Dog Rescue (SDR) Foster Home Agreement. ____ (initial)

There have been no other representations or promises other than those included in this Foster Home Agreement. ____ (initial)

I/We understand that all rescue volunteer work done with Smiley Dog Rescue (SDR) is at my/our own risk. ____ (initial)

I/We, _____ have read, understand, and agree to abide by the conditions of the Smiley Dog Rescue Foster Home Agreement & Guidelines. I/we understand that all work done with Smiley Dog Rescue is at my/our own risk, and hereby release Smiley Dog Rescue and its members of any and all public liability, property damages, and medical costs while I/we am/are providing volunteer foster care for Smiley Dog Rescue.

I/We, hereby for myself (ourselves) , heirs, administrators and assigns, fully, irrevocably and unconditionally release and agree to hold harmless Smiley Dog Rescue and its individual members from any and all known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, suspected or unsuspected and/or fixed, conditional or contingent, actions, causes of action, charges, suits, debts, demands, claims, contracts, covenants, liens, rights, liabilities, losses, royalties, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) or damages, including but not limited to any medical costs, damages to property, persons or other pets, of every kind, nature and description, at law or in equity, in connection with or arising from while I am caring for the agreed rescue companion animal.

**Foster Home
Signature(s)**

Date

Smiley Dog Rescue Representative

Date

Expense Reimbursement Form

Note: All receipts must be attached
 Request must be received no later than 45 days from incurring expense
 All expenses must have been pre-approved by Kathy Marks or Lynne Grigsby

Please mail to: Smiley Dog Rescue
 PO Box 2728
 Oakland CA 94602

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Dog's Name: _____
 (include all dogs covered by expenses)

Type of Expense	Amount of Expense
Medical	
Dog Supplies	
Other (please describe)	
Total	
Portion you would like to donate to SDR	-
Total Reimbursement (minus donation)	

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Adoption Application

**Smiley Dog Rescue
PO BOX 2728 OAKLAND, CA 94602**

Adoption Application

Date of Application: _____

1. Name: _____ Phone (day) _____

2. Address: _____ 4. Phone (eve) _____

3. City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail: _____

4. How did you hear about Smiley Dog Rescue? _____

5. Name of dog or breed of animal you wish to adopt

6. Reason you would like to adopt a dog? (Companion, security, company for another animal)

7. Type of breed/mix? _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____ Either _____

8. Age range: _____ Color: _____ Hair type: short/medium/long

9. Activity level: _____ Types of activity you want to do with dog _____

10. Size preference _____

11. Where will the dog be when no one is home? Indoor _____ Outdoor _____ Indoor/Outdoor _____

12. Where will the dog be when someone is home? Indoor _____ Outdoor _____ Indoor/Outdoor _____

13. How many hours will the dog be home alone? _____

14. Do you have a fenced in yard? Yes _____ No _____

15. How tall is the fence? _____ What type of fence? _____

16. Where would you prefer the dog to sleep? _____

17. Is anyone who will live with the dog allergic to dogs? Yes/No If yes, Please explain _____

18. Do you plan to exercise your dog everyday? Yes _____ No _____ How? _____

19. Are you planning to obedience your dog? Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

20. If yes, would you like help in choosing someone to work with? Yes _____ No _____

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21. Who will be primarily responsible for the dog?

22. Do all members of your household want a dog? Yes____ No____ if not, who?

23. Have you ever relinquished a pet to an animal shelter or to anyone else? Yes ____
No ____ If yes, when and why?

24. What will you do if your dog develops behavior problems that are unacceptable to
you? _____

25. What if any behaviors would you consider unacceptable and grounds for you not
being able/willing to keep him/her and
why? _____

26. Do you currently have a veterinarian? _____ May we contact him/her? Yes
____ No ____
27. Name of Vet: _____
Phone: _____
28. Address: _____
29. City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
30. Are you prepared to share your life with a dog for 14 -18 years, who is totally
dependent upon you for food, shelter, health and veterinary care? Are you willing
and able to make this life-long commitment to a dog as a family member? _____
If not, what would you do with the dog?

FAMILY INFORMATION

1. Number of adults____ Ages____ Children____ Ages____
2. Do you have children visiting? _____ How often?
_____ Ages_____
3. If you have pets currently, please list them below:

<u>Type of animal</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Spay/Neuter Status</u>	<u>Indoor/Outdoor or</u>

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Please list all animals you had in the past 5 years, not listed above.

Type of animal	Age	Sex	Spay/Neuter Status	Where is pet now?

4. Do you live in a House? ____ Townhouse? ____ Condo? ____ Apt? ____

5. Do you own? ____ rent? ____; Landlord name:
 _____ Phone _____

6. May we contact landlord? Yes ____ No ____

7. Do you have a back up plan for your dog if you die or have to move and can not take animal with you?

8. Would you agree to a home visit to insure that it is secure for the dog? Yes ____ No ____

9. Are you planning to take a vacation within a month of adopting this dog? If so, what are you planning to do with the dog while you are gone?

10. Are you moving or re-locating in the next 6 months? If so, please explain.

11. Is there any other information that you feel is important for us to know in consideration of you adopting one of our dogs?

Please read and sign the following: I certify that all information in this application is true, and I understand that false information may void this application. Upon adopting a pet from Smiley Dog Rescue, I will agree and abide by their Adoption Agreement.

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Print Name: _____
Signature: _____

Smiley Dog Rescue Adoption Counselor

ADOPTION AGREEMENT

DOG INFORMATION

Name:	Sex:	Age:
Color:	SDR Tag #:	
Breed/Description:		

ADOPTER INFORMATION

Name of "Adopter":		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip
Home Tel:	Work Tel:	
Email:		

Please list all members of your household:

Name	Relationship	Age

In consideration of receiving the above-described dog ("Dog") from Smiley Dog Rescue ("SDR"), I hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

I agree to care for the Dog in a humane and responsible manner as a member of my family, and to assume full responsibility for the Dog's well being for the rest of its life. I agree to provide sufficient shelter for the Dog, and to allow the Dog to reside indoors when I am at home, and to sleep inside my home at night (not limited to the garage)

I agree to provide the Dog with a well-balanced diet, sufficient water and all necessary veterinary care including vaccinations and annual physical examinations. I understand that the cost of any veterinary care following adoption is entirely my responsibility. I also agree not to debark, crop, dock or otherwise surgically alter the Dog for any non-medically necessary purpose. I also agree not to transport this dog in an open truck cargo area.

I understand and agree that the Dog is a rescue dog and that dogs respond to situations differently and unpredictably. I understand and agree that SDR makes no representations or

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warranties, express or implied, about the Dog's health, behavior or temperament. I understand that my donation fee is not refundable after two weeks from the adoption date.

I agree to provide formal obedience training for my Dog in the event the Dog is under two years of age at the time of adoption, or in the event I encounter any behavior problems with the Dog, or in the event SDR requires such training as a condition of adoption. I will submit proof of training from the trainer within 3 months of the adoption day or contact SDR if I am unable to complete course in time.

I agree to allow a SDR representative, with prior notice, to visit the Dog and my home in the future for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms of this adoption agreement.

I agree that the Dog will wear an identification tag, which includes my name, current address and phone number at all times, and to obtain a license for the Dog in the city or county in which I live. I also agree to immediately notify SDR in the event the Dog is lost or stolen.

If at a later date I am unable or unwilling to keep the Dog, I agree to first contact SDR and allow SDR to reclaim the Dog at no charge to SDR. Should SDR agree to take the dog back, I agree to keep this dog until a foster home can be found. I agree that I will not relinquish the Dog without first obtaining SDR's permission to re-home the Dog. I agree to provide SDR the right to interview any prospective new owner(s) to ensure that the Dog's safety and welfare will be properly maintained.

I agree to fully and completely release SDR, its officers, volunteers, agents, employees, contractors and representatives, from any liability of any kind whatsoever arising from any health or temperament issues the Dog may have or may develop, and/or from any and all claims relating to my adoption, ownership or possession of the Dog.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless SDR, its officers, volunteers, agents, employees, contractors and representatives from any and all losses, fines, claims or damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to my adoption, ownership or possession of the Dog, including any claims for injury or damage to persons or property caused by the Dog.

I certify that all of the information provided by me herein is true and correct. I agree to immediately relinquish the Dog to SDR, and surrender ownership of the Dog to SDR, upon demand, in the event that: 1) any statements made by me are found to be false; 2) my check for the adoption fee is returned for insufficient funds and I do not immediately pay SDR the adoption fee and any banking fees incurred by SDR and/or 3) I fail to comply with the terms of this adoption agreement. I agree to pay and reimburse SDR for any and all legal fees and court costs SDR may incur in enforcing the terms and conditions of this adoption agreement.

I certify that I am at least 21 years of age and fully understand the contractual obligations set forth above.

Adoption Agreement

Signature:	
Date of Adoption:	
Adoption Fee:	Donation:

Received by SDR Representative:
