

Mississippi Valley German Shepherd Dog Rescue

Terms of Fostering

These Terms of Fostering will help the Foster Caretaker to understand their job as a Foster Home for Mississippi Valley German Shepherd Dog Rescue

1) **Pre-Placement Understandings:**

- a. The foster caretaker knows and acknowledges that the fostered dog is not being permanently placed in their home and that at the request of MVGSDR, they will be required to return the dog to MVGSDR for any reason.
- b. The foster caretaker will allow an inspection by MVGSDR of the premises upon which the foster dog will be maintained for the purpose of determining the suitability of those premises for the care and maintenance of the foster dog.
- c. MVGSDR must be notified as soon as it becomes knowledgeable to the foster caretaker if the dog is lost, stolen, becomes ill or upon the sudden death of the dog.
- d. The adoption committee has the final say on the permanent placement of a dog in this rescue program.
- e. MVGSDR is not liable for any injury incurred to persons or personal possessions as a result of fostering a dog. The dog will be removed if personal safety issues arise and taken to the nearest shelter for evaluation.

2) **Veterinary Care:**

- a. The foster caretaker will take the dog to the following veterinary clinic in case of emergency:

Or contact MVGSDR at (641) 590-4480

- b. The foster caretaker agrees to notify MVGSDR immediately of any change in the dog's health.
- c. All medical care the foster dog might need or receives is all at MVGSDR's expense and not at the foster caretaker's expense.
- d. All vet care is to be approved by MVGSDR prior to care for authorization of payment. In a true emergency, care is to be rendered and authorization will be done as soon as possible.

3) **General Care:**

- a. The foster caretaker agrees to provide the foster dog with food, water, shelter and needed medical attention through the clinic designated by MVGSDR above, to maintain the dog's good health.
- b. It is understood that the foster dog will be kept as part of the family and will not be kept chained, on a tie-out or in a fenced area unsupervised for an extended period of time.
- c. The foster dog is placed on an inoculation and heartworm preventative program and the foster caretaker is asked to keep the dog current on all its inoculations and heartworm preventative (at MVGSDR's expense).
- d. The foster caretaker assumes full responsibility for the dog including, but not limited to, general well being, safety and care, but excluding the expense of food and health care, which is at MVGSDR's expense.
- e. The foster caretaker agrees to allow MVGSDR to periodically check the dog's acceptance of the new environment and family at any time during the fostering time and to allow MVGSDR to ensure that the foster home is complying with all the terms stated here and in the Foster Home Agreement.
- f. MVGSDR has the right to reclaim the dog for any reason whatsoever.

4) **Crate:**

- a. MVGSDR will provide the foster home with a crate only if one is available to loan out. Otherwise, the foster home MUST provide a proper-sized crate or kennel run for the dog, if necessary.

5) **Food:**

- a. MVGSDR will provide dog food for the foster dog, if necessary. The foster home must notify MVGSDR if food is needed upon the transfer of the dog from MVGSDR to the foster home.
- b. The foster home MUST notify MVGSDR if they run out of food and need more. The foster home must give MVGSDR at least five (5) days notice of needed food before they run out completely, for MVGSDR to get it to the foster home. The foster home may purchase food if needed and will be reimbursed by MVGSDR at a later date.
- c. The foster home will feed the foster dog the following food recommended by MVGSDR:

6) **Foster Time Periods:**

- a. The foster caretaker understands that the foster dog **MUST** stay in the foster home for at least three (3) weeks before being put up for adoption and adopted out, unless otherwise decided by the MVGSDR Board of Directors.
- b. MVGSDR will make every effort to adopt out the foster dog to a new home as quickly as possible. However, MVGSDR makes no claim as to the maximum duration of a particular fostering placement.

7) **Training:**

- a. The foster caretaker will make every effort to train the foster dog in basic obedience - even if the foster caretaker must attend regular formal obedience classes with the foster dog.
- b. The foster caretaker will house train, crate train and teach the foster dog manners as to how a dog is supposed to act in a home environment.

8) **Informational Shows:**

- a. The foster caretaker will bring the foster dog to scheduled informational shows to showcase the dog.
- b. If the foster caretaker is not able to bring the foster dog to the scheduled informational show, they must notify MVGSDR three (3) to four (4) days **BEFORE** the show to allow MVGSDR to make additional plans for the foster dog to be picked up if necessary.

9) **Adoption Rights:**

- a. The foster caretaker has the right to adopt the foster dog before any other applicant can.
- b. The foster caretaker **MUST** notify MVGSDR that they are considering adopting the foster dog and **MUST** make a decision ten (10) days after they notify MVGSDR. Otherwise, MVGSDR will continue to attempt to find the dog a permanent home.

10) **Spay/Neuter:**

- a. The foster caretaker will take the dog to the clinic designated by MVGSDR to have the dog spayed/neutered on the date that MVGSDR has scheduled.
- b. The foster caretaker agrees that under no circumstances will the foster dog be used for breeding purposes if not spayed/neutered before placement in the foster home.

11) **Return:**

- a. If for any reason the foster situation is not satisfactory to the foster caretaker, or the foster caretaker fails to comply with all the terms and conditions of fostering, or if any misrepresentations have been made by the foster caretaker, the dog **MUST** be returned to MVGSDR immediately upon request.
- b. MVGSDR will accept return of the foster dog for any said reason. The foster caretaker must notify MVGSDR by phone and then in writing of the need to return the foster dog and state the reason for return.
- c. The foster caretaker **MUST** allow MVGSDR up to fourteen (14) days notice of the need to return the foster dog if requested to do so, to allow MVGSDR to make other arrangements for the dog in that time period. The notes taken by a MVGSDR Representative during the phone conversation will determine the "Start Date" for return.
- d. The foster dog must be in as good or better medical and physical condition as it was on the date of the initial Fostering Agreement. If the foster dog is returned in worse condition, the foster caretaker agrees to pay for the costs of returning the dog to the previous condition as it was at the date of the initial Foster Agreement.
- e. The foster caretaker understands that MVGSDR will make every effort to remove the foster dog from the foster home as quickly as possible. The foster caretaker understands that they must retain the foster dog until MVGSDR can relocate the dog to another location.
- f. The foster caretaker understands that MVGSDR will retake possession of the dog at an agreed upon time if the foster caretaker wishes to return the dog for any reason whatsoever.

12) **Inspection of the Dog:**

- a. The foster caretaker will allow MVGSDR to check up on the foster dog and the premises at any reasonable hour to determine the health and well being of the dog.
- b. The foster caretaker will allow MVGSDR to retake possession and custody of the foster dog at any time for any reason.

13) **Transfer of Ownership:**

- a. The foster dog may **NOT** be transferred to any other person, firm or corporation for any reason whatsoever.

14) **Location Changes:**

- a. The foster caretaker is to adequately and safely confine the foster dog at all times so that the dog does not wander or stray from the care of the foster home.
- b. The foster caretaker is to notify MVGSDR **IMMEDIATELY** if the foster dog has become lost or has strayed from the foster home.

- c. The foster caretaker is to notify MVGSDR if they plan on moving and/or if any changes in address or phone number occur.

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