



## BREEDING COLONY FOSTER FAMILY AGREEMENT

New  Renewal    Region \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

The foster family of a Guiding Eyes for the Blind brood or stud understands and agrees to the following conditions:

1. Guiding Eyes for the Blind is the sole owner of all broods and studs in its Breeding Colony. Upon retirement, Guiding Eyes for the Blind may offer the option for the foster to adopt the dog; however, the adopter must agree to transport the dog to GEB as needed, continue attendance at the Eye Clinic and other events, and comply with other GEB requests relating to the dog.
2. The responsible member of the foster family and the brood or stud shall attend all GEB-scheduled meetings and appointments, including (but not limited to) vet appointments, quarterly assessments, handling classes, and any appointments associated with the health, safety, or behavior of the brood or stud.
3. The foster family shall provide good quality food, shelter (in the house), and a healthy environment for the brood or stud.
4. The foster family of a brood shall notify the Canine Development Center on the **first day** that the brood shows signs of a heat, and shall be prepared to bring her to the Canine Development Center for breeding **by the second day of heat**, or as requested by GEB.
5. When you must be away and cannot bring your brood or stud with you, please use the foster sitting list or an approved personal sitter. **The Canine Development Center has limited capacity for boarding Breeding Colony members when no sitter is available, and requests cannot always be honored due to space limitations.** If you are unable to find a sitter and need help, please contact the Brood Stud Manager (845-230-6424) for assistance, as far in advance as possible. If you do travel with your brood or stud, please notify the Brood Stud Manager prior to your trip, to verify that the dog will not be needed during your absence. **The Foster family shall notify the Canine Development Center whenever a Brood or Stud is going to be away from home overnight.**
6. A Breeding Colony brood or stud shall not be boarded anywhere other than the following locations:
  - at the Canine Development Center
  - with an authorized family on the Brood Sitting program
  - at a GEB-approved veterinary clinic
  - at a GEB-approved boarding kennel
  - with a prior GEB-approved other family.
7. The foster family is responsible for transporting the brood or stud to and from the Canine Development Center for boarding, breeding, or health care.

8. The brood or stud **shall not be spayed or neutered** without written permission from Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Dogs retired from the program are normally spayed or neutered by GEB.
9. The brood or stud shall be on-lead or in a fenced area, and supervised at all times when outdoors.
10. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide all veterinary care with a veterinarian of its choosing until the dog is retired, at which time all veterinary care becomes the sole responsibility of the foster or adoptive family.
11. The brood or stud shall be kept in excellent physical condition, within an assigned weight range, and will be exercised daily on a leash or long line. The amount of exercise provided will be a minimum of 21 miles per week of walking or running. Obesity is a major cause of dystocia (difficulty in whelping) for the female and difficulty in copulation for the male. If the brood or stud becomes more than five pounds overweight (except when pregnant), the foster agrees to return the dog to GEB for possible placement with a sitter or another foster. Permanent re-homing may occur if the weight is not properly managed.
12. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide each brood or stud with a slip collar and a buckle collar carrying a current rabies tag and an ID tag showing the Canine Development Center phone number and/or address. In addition, the foster must obtain a town or state license and a foster family ID tag. The dog must wear its buckle collar with all ID tags at all times, whether in or out of the house. ID tags must be attached to the collar's buckle, not to the D-Ring.
13. The brood or stud shall be kept well-groomed and free from external parasites. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventive medications.
14. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide physical examinations of the dog at least twice yearly by a veterinarian of its choosing.
15. Decisions concerning the frequency of breeding and age of retirement are at the sole discretion of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Breeding and whelping locations, while usually conducted at the Canine Development Center, are at the discretion of Guiding Eyes for the Blind.
16. Development of future breeding dogs through cooperate efforts with other schools occasionally requires a breeding male or female to travel to other guide dog schools for breeding and/or whelping. These schools maintain the same high standards practiced by GEB and in all cases, the breeding dog will return to the foster as soon as possible. Broods or studs placed after January 1, 2009 may be required to participate in this international effort.
17. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall have direct control of all breeding of the brood or stud, and all other breeding of the dog is prohibited.
18. Guiding Eyes for the Blind retains sole ownership, and the right of determination of disposition, of all puppies resulting from the breeding of dogs in the breeding colony.
19. All fosters shall procure dog crates prior to receiving their dogs.
20. Fosters shall communicate with the dog's puppy raiser on a regular basis, consistent with maintaining a relationship and providing updates on the dog's health and well-being. In general, fosters shall contact the puppy raiser every other month for the first year, and quarterly thereafter.
21. The foster family will not be held liable for the loss of the dog.
22. Guiding Eyes for the Blind will not be held liable for damages or injury that may be caused by the brood or stud.

23. Due to the huge investment in time and love that our raisers devote to preparing their dogs as guides, suitable dogs that are retired from breeding within one year of placement may, at the discretion of Guiding Eyes for the Blind, be trained as guides, dogs for people with special needs or detection dogs. In the event that the former brood or stud is then released, eligible puppy raiser(s) have the first option to adopt. In the event that all eligible raisers decline adoption, the foster family will have the option to adopt the dog. If the foster family has fostered the dog for **less than six months (not including any sitting period)**, they shall pay the current adoption fee. If the foster family has fostered the dog for **more than six months (not including any sitting period)** no fee will be charged.
24. Guiding Eyes for the Blind owns the dog and shall maintain the sole authority regarding all health and placement decisions concerning the dog.
25. If the foster family moves to a new home beyond the approved distance from the Canine Development Center (more than 1 ½ hours away for broods or more than 1 hour away for studs), the dog will be returned to Guiding Eyes for the Blind and will be placed in a new foster home.
26. This agreement is renewable annually. In the event Guiding Eyes for the Blind elects not to renew the agreement at any time, the brood or stud shall be immediately returned to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AGREEMENT COMPLETELY AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

**Foster Family Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **(belongs to)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Period covered by this agreement** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guiding Eyes for the Blind**

**Witness** \_\_\_\_\_