

# GCHS Foster Volunteer – Expectations & Responsibilities

Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS)

## 1. Commitment to Medical & Veterinary Care

- All required medical appointments and treatments **must** be attended to support the animal's health and recovery.
- All veterinary care must be coordinated through GCHS.
- Any signs of illness, injury, or concerning behavior must be reported to the foster coordinator or our veterinary team immediately.

## 2. Foster Care Requirements

- Provide a safe, clean, and stable environment for the foster animal.
- Follow all feeding, medication, quarantine, and care instructions provided by GCHS.

## 3. Foster Animal Return & Notification Policy

- Advance notice is **required** if you are unable to continue fostering.
- **Unannounced returns** may result in **removal** from the foster program.
- All returns must be coordinated with GCHS staff.

## 4. Communication Expectations

- Maintain timely communication with the foster coordinator regarding updates, questions, or concerns.
- Inform GCHS promptly of any schedule changes that may affect your ability to foster.

## 5. Representation & Conduct

- Foster volunteers represent GCHS and are expected to act responsibly and respectfully.
- Follow all GCHS policies, guidelines, and instructions regarding animal welfare and safety.

## 6. Household Transparency

- Disclose all pets in your home and follow required separation or quarantine protocols when applicable.
- Ensure all household members agree to fostering and understand the responsibilities involved.

## 7. Adoption & Public Interaction

- All adoption processes are handled by GCHS — fosters may **not** rehome animals independently.
- Provide accurate, honest information about your foster animal's behavior, needs, and progress.

## 8. Termination of Foster Agreement

Foster privileges may be revoked if:

- Medical appointments are missed.

- Animals are returned without adequate notice.
- Policies, guidelines, or safety expectations are not followed.
- Any action compromises the health or welfare of the foster animal.

## **9. Acknowledgement and Agreement**

By participating in the GCHS foster program, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to follow all expectations and responsibilities outlined above.