

## **BROOD, Inc.**

3445 Seminole Trail, BOX 248, Charlottesville, VA 22911

www.brood-va.org

### **Foster Care Agreement**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Basset Rescue of Old Dominion (BROOD) is a non-profit charitable organization formed to locate and retrieve homeless, unwanted and/or mistreated basset hounds. Because the majority of these basset hounds come from county shelters, evaluation of the temperament and medical condition of the bassets before placing them in permanent homes is essential. Foster homes are critical for this evaluation and for the completion of BROOD mission.

BROOD and the foster home will share responsibilities for the care of the basset hound. BROOD responsibilities and those of the foster home are outlined below:

BROOD will:

1. Retain ownership of the basset hound until such time as a permanent home is found;
2. Provide for all authorized medical expenses (see No. 4 under foster home below);
3. Provide a foster care mentor who will provide advice and support should problems arise;
4. Provide an identification tag to be worn at all times;
5. Make every effort to provide a permanent home as soon as possible;
6. Approve the permanent homes for the basset hound;
7. Remove the basset hound at any time if the foster home requests it or if it is in the best interest of the basset hound;
8. Be responsible for making the necessary decisions regarding any long term medical care, surgical procedures or any final decisions required as to what treatment will or will not be provided in the case of terminal illness;
9. Retain the right to seek a second medical opinion from a BROOD approved Vet should BROOD believe it is necessary.

The FOSTER HOME will:

1. Provide food and shelter;
2. Be expected to spend time with the basset hound in order to evaluate the dog's temperament and disposition;
3. Immediately report any signs of aggression, behavior problems to BROOD, and report any illness, hospitalization or extensive treatments the dog may need;
4. Notify BROOD before any medical expenses are incurred. In the event of an emergency where a BROOD representative cannot be immediately contacted, the foster home is authorized to incur expenses up to and including \$200.00 for the care of the basset hound;
5. Participate in the evaluation of permanent homes.
6. Not transfer possession without BROOD's approval.
7. Keep an up to date record of all medical expenses and behavior problems noticed while the basset hound is in the foster home and provide BROOD with a completed "Foster Dog Assessment" form after having the dog in the home for at least 2 weeks.;
8. **Understand that BROOD has no prior knowledge of the foster basset hound's temperament, and therefore will take all due care to protect themselves and others that may come in contact with this basset hound. BROOD will not be liable for property damage or harm to persons caused by this basset hound while in the foster home's care.**

**AS REQUIRED BY THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, CHAPTER 787 3.1-796.96:4E, I/WE ALSO**

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**CERTIFY THAT I/WE HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, NEGLECT OR ABANDONMENT.**

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Foster Person)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of BROOD Agent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

We are deeply grateful for your willingness to share your home with a rescued basset. The first few days of fostering a new dog can be surprising, to say the least. **IF YOUR DOG(S) ESCAPE, CALL US IMMEDIATELY.** Then go look, leaving someone by the phone. We often will get a call that your dog has been found, but we can't find you! Also we may have tips for finding your lost dog. Please be sure the BROOD tag is kept on your dog at all times.

Although we DO NOT encourage it, if you decide to adopt your "foster basset," notify BROOD at once so we do not make other arrangements for it. DO NOT wait until a prospective adopter is inquiring about your foster dog to make this decision. An attempt by the foster to adopt at this time would be unfair to the prospective adopter, a potential embarrassment to BROOD, and would convey a lack of professionalism in our organization. Therefore adoption by the foster would most likely be denied. BROOD needs good foster homes! Many dogs are kenneled each year for lack of foster homes. Please consider your decision seriously. If you do decide to adopt please contact the Foster Team Leader, and the Adoptions Team Leader. You will only be allowed to adopt if you have had your "foster Basset" for at least two weeks **AND no other approved applicant has already expressed interest in your foster.** Remember, you are providing a vital service for the dogs, and when you adopt and withdraw as a foster home, though you may save one dog, many more will go wanting.

If you have any questions or problems that are not covered in the above or in our literature, please call your mentor named below for assistance.

BROOD Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this signed form to BROOD Inc., 3445 Seminole Trail, BOX 248, Charlottesville, VA 22911