
POINTERS IN NEED

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F O S T E R A G R E E M E N T

Firstly, thank you so much for Fostering for us – you play a critical role in the eventual adoption process.

Every Fosterer for POINTERS IN NEED (the Charity) is assigned a “Foster Co-ordinator”. Both parties are required to maintain regular contact in respect of upholding the terms of this agreement as set out below:

1. The Foster Pointer will at all times remain the ownership of the Charity. The Fosterer hereby agrees that fostering does not confer any legal rights of ownership to the Pointer in their care.
2. The Fosterer agrees to immediately surrender custody of the Pointer to a Charity’s representative on demand if required.
3. No Pointer shall be passed to any other part of a rescue or organisation without the Charity’s full knowledge and explicit written agreement.
4. The Charity is solely responsible for ongoing arrangements if the Pointer needs to be removed from a Foster home. The Pointer must not otherwise be removed without written agreement from the Charity.
5. The Fosterer will immediately notify the Charity of any changes in address or contact details.
6. The Charity must be consulted in advance if the Fosterer decides to foster or re-home another dog and/or other animal i.e. cat, from any other source at the same time as fostering from the Charity.
7. The Charity will advise the Fosterer of any known medical and/or behavioural issues of the dog at the outset. The Fosterer **must** immediately advise the Charity of any medical condition(s) or behavioural issue(s) that the Charity was not previously aware of or advised you of.
8. The Fosterer will keep an accurate record of the Pointer:
 - a. Pointer’s name and date of arrival into your care
 - b. Behavioural observations
 - c. Any medication administered (full details)
 - d. Diet
 - e. Any other pertinent information to assist in the rehoming of the dog
9. The Fosterer must immediately inform the Charity and the relevant authorities (e.g. local Police, Pet Log) if the Pointer in their care is involved in an accident or is lost or stolen.
10. The Fosterer must ensure that the Pointer wears a collar and/or harness with an identity tag containing contact details of both the Charity and the Fosterer. The collar should be worn at all times.
11. The Fosterer will provide the Charity with a preliminary assessment of the dog after a period of two weeks from date of arrival. A full assessment will be requested and must be provided after a period of six weeks. *Guidance on this will be provided by the Foster Co-ordinator.*

REHOMING:

1. The Fosterer shall not under any circumstances re-home any Pointer entrusted into their care by the Charity. All Pointers must be re-homed through the Charity using the established procedure.
2. The Fosterer will not arrange to carry out Home Checks at any time, other than by individual prior agreement with the Charity.
3. The Fosterer will not arrange to meet prospective adopters of the Pointer in advance of the Home Check, unless agreed beforehand, except for public events organised by, or attended by the Charity.
4. The Fosterer agrees that they will not arrange to meet any prospective adopter at the adopter's home, nor travel part way to meet them unless in circumstances agreed with the Charity.
5. The Charity will discuss applications of suitable adopters with the Fosterer.
6. The Charity will make the final decision with regards to where/whom the Pointer will be re-homed.

FOSTERER to ADOPTER?:

1. In the event that you become attached to a Charity foster dog in your care and decide that you would actually like to keep the dog and convert from being a Fosterer to an Adopter yourself, this can be arranged through the Charity's usual adoption channels and processes. Please contact us to discuss.
2. **However**, should the Charity be in advanced discussions with another potential adopter for the dog in question, ie paperwork completed, donation made etc, and you have given us NO indication beforehand that you would seriously like to adopt the dog yourself, the Charity will **NOT** be able to consider you for adoption, and the dog must be released to the new adopter when we instruct you to do so.
3. Only when there is NO ongoing interest in a dog that you are fostering for us, can you apply to adopt that dog.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, the Charity will always keep you updated on developments with any potential adopter.

THE FOSTERER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Fosterer will provide the Pointer with all the care and attention necessary for its health and well-being. This is to include adequate sleeping arrangements, food, water, exercise, socialising and vet care.
2. The Fosterer is to notify the Charity immediately of the Pointer's death or serious illness.
3. In the event of an emergency, the Fosterer must immediately contact the Charity and seek veterinary care if appropriate. For non-urgent vet treatment, the Fosterer must contact the Charity to agree the proposed treatment.
 - a. Any veterinary costs will be paid by the Charity, but the Fosterer MUST first seek agreement from the Charity with the likely costs to be incurred.
 - b. Where treatment is a life-or-death situation, and for whatever reason it is not possible to obtain an immediate agreement from the Charity, then the Fosterer may authorise treatment without agreement.
4. The Fosterer agrees to socialise the dog as much as possible and only ever use positive training methods. The Charity will give the Fosterer full support whenever needed.

- The Fosterer agrees that the Pointer is regularly walked, preferably at least twice a day. The Pointer should **never be allowed off lead**, no matter how experienced the Fosterer may be with Pointers, **unless** you have access to a fully fenced enclosed safe area, from which the dog cannot escape, and no other animals/people can get into. The Charity encourages the use of a 'long line' to allow a level of free running whilst maintaining control.

CHILDREN:

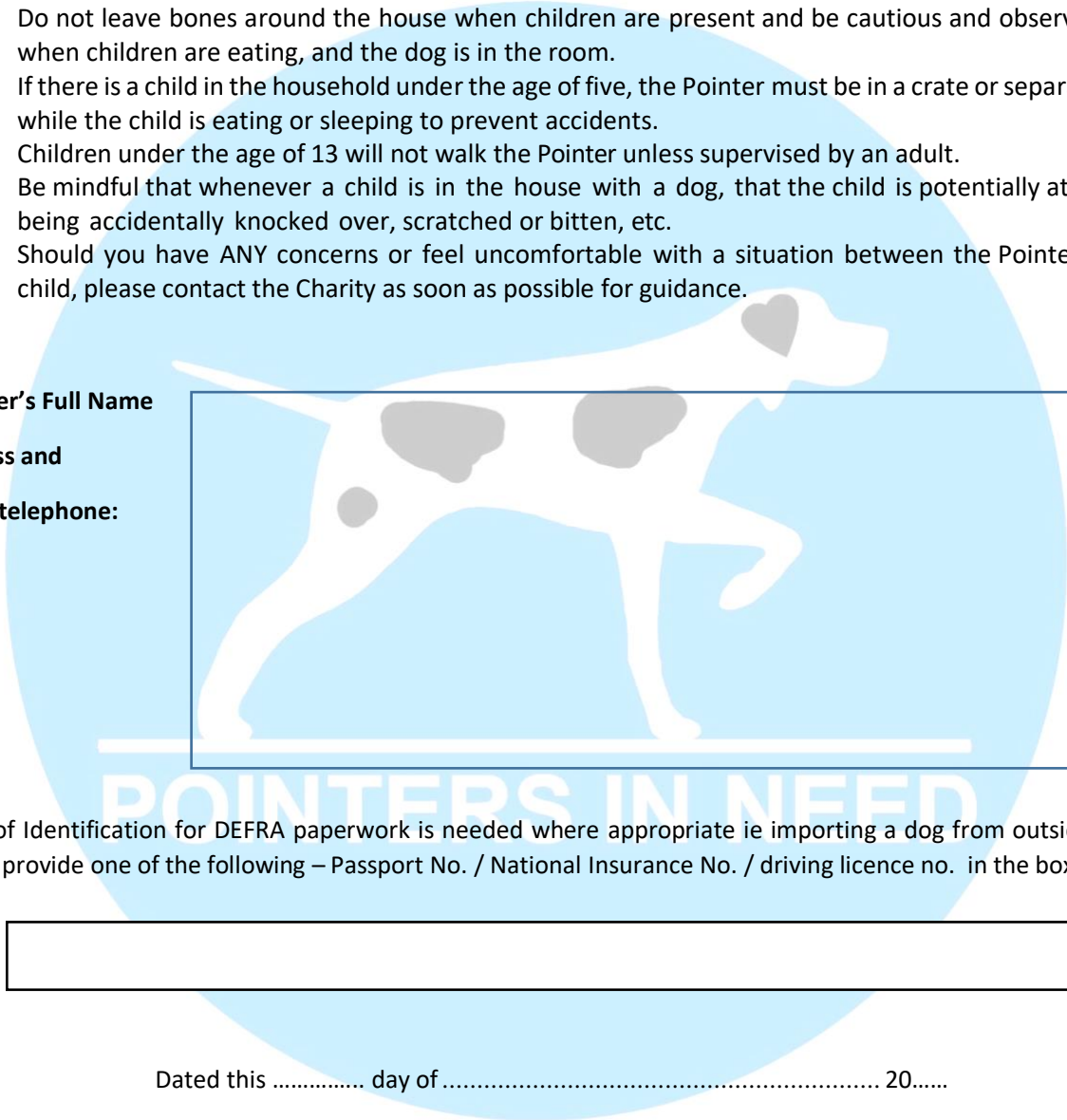
The Fosterer understands that the following protocols should be followed regarding children in and visiting the Foster house:-

- ❖ Do not under any circumstances leave a child unattended with any dog.
- ❖ Do not leave bones around the house when children are present and be cautious and observant when children are eating, and the dog is in the room.
- ❖ If there is a child in the household under the age of five, the Pointer must be in a crate or separate room while the child is eating or sleeping to prevent accidents.
- ❖ Children under the age of 13 will not walk the Pointer unless supervised by an adult.
- ❖ Be mindful that whenever a child is in the house with a dog, that the child is potentially at risk of being accidentally knocked over, scratched or bitten, etc.
- ❖ Should you have ANY concerns or feel uncomfortable with a situation between the Pointer and a child, please contact the Charity as soon as possible for guidance.

Fosterer's Full Name

Address and

Email/telephone:



Proof of Identification for DEFRA paperwork is needed where appropriate ie importing a dog from outside UK. Please provide one of the following – Passport No. / National Insurance No. / driving licence no. in the box below:

Dated this day of 20.....

Signed (On behalf of **Pointers In Need**):

Signed (**Fosterer**):

Privacy & Data Protection Notice:

1. Data Protection

Pointers In Need (The Charity) are committed to protecting and respecting Your privacy in accordance with the current Data Protection Legislation. Below is a summary of the main ways in which we process Your personal data.

2. How We Use & Disclose Your Personal Data and Who We Share it With

The Charity may use any personal data we hold about You for the purposes of adopting or fostering dogs. During the adoption/fostering process, we may need to share information to third-parties to facilitate the completion of the adoption/foster from the dog's current location to your home. This may necessitate the use of your personal data, particularly in relation to the transport, border control, animal passporting, veterinary services, and DEFRA regulatory requirements, and also to arrange any appropriate free insurance cover for the dog, and any other UK regulatory authority we may be obliged to comply with.

3. Sensitive Personal Data

Some of the personal information, such as the proof of your identity we may have asked for during the adoption/fostering process, may be required by The Charity for the specific purposes of fulfilling the adoption/fostering process. The provision of such data is conditional for The Charity to be able to complete the adoption/foster.

4. Your Rights

You have the right to see a copy of the personal information The Charity hold about You, to have Your data deleted, to have any inaccurate or misleading data corrected, or deleted. You may ask The Charity to provide a copy of Your data to and to lodge a complaint with the local data protection authority if necessary.

5. Retention

6. Your data will not be retained for longer than is absolutely necessary. In most cases the retention period will be for the period the animal remains alive and in your care. If You have a concern about the way The Charity have handled Your personal data, then You have the right to report this to the Information Commissioner's Office.

