

NPO 法人 Companion Animal Trust Nippon

Cat Fostering Agreement

This agreement covers the short term fostering by the undersigned person (henceforth referred to as the “fosterer”) of cats (including kittens) in the care of NPO Companion Animal Trust Nippon - (henceforth referred to as “NPO CATNIP”).

Basic principles:

The cat remains the legal property of NPO CATNIP.

The fosterer will care for the cat on a short term basis. The fostering period will be agreed cat by cat at the time of fostering.

The fosterer may return the cat to NPO CATNIP at 24 hours notice, or by agreement, earlier.

NPO CATNIP may remove the cat at **any time**, but will generally try to give at least 24 hour’s notice.

In principal, NPO CATNIP is responsible for the costs of bedding, litter, food and any medication the animal may require. These will be provided by NPO CATNIP, if required.

The fosterer will make the animal available to NPO CATNIP to be taken to a potential adopter.

NPO CATNIP’s policy is to vaccinate, neuter/spay and microchip all animals prior to adoption, as far as is practicable. The fosterer will make the animal available for these procedures, if requested.

NPO CATNIP will **always divulge** any relevant information it has about the cat to the fosterer, including vaccination status, neutering status, medical conditions, results of blood-tests, flea treatments and behavioural issues. However this is done on a “best efforts” basis - there may be things about the cat that NPO CATNIP does not know. For this reason NPO CATNIP cannot completely guarantee that the cat has no diseases or conditions that may be transmitted to the fosterer’s animals. In principle, NPO CATNIP will show the fosterer the originals of vaccination certificates and test results, and give the fosterer copies for their records.

The fosterer agrees to:

Keep cats indoors at all times;

Socialise the cat as appropriate;

Give the cat any medication it requires, as directed;

Care for the cat in a responsible manner, as befitting a companion animal;

Contact CATNIP within 4 hours if the cat should go missing;

Keep their own animals up to date with vaccinations and inform NPO CATNIP if those animals' disease status changes;

Inform NPO CATNIP if an unvaccinated or sick animal is brought onto the premises;

Inform NPO CATNIP immediately if the cat becomes unwell. Unless it is an emergency, the fosterer will not take the animal to a vet without NPO CATNIP's permission.

Care for and return any equipment provided with the animal at the end of the fostering period.

Give NPO CATNIP regular updates as to the animal's progress.

The fosterer agrees NOT to:

Rehome an animal or place it in some other person's care without the prior written permission of NPO CATNIP.

Spend any money on the animal for which they expect to be reimbursed without prior agreement with NPO CATNIP, unless it is for emergency medical treatment and they have been unable to contact NPO CATNIP for authorisation. (In such a case NPO CATNIP will reimburse modest, reasonable costs only.)

The fosterer undertakes not to hold NPO CATNIP morally, legally or financially liable for injury or damage to persons, other animals or property done by the cat while it is in the fosterer's care. This includes damage to the fosterer's apartment

The extent of the fosterer's legal liability:

The cat is the property of NPO CATNIP and the fosterer is acting as a guardian appointed by NPO CATNIP on a temporary basis. Should the cat becomes sick, or

escape, or die suddenly while in the fosterer's care, the fosterer agrees to inform NPO CATNIP promptly and help NPO CATNIP to establish exactly what has happened.

NPO CATNIP understands that in such a situation a fosterer may be distressed and possibly embarrassed. Some cats can be "difficult". Their behaviour may change when they are in the fosterer's home. People sometimes make mistakes. Accidents happen.

In such cases NPO CATNIP's focus is on providing a supportive environment in which the facts can be established and any lessons learned - not on "trying to find people to blame". NPO CATNIP believes it has an informal duty of care to fosterers too, as regards their interaction with NPO CATNIP animals - and thus supports them as best it can.

Both NPO CATNIP and the fosterer are subject to Japan's Animal Welfare Law. NPO CATNIP would consider taking legal action against a fosterer **ONLY** if it believed the fosterer had given an animal away, or deliberately neglected, abused or been cruel to an animal, contrary to Japanese law.

Signed:

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