



Foster Program Contract

Foster Dog Name:

Birthdate:

Color:

Microchip #

Foster Parent(s):

Address:

Email:

Your cell:

Spouse Cell:

Instructions to your house: _____

1. This foster dog's rabies vaccination was last given on or will be given on _____ and will need to be given every 3 to 5 years following this date. You will call Marijo Delap at 406-381-9456 one month before your pet's vaccination is due to schedule an appointment. Take her to Valley Pet Clinic. But You must inform me.

2. This foster dog's vaccination was **last given** on or will be given on

You will need to call Marijo Delap at 406-381-9456 one month before your pet's vaccination is due to schedule an appointment.

3. **Veterinarian:** What one person feels is an emergency another may not. With this in mind, you are ONLY the foster parent and Marijo Delap is the owner of this foster dog. I am available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you feel there is a medical emergency with your foster dog, contact Mari Jo Delap at 406-381-9456 Please leave a detailed voicemail if you cannot reach me. If I do not call you back within a few minutes you have the right to take your foster dog to the veterinarian at Marijo Delap's expense (unless stated in paragraph 3a.)

If you do not follow the protocol and do not try to contact me, you will be held responsible for the veterinarian bill.

Business hours (8:00am – 5:00pm), also for emergency after hours, we use the following veterinarian:

Valley Pet Clinic – Dr. Joe Melnarik
1420 South First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-5390

Please call before you go. The vet works by appointment only (unless in an emergency). Furthermore, please let them know that this is one of Marijo Delap's foster dogs. _____

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3a. **Medical:** Foster family will be responsible if your foster dog contacts fleas, chewing lice, proper removal of ticks (do not attempt to remove a tick yourself) and treatment of infected ears. Infected ears may be treated with ear wash only while your foster dog is pregnant and must be approved by a vet for a pregnant dog. Anal glands are also at your expense, so do have the anal glands expressed before they need medical attention for an abscess. Also, medical expenses will be your responsibility if your foster dog becomes ill or injured due to negligence on your part. _____

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4. **Food:** I feed ProPlan Salmon and Rice (sensitive and skin, small bites) Your dog must stay on this. I will have this delivered to your door. It is your responsibility to let me know when you are getting low, 2 weeks before you need food. I do not want your dog on any other food unless authorized by me. Too many dog foods have peas, lintel, and white/sweet potatoes, which are causing dogs to die from DCM. **Your foster dog must not be free fed, meaning food cannot be left for her to eat all day.** This causes a picky dog plus it is impossible to monitor how much she is eating. She may be given 20 minutes to eat, whatever she has not eaten must be removed. No human food (unless approved by me) or table scraps may be fed to your foster dog. You must keep your foster dog at an ideal body weight, she must not be overweight, which can cause difficulties with delivery. _____

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5. **Treats:** I do not give a lot of treats as excessive treat intake can result in obesity. I recommend Zukes Mini Naturals for training treats, Natural Organic treats for special treats, or anything natural that do not contain peas, potatoes, and sweet potatoes. I also suggest baby carrots, apples, bananas, green beans, cabbage frozen brussels sprouts. **Grapes, raisins, chocolate, garlic, all nuts, raw onions, and avocados are deadly, Xylitol in sugar-free products is especially dangerous. Please do not feed your foster dog any treats that contain wheat, corn, soy, or gluten, peas, potatoes, or sweet potatoes.** _____

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6. **Toys:** I recommend Kong and Nylabone toys and no-stuff toys, squeaky toys. I do not recommend using tennis balls, the inside of a tennis ball is dangerous to dogs and dogs tend to chew up tennis balls.

7. **Chews:** I recommend all-natural bully sticks (with limited time chewing and only during supervision), antlers, Zuke's Z-ridge bones, and raw bones. I strongly recommend elk antlers. **Rawhide is not permitted.**

8. **Grooming:** It is your responsibility to make sure your foster dog is kept in good grooming condition. She will need brushed weekly. Keep her nails trimmed and anal glands expressed when needed to prevent an anal gland abscess. Valley Pet Clinic will do nails for \$10 and anal glands expressing for \$22, both as a walk in. These both are at your expense.

9. **Boarding:** There is never any charge to board your foster dog. You will, however, need to call me and let me know when you will need to board your foster dog. BUT please do not take advantage of this service. I've had foster homes bring their foster dog over because they want a break, or they need to do errands. You wouldn't do this if I charged you \$20 a day. As that is what I charge for boarding of other dogs.

10. I understand that life happens and sometimes things are out of our control. I also understand that an accident is just that... an accident. This dog's safety and well-being is of the utmost importance to me. I trust you with my puppy/dog and my business. If something dreadful accidentally happens to this dog, I will not hold you financially liable for the dog, unless it is deemed from neglect or abuse.

11. **It is always your responsibility to get the foster dog to us and pick the foster dog up. I will do my best to help if I can, but I do not promise that I will ever be able to help.** _____

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12. **You MUST notify Marijo Delap if there is any address change and/or if you plan on moving out of town or changes in phone numbers. I must always be able to contact you. If you do move out of town, I have the right to take the foster dog back. If you move out of town with the foster dog, without notifying me, criminal charges will be filed.** _____

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13. You must notify Marijo Delap when the foster dog comes in heat. You must bring her to me within the first 3 days following her first day of heat. It is my choice whether I breed her or not. Your foster dog will retire to you at no charge on or before her 6th birthday. _____

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14. If/when your dog is pregnant, you must bring her to me 7 days before her due date, which I will provide you with. She will be with me for approximately 6 weeks. The first time will be difficult while she is away. Please remember that this is why you are a foster parent. Do remember that ultimately, she is my dog. _____

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15. Twice a year, I will be taking your foster dog for heart and eye clearance throughout her breeding life. This will take most the day, most heart and eye clinics are at dog shows in different cities, if the clinics are not being held in Montana, I may have to take your foster dog to a different state which require an overnight stay.

16. Foster family may not join me and the female for vet appointments concerning pregnancy. I will be taking her to all vet appointments that are related to her pregnancy ie; progesterone testing, and X-rays. I now do the ultrasounds here at my house, you are welcome to come to the ultrasound. Every aspect of pregnancy is my concern. Again, please remember that she is my dog.

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17. Absolutely no dog parks. Dog parks carry potential hazards like the spread of parvo and /or aggressive dogs that may hurt your foster dog. **While walking, she must remain on a leash, no matter how trained she may be.** Cavaliers are very curious dogs by nature and without notice, may run after a bird onto a oncoming car or other dangers.

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18. If you choose to foster a puppy less than 2-years-old, there are some stipulations that you should be aware of:

- a. Your puppy has not completed all her health testing. During her first 2 years, you will need to bring her to our home more often to obtain the clearances that we require for our breeding program. We will do our best to let you know a week in advance; however, we are not promising that we can always give you that notice.

- b. Your puppy has not received all her puppy inoculations. During her first year, you will need to bring her to our home more often to receive the vaccinations that the state requires. You will need to bring your puppy to our home on the following dates for shots: **This is your responsibility to contact me when she is due for vaccination. Please keep this in mind**

- _____ **(done)** _____
- _____
- _____

- c. If for some reason, your foster puppy does not pass all the health clearances that we require for our breeding program, we will be forced to retire your puppy before ever breeding. If this happens, you will have the first opportunity to purchase your foster puppy for \$2000; you will also be required to get the puppy spayed at your own expense and provide us with proof. Once you provide us with proof of spay, all the puppy's papers will be signed over to you. If you choose not to purchase this puppy, you may return it to us to sell and get another foster dog or puppy.

We love our foster program, and we are thrilled that you want to embark on this journey with us. Your foster dog is well worth it! We invite you to call or email Marijo Delap any time with questions, concerns, or funny stories.

We are always here for you.

I, _____, fully understand and agree to all aspects of Bitterroot Cavaliers Foster Program listed on this contract. I understand that this dog belongs to Marijo Delap, and I am the only foster parent. I understand that as much as I may fall in love with this dog, I cannot purchase her before she retires. Lastly, I understand that Marijo Delap, owner of Bitterroot Cavaliers may change or edit this contract at any time during the foster period.

THINGS THAT YOU NEED TO REMEMBER, THAT THIS IS MY DOG. THAT YOU MUST NOTIFY ME IF SHE COMES INTO HEAT, WHEN SHE NEEDS DOG FOOD, OR ANY CHANGES. YOU MUST NOT CHANGE HER DOG FOOD AT ANYTIME; YOU ARE NOT TO BUY HER FOOD. SHE IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE SHAVED OR TRIMMED UNTIL I GET PICTURES OF HER AND THIS IS USUALLY AT OR AROUND THE AGE OF 2.

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Foster Parent

Date

Marijo Delap

Date

Marijo Delap – Bitterroot Cavaliers – 232 Roaring Lion Rd. Hamilton, MT. 59840
(C) 406-381-9456 (text messages are preferred unless there is an emergency)