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Application to Foster Companion Animal

Please complete all sections and when completed please submit this form to Council.

I,

_____ (NAME)

Of

_____ (ADDRESS)

_____ (SUBURB)

_____ (STATE)

_____ (POSTCODE)

_____ (TELEPHONE)

_____ (D.O.B.)

_____ (IDENTIFICATION – e.g. Licence)

Animal Details

Species: _____ Breed: _____

Name: _____ Colour: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Sex: Male/Female Desexed: Yes No

Microchip No.: _____ Shelter Manager Code: _____

Is/has the animal been subject to an Order or Declaration under the
Companion Animals Act 1998: Yes No

Foster Information Checklist

Do you have any previous experience in foster caring? If yes, please outline your experience

Have you previously fostered for any other organisations? Yes No

If yes, how long ago? _____

Are you willing to administer medication if necessary? Yes No

What type of home do you live in? House / Semi-detached / Villa / Unit / Other: _____

Do you have permission to foster animals in your home? (strata laws/landlord) Yes No

How many people live in your home? Adults: _____ Children: _____

If any children reside in or frequently visit your home, what are their Age/s: _____

Do you have a separate area where you are able to keep your foster dog? Yes No

If you have a yard, please describe fencing type and height –

Type: Paling / Wire / Colorbond / Other: _____ Height: _____

Is your yard secure with latched gates? Yes No

Does your home have a pool or dam? Yes No

If yes, describe any fencing:

When you are at home, the dog would be: Indoors Outdoors Both

When you are not at home, the dog would be: Indoors Outdoors Both

Where would the dog sleep: Indoors Outdoors Both

Have you experience in dog training or dog behaviour? Yes No

If yes, please provide further information:

Do you have access to transport to/from Council's veterinary clinic for health check/concern?

Yes No

Do you have pets of your own? Yes No If yes, please list below

Pets currently residing in your home:

| Species/Breed | Name | Age | Sex |
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If applicable: Are your pets up to date with their vaccinations and parasite prevention?

Yes No

Declaration

In submitting this document, I acknowledge that:

- I understand that when I care for Lithgow City Council animals in my home, I am doing so strictly as a volunteer and in the spirit of volunteerism.
- By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is true and correct, and I realise any misrepresentation of facts may result in my losing the privilege of fostering pets. I understand that Lithgow City Council has the right to deny my request to foster animals in any situation that would be contrary to Lithgow City Council policies, the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, or any other legal requirement or when not in the best interest of the animal/s.
- I agree to provide clean, warm, dry, comfortable housing, bedding and adequate space to accommodate all foster animal(s) without crowding.
- I agree to never let a dog off leash outside of my home boundary under any circumstances.
- I understand and agree that when signing as a new foster carer, prior to my first foster, my home will be inspected to ensure appropriate and adequate provision is available for animal/s coming into my care (either by an Animal Shelter Officer or Ranger of Lithgow City Council).
- I understand that there may be instances where an animal may no longer be considered to be healthy or treatable and may be euthanised after consideration from a veterinarian. I agree to contact Lithgow City Council immediately if there are any health or behaviour changes in the animal(s).
- If the foster animal(s) become sick or injured while in my care, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact Lithgow City Council for diagnosis and treatment. I will not take the animal to my own veterinarian unless in the case of emergency and with prior approval.
- I agree that the animal will be returned when requested by Lithgow City Council.
- If I for any reason am unable to directly care for the said animal, I understand that I cannot give the animal(s) away or sell to another person or authorise another person to care for the said animals.
- I understand if I or another person wishes to adopt the foster animal(s) I will follow the normal adoption process.
- I understand that Lithgow City Council is not responsible for any damage caused by the foster animal(s) in my home.
- I agree to disinfect the area/room and items (collar, lead, toys, bed etc.), which foster animals will use in between foster placements.
- I agree to house all canines in an approved, safe, fully enclosed area at all times which prevents the animal from escaping or any other animal obtaining access to them and I will advise Lithgow City Council as soon as possible if the animal escapes.
- I will be responsible for the safe transportation for the collection and return of animals.
- All items provided to me by Lithgow City Council to care for the foster animal(s) will always remain the property of Lithgow City Council and must be returned if requested.
- I agree that I will protect the privacy and confidentiality of any information that I become aware of as a foster carer for Lithgow City Council. I agree that I will not use or disclose information other than for the purpose for which the information was first collected.
- I hereby indemnify Lithgow City Council against any claim, liability, complaint or demand made in respect of any pets I may care for. I understand and acknowledge the terms and conditions of this foster care agreement and understand that the signatory acknowledges on behalf of myself that the agreement is understood and accepted.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PRIVACY & PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION NOTICE

By completion of this form, you may be providing Council with personal information. Council will collect the information only for a lawful purpose directly related to the function of Council. Information provided to Council may be used in conjunction with any of Council's business operations. We will take reasonable care not to disclose personal information. Exempt documents may come under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

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