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Dedicated to working in partnership with terminally ill persons as they seek new homes for their animal companions.

www.safeplacepets.org

Foster Information

How Pets Are Selected For Fostering?

A Safe Place Board member certifies that a true safe place situation exists: a person with a terminal condition has a companion animal with no other recourse for placement. A Safe Place representative visits and evaluates the pet to determine if it is adoptable and what, if anything, the owner needs to do to make the pet adoption ready. This means that the animal has been spayed/ neutered, that all shots are current, and that a recent (within 12 months) vet visit has certified this to be a healthy animal. Copies of all shot records must be given to Safe Place to keep in the foster file.

What Happens During Fostering?

Since the pet is coming from a home companion environment, we do not expect the emotional problems associated with shelter animals (sickness, trauma, abuse). The pet will, however, be going through some degree of separation grief. It needs to be shown that it is loved and cared for as part of a new family. The animal needs to know it will be fed on a regular schedule, provided a safe place to sleep, and be exercised, socialized, and groomed as necessary. You may have to take them to the vet for an exam, shots, medication or emergency treatment. Any expenses incurred will be paid by Safe Place as long as you are going to one of our approved vets. Any problems should be reported to the Safe Place contact person at once.

What Is A Foster's Role In The Adoption Process?

Safe Place does not expect you to provide for the adoption of the animal. We have an adoption procedure in place. All potential adoptive parents must call 359-0201 or go online at www.safeplacepets.org to fill out an adoption application. A visit with the pet and the adoptive prospect will be arranged by Safe Place. The Safe Place representative will observe the meeting of the pet and the whole family. If there is an incident during this meeting which leads the Safe Place representative to doubt the advisability of the adoption, they will contact the Safe Place Placement Coordinator at once. The foster may make recommendations, but may not approve or disapprove an adoption.

Foster parents will not be considered as adoptive parents for specific animals until all attempts to secure a permanent home for the animal have been exhausted, or until the fostered animal has been in the foster home for a period of 3 months without possibility of placement.

What Is The Role Of The Safe Place Placement Coordinator?

The Safe Place Placement Coordinator is the link between the Safe Place program and the foster parent. Any questions, concerns, or requests for assistance should be directed to that person. If you have any questions or concerns about your Placement Coordinator, please contact Safe Place at 719-359-0201.

What Costs Are Associated With Fostering?

The foster parent is expected to provide appropriate food in quantity appropriate for the size and age of the animal. You will be advised on the right brand of dog food. Whenever possible the animal's food should not be changed from what the surrendering family used. An animal bed or blanket, transportation kennel, chew bones or toys may be needed unless provided by the surrendering family. If a crate is needed Safe Place will provide one. Safe Place will pay for any medical expenses, advertising, foster equipment, behavioral training, litter, and special food if necessary. If the animal does not have a collar or leash, you can get one and Safe Place will reimburse you. You will be responsible for obtaining a Safe Place tag with our phone number from a Safe Place representative and attaching that to the animal's collar. Of course, if you can't afford to put the money up front for any items, let Safe Place know. Please save any receipts for items you purchase so that you can be reimbursed by our Treasurer.

Reminders:

- ♥ Safe Place will do periodic site visits to ensure you are keeping the pet safe in accordance with licensing regulations
- ♥ The most important thing you will be providing is you love and attention.
- ♥ DO NOT promise the pet to any prospective adopter without permission from the Safe Place Placement Coordinator
- ♥ DO NOT put the pet in a kennel or another home. Call Safe Place if you must be away.
- ♥ DO NOT go to a vet or groomer that isn't on our approved list. We get special rates at our vets and cannot be responsible for bills incurred elsewhere.
- ♥ This pet will be a part of your family and be treated as you would your own pet. You will be providing a place for this animal to sleep, eat, exercise, and play.
- ♥ Be sure your other family pets are current on their vaccinations.
- ♥ Feel free to encourage friends and family to fill out an adoption application by calling 359-0201 or online at www.safeplacepets.org.

Approved Veterinarians (non-emergency care):

Pre-approval is required for all non-emergency care. Contact the Placement Coordinator for pre-approval.

Fillmore Veterinary Hospital
1010 E. Fillmore Ave
Colo. Spr., CO 80907
(719) 633-3808

Buxton Veterinary Hospital
4740 Flintridge Drive
Colo. Spr., CO 80918
(719) 598-5377

In the event of an emergency contact Safe Place and immediately go to:

**Animal Emergency Care Center
5520 N. Nevada Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
(719) 260-7141**

Safe Place Placement Coordinator:

Name: _____

Phone: _____