

# Foster care agreement

This agreement is for use by persons or rescue organisations that wish to temporarily care for an animal(s) that has been surrendered to BARC



## Animal details

Name			
Species	Breed		
Impound no.	Colour		
Microchip no.	Sex	Age	
Release date			

For help and to return this form

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## 1 Foster carer's details

Name		
Phone	Email	
Home address		
Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have read and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set out at Section 3 of this agreement.  I warrant I have not signed this Agreement in reliance on any representation, promise, statement, conduct, or inducement by or on behalf of the Council, otherwise than as recorded in this document.  I understand that I will need to show my licence or other form of identity for verification purposes.	

## 2 Term of agreement

This agreement is effective from  to

The term of this Agreement can be extended with written approval from the Animal Adoption Officer or the Team Leader, Administration and Rehoming.

This agreement can be terminated by either party at any time.

Upon expiration of this Agreement, the animal must be returned to BARC within 24 hours.

## 3 Terms and conditions

Definitions      BARC is Blacktown Animal Rehoming Centre  
Foster carer is the person identified in 1. Above.  
Council is Blacktown City Council and BARC

**Foster care period**      1. This agreement commences on the date it is signed by the parties and will continue until terminated in writing by either party (Foster Period).

### Foster Carer's obligations

- **General obligations**      2. During the Foster Care Period, the Foster Carer:
  - a. will care for the animal in their home on a volunteer basis
  - b. will meet the daily needs of the animal, including without limitation feeding, cleaning, socialisation, training, medication and affection



- c. will adhere to an individual Foster Care Plan provided with each animal including any special health or behaviour management instructions as specified by staff at BARC
  - d. must not give away, sell or authorise another person to care for the animal
  - e. must inform other members of their household of their voluntary care role for the animal and use their best endeavours to ensure that other household members abide by the terms of this Agreement
  - f. must notify BARC immediately of any change to their contact details listed in the Foster Care Plan
  - g. must contact BARC and apply through the formal adoption process if they wish to adopt the animal
  - h. must keep foster dogs on lead when outside the foster carers home and must not take the dog to any off-leash dog parks
  - i. must keep all foster cats and kittens inside, with no outside or balcony access, unless in a fully-secure cat enclosure.
- **Expenses**
    3. During the Foster Care Period, the Foster Carer will be responsible for all costs associated with the following:
      - a. food, unless otherwise agreed
      - b. dry and comfortable bedding
      - c. toys
      - d. food bowls and water bowls
      - e. lead and collar
  - **Condition of home environment**
    4. The Foster Carer agrees to provide animals with a safe, enriching and loving home environment for the duration of the Foster Period
    5. The Foster Carer will ensure the animal has access to clean, dry and comfortable bedding at all times.
    6. The Foster Carer will contain the animal in an approved, safe, enclosed area at all times which prevents the animal from escape. The Foster Carer must contact BARC immediately if the foster animal escapes from the Foster Carer's property.
  - **Travel**
    7. The Foster Carer agrees to collect the animal from BARC and return it to BARC for regular health and behaviour progress checks specified in the Foster Care Plan or when requested by staff at BARC
    8. The Foster Carer will be responsible for costs associated with travelling to and from BARC for the purpose specified in 2.5(a), unless otherwise agreed
    9. The Foster Carer will ensure the animal(s) is appropriately contained or restrained whilst travelling in a vehicle
  - **Animal health and behaviour**
    10. The Foster Carer will adhere to an individual Foster Care Plan provided with the animal including any special health or behaviour management instructions as specified by staff at BARC
    11. The Foster Carer agrees to contact BARC immediately if there are any health or behavioural changes in the animal
    12. The Foster Carer will notify BARC immediately if they notice any changes to the animal's appetite.



13. If the animal becomes sick or injured during the Foster Period, the Foster Carer will contact BARC immediately for assessment and treatment

#### **BARC obligations**

14. BARC will provide the Foster Carer with a Foster Care Plan containing instructions on any behavioural or health requirements

15. If the animal becomes sick or injured, BARC will provide the veterinary services after being contacted accordingly. If the Foster Carer takes the animal to another vet clinic without permission from the Foster Care Officer or Welfare Officer, the Foster Carer may be liable for any vet or related expenses

16. BARC will provide the Foster Carer with a contact number for an emergency situation relating to the care of the animal or the ability of the Foster Carer to provide foster care

#### **Risk and Release**

- **Risk**

17. The Foster Carer acknowledges that whilst the animal has been assessed for temperament, animal behaviour can be unpredictable and reasonable caution must be exercised when handling the animal

18. The Foster Carer agrees to care for the animal at their sole risk.

- **Release**

19. The Foster Carer unconditionally releases and indemnifies BARC to the full extent permitted by law from all loss which arises in respect of any accident, damage, injury or death to any person or property as a result of or in connection with the animal whilst

20. the animal is in the care of the Foster Carer

#### **Confidentiality**

21. The contents of this Agreement and any other information provided by BARC to the Foster Carer and marked as confidential must not be disclosed by the Foster Carer to any person without the prior written consent of BARC

22. Clause 21 continues notwithstanding the determination or the earlier termination of this Agreement.

#### **Termination**

23. If for any reason the Foster Carer is unable to continue to care for the animal, the Foster Carer will contact BARC as soon as possible by the contact method specified in the Foster Care Plan.

24. The Foster Carer will return the animal to BARC if other members of their household impact on the safety and care of the animal, or if the animal impacts the safety and care of another member of the household.

25. Any items provided to the Foster Carer by BARC to care for the animal continue to remain the property of BARC and must be returned at the conclusion of this Agreement or when requested by BARC.

### **Privacy notice**

We are collecting this information to process your request. We may not be able to do so without it. You must supply it under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

We will store your personal information on our systems or in our offices, where it will be used by our staff and contractors. Other people can request access to it under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*. You can ask us to suppress your personal information from a public register and we will consider your request in line with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*. Our *Privacy Management Plan* sets out how you can access or correct your personal information. Please visit [www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au) for a copy of the plan.

I have read and accept the Privacy notice



## Office use

<b>Authorised by</b>	Staff name	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
	Position	<input type="text"/>		



I witnessed the abovementioned person make this statement, and have sighted and verified their identity.

### Notes/comments