

GATEWAY TO CANINE PARTNERSHIPS (GCP) FOSTER PLACEMENT

Fostering with approved volunteers, organizations or students must be:

1. Screened by trained GCP teams as appropriate foster families
2. Sign agreements and protocols concerning the foster care arrangements.
3. Attend training before and during fostering as recommended by training team.
4. Provide required documentation of time and training given to puppy. Must complete daily logs of time spent with foster-dog/puppy, what training was done and what training accomplishments have been met.
5. Be willing to adhere by GCP's training and etiquette protocols.
6. Be 18 years of age.
7. Foster families will not be approved if any of the following factors are noted:
 - ✓ History of Physical abuse.
 - ✓ Currently abusing or addicted to alcohol or drugs.
 - ✓ History of arrest or convictions, misdemeanor or felony especially charges of domestic violence or any crime against family, person or animal. (Must give written permission to allow GCP to do a background check)
 - ✓ Do not have adequate space to keep a foster-dog/puppy including an unfenced yard or dog run. Each foster family home will have a physical evaluation done by a GCP representative prior to taking possession of foster-dog/puppy.
 - ✓ Unable to attend required training blocks at GCP facility.
 - ✓ Unable to provide the necessary time and commitment.
 - ✓ Have more than two dogs in the home.

Some questions to ask before you decide to be a foster family:

1. Does your job require you to travel a lot or require your foster-dog/ puppy to be crated more than 12 hours per day?
2. Do you recognize dogs are social animal that need interaction with people and other animals?
3. Will you walk your foster-dog/puppy at least twice daily for at least 20 minutes or more? Are you physically able to walk your foster-dog/puppy? (Puppies will require less time for the first few months).
4. Will you schedule weekend time engaging your foster-dog/puppy in fun activities?
5. Do you have a backup plan if you are unable to care for your four-legged friend for any reason?

Release of Information

Release of information requested from: _____

I authorize Gateway To Canine Partnerships to obtain information regarding criminal background history for the purpose of determining eligibility for fostering Gateway owned foster-dog/puppies to train as potential service dogs. The release will be in affect for a minimum of 30 days and not more than 1 year.

*AGREEMENT

I understand and agree that Gateway to Canine Partnerships and all of its representatives and volunteers, will not be liable for any problems which develop, provided reasonable care and precautions are followed, thereby releasing them of any liability of any kind while in my possession.

I further understand and agree that any problems that may develop with my foster-dog/puppy will be treated as deemed best by our staff and volunteers of Gateway to Canine Partnerships.

I certify that I have read and understand the policies of Gateway to Canine Partnerships as set forth that I have read and understand the conditions and statements of this agreement.

Signed this date _____ by _____ (Foster family member) and witnessed by an approved Gateway to Canine Partnerships representative) _____ (staff or volunteer initials)

***Note: GCP will be responsible for all immunizations for foster-dogs/puppies and spay and neuter costs.**

GATEWAY TO CANINE PARTNERSHIPS POLICY FOR FOSTER HOMES

- 1.** Volunteer applications will be completed for anyone requesting approval to be a dog/puppy foster family.
- 2.** Gateway staff or volunteers will evaluate each foster home prior to approval, to make sure homes and yards meet GCP standards.
- 3.** Foster families will commit to attending all training blocks with their foster dog/puppy as required by GCP trainers.
- 4.** Foster families will promise to train their foster dog/puppy according to GCP training protocols when at home.
- 5.** Foster families are responsible for providing approved dog food and promise to make sure their foster dog/puppy is fed as instructed and has access to clean dog food and water bowls at all times.
- 6.** Foster families will relinquish possession of dog/puppy when GCP has identified his/hers human partner.
- 7.** Gateway retains the right to conduct random inspections at any time while Gateway dog/puppy is in a foster home.