



## **Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue Volunteer/Foster Acknowledgement and Release**

I desire to become a (\_\_\_) Volunteer (\_\_\_) Foster Home Provider (FHP) for Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue (SCGRRescue). To become such a Volunteer and/or Foster Home Provider, I hereby expressly acknowledge the following basic facts that will govern my status as such Volunteer and/or SCGRRescue:

1) As a Volunteer, I may be called upon to rescue a dog (whether a Purebred Golden Retriever or a Golden Retriever Mix) from one or more shelters or private residences (for owner turn-ins). Said animal will be entrusted to me for proper and safe delivery to a designated vet or foster home. I promise to take utmost care of each rescued dog, while said animal is in my possession, including, but not limited to, the providing of food, water and shelter as needed until such time as the rescued dog can be adopted. I also promise to notify SCGR Rescue if any dog so entrusted to me is in need of veterinary care (such as vaccinations, routine testing and refill of heartworm preventives treatment for illness, so that the care required can be provided to the dog in a timely and proper manner. Additionally, I promise to provide each animal in my care with adequate control of external parasites (fleas and ticks) during such animal's duration of care and nurturing with me.

2) At no time will I allow any dog entrusted to me to become a nuisance to people or other animals. To that end, while in my care, I will keep the rescued dog safely confined in a fenced yard, or inside a house at all times. At no time will any dog be placed outside or tied. When off my property, the dog will be kept on a leash, unless it is in a fenced area approved for free-running dogs. SCGRRescue tag must remain on the dog's collar at all times.

3) I understand that my volunteering to pick up and deliver a dog and/or fostering a dog for SCGRRescue is not the same as my adopting a dog from the Rescue. If I am fostering, any dog entrusted to me must be made available to prospective owners referred to me by SCGRRescue for viewing for possible permanent adoption. No dog should ever be left unsupervised with children.

4) We encourage new foster homes to not think of fostering as a situation where they can easily acquire a new dog. Fostering should not be used as a trial period to determine whether you want to adopt a dog permanently, and is not an opportunity to get a dog for free. Fostering is primarily about the dog's needs and preparing the dog for their new life with their forever family. Foster families who wish to adopt the dog entrusted to them **must** go through the same screening process as adoption applicants, including paying the requested adoption fee. As a foster family, you are not given priority as a permanent home for any dog you foster. Thus, if there is an interested applicant who is better suited for the dog, that applicant will be given preference for adoption. In addition you agree that the first two dogs to be fostered are not available for adoption to you.

5) Whether or not I desire to adopt any dog entrusted to me temporarily, I nevertheless understand and acknowledge that any dog entrusted to my care by SCGRRescue may be an animal whose history and past treatment is likely to be unknown, and that any such dog may act unpredictably at any time in any given situation. I further understand and acknowledge that since a rescued dog may act unpredictably, there always is the risk that it could prove to be a danger to me and to other persons and/or animals. I thus recognize and acknowledge that I must take necessary precautions to prevent accidents and guard against unpredicted actions by any dog in my care, both for my own benefit and safety and for that of others (including other animals), who may come in contact with any rescued dog. I hereby agree to take all steps necessary to prevent any such mishaps.

6) In addition to acknowledgements and undertakings of Paragraph #5, I additionally understand and acknowledge that SCGRRescue has no way of guaranteeing the actions or disposition of any dog released to them and entrusted by them to me for temporary care. Because dogs released to SCGRRescue are living animals whose dispositions cannot be assessed accurately in advance, it is and must be my responsibility to take the necessary precautions to prevent accidents and guard against unpredicted actions by any such dog. For that reason, I hereby forever release, discharge and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue, its board of directors, officers, members, volunteers and agents from all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever arising as a result of my undertaking to act as a Volunteer and/or Foster Home Provider under this agreement. In doing so, I expressly waive all rights that otherwise might exist in my favor under California Civil Code section 1542, which provides that: A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH, IF KNOWN BY HIM, MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RELEASE VOLUNTEER AND/OR FOSTER HOME PROVIDER

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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