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Dear Volunteer:

Thank you for your invaluable support of Society For Companion Animals (“SFCA”). Due to our growing volunteer base, SFCA saved 367 death row dogs in 2012. I believe your participation as a ‘one night stand parent’ to the dogs in our program will be one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences of your life.

You must sign the attached Volunteer Terms of Agreement and return it to our office *before* picking up your first dog. You can email a signed copy (scanned or legible smart phone photo) to tawanacouch@me.com or fax to 214-941-7097. The Volunteer Terms of Agreement will ensure you are aware of how our program operates, understand some of the risks associated with accepting a rescue dog into your home and feel confident talking about SFCA to others that may be interested in donating and/or participating in the program.

If you have any questions about the Volunteer Terms of Agreement, SFCA in general or your ‘one night stand,’ please do not hesitate to contact me. I strongly value your support and am here to offer guidance as you get to know our program.

We sincerely appreciate your help in saving more of Dallas’ death row dogs and flying them up to their furrever homes!

Warmest regards,

Tawana Couch
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VOLUNTEER TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Society For Companion Animals (“SFCA”) volunteers have had years of fun, positive experiences with their one night canine rescues, in part because they have followed the terms and guidelines set forth in this Volunteer Terms of Agreement (this “Agreement”). By signing this Agreement you agree to the following terms and conditions:

- All pets in your home should be adequately protected against diseases. This may include but is not limited to vaccinations for rabies, DHLPP and bordetella, serum titer testing, homeopathics, holistic medicines, or other treatments not listed that are recommended by your personal veterinarian. It is up to your veterinarian the treatment that they recommend and SFCA will accept this. Dogs pulled from the City of Dallas are vaccinated, but may still carry diseases that do not show up right away, such as an upper respiratory infection or URI, kennel cough or other contagious disease. By taking care of your permanent pets, you minimize their risk of infection.
- You will keep the rescue dogs in a separate area from your own pets. Gating them off in a kitchen or laundry room is one common method. This will significantly reduce possible disease exposure to your own pets and will minimize any behavioral issues that might arise with a new dog coming into your home.
- You will monitor the rescue dogs carefully. Dogs can often find escape points in your home by digging under fences or climbing on patio furniture, and may damage household items if left unattended. Also, you acknowledge that because SFCA often has only limited information on the rescue dogs in its program, it is possible that the rescue dogs you accept are not accustomed to small children. You agree to keep the rescue dogs separated from small children.
- You will not keep any dogs that have not been neutered or spayed in the same area together if they are of opposite sex. It only takes a few seconds to make a litter of pups!
- You will not take the rescue dogs out of their crates at the airport outside of your vehicle. It is too easy for them to escape and they could become permanently lost and/or seriously injured. Please allow the rescue dogs a potty break before you drive to the airport.
- You will not feed the rescue dogs after 8:00 p.m. the night before they fly. The excitement and stress of the trip could cause them to get sick on the trip if they eat too late. This makes for a messy crate and very uncomfortable trip for the dog.
- You will be on time dropping off the rescue dogs. We have a narrow time period to check the dogs in to the airlines. If we miss this window, the dogs are not permitted to fly out and SFCA must then use its precious resources to find a place for the rescue dogs to stay for an additional

week. It may also damage SFCA's reputation with the shelter organization awaiting the rescue dogs on the other end.

- You will ensure that each rescue dog's head is not touching the top of the crate. Airlines require that all dogs have a minimum of one inch of space in the crate above their head when they are standing. If any rescue dog's head is touching the top of the crate, please call our office immediately at 214-941-1014.

- You will schedule the necessary time to patiently process the rescue dogs out of the City of Dallas shelter, Downtown Dog boarding center and/or the Valley Ranch Animal Hospital. While we don't anticipate this will take long, there could be several rescue dogs or customers ahead of you, so please be patient with this process.

- You will be flexible and patient in delivering your rescue dogs to the airport. SFCA books flights three days in advance, which is the earliest reservations can be made. Flights can only take so much cargo per flight and flights may be limited, weight/weather restricted, cancelled, etc. In booking flights, we try our best to accommodate both SFCA volunteers and the shelters that receive our rescue dogs on the other end, but several destinations have limited flight availability. SFCA volunteers must be able to drop off on time at the airport any time between 4:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. While SFCA tries to avoid 4:00 a.m. drop-off times, we sometimes do not have a choice and must accept this time. Just remember you are saving a dog's life, and think about how productive the rest of your day will be!

- **RELEASE & INDEMNITY.** You, on behalf of yourself, your successors and assigns, agree to forever release and hold harmless SFCA from any claim, damage, illness, loss, injury or death that is caused, in whole or in part, by the rescue dogs and/or by the negligence or gross negligence of SFCA. You, on behalf of yourself, your successors and assigns, also agree to indemnify and hold harmless SFCA from any claim, damage, illness, loss, injury or death that is caused, in whole or in part, by your own negligence, gross negligence or willful misconduct. You agree that you are fostering the rescue dogs at your own risk and will be solely responsible for any problems that might occur.

- This Agreement will remain in effect so long as you continue to accept SFCA rescue dogs for overnight foster, except that the RELEASE & INDEMNITY provision will survive the termination of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT & EXECUTION

I, _____, certify that I have carefully read and that I agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this Volunteer Terms of Agreement, including the RELEASE & INDEMNITY provision. I further understand that I may not participate in the SFCA Flying Pets program unless I have read and agreed to this Volunteer Terms of Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____