

OKINAWA STRAY PET RESCUE'S

FOSTER HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION TO OSPR

Welcome to the OSPR family! First, a little bit about ourselves...

Okinawa Stray Pet Rescue was founded on April 23rd, 2016 by Athena L. Jones with the mission to rescue as many strays from the streets or kill shelters as feasibly possible and place them into loving, forever homes. We have continued this mission to save animals from the high kill animal control facility, known as Ozato, as well as other who are found as strays by the community of Americans and Okinawans. Within the first year, we saved and adopted out over 350 animals!

Notably, we do not have a facility or a primary physical location. 100% of the animals we rescue are in foster homes, so our foster program is truly the backbone of the organization!

We would like to remind you that **by signing the foster contract and/or taking an OSPR animal into your home, you are agreeing to fully read and familiarize yourself with all of the information in this handbook and follow all guidelines herein!**

GENERAL INFORMATION

MY OSPR TEAM

Founder: Athena L. Jones – In the United States

Co-Founder: Dana Albin – In the United States

President: Angela Hawes

Vice President: Briana De Marco

Dog Directors: Mariah Faulkingham-Packett & Savannah Walls

Cat Directors: Chassidy Koon & Loren Supernaw

Vet Technician: _____

GENERAL FOSTERING GUIDELINES

In this section you will find foster guidelines that are to be followed by all foster parents, unless given special approval to deviate from your Dog/Cat Director.

Unknown Issues – all *known* information on the animal will be provided to the foster of the animal. However, we have no previous knowledge on most rescue

animals, all diseases, illnesses, former injuries, aggression, house-soiling, destructive behavior, and other issues are all possibilities.

Communication with OSPR – On Facebook, we have separate pages for cat fosters and dog fosters. Here, we post our vet run schedules, schedules of events with lists of required animals for attendance, requests for pictures and biographies for our animals, and other relevant information. Foster parent(s) **must** agree to be added to the respective Dog or Cat Foster Facebook group to facilitate communication with fosters effectively. If the foster parent does not have and cannot obtain a Facebook account, they **MUST** be readily available via telephone or email.

Advertising your Foster Pet – Fosters are welcomed and highly encouraged to share updated pictures and information in the Facebook foster groups. You may also advertise your foster pet on social media, but you **must** reference OSPR (@OkinawaStrayPetRescue) and refer interested parties to us. Please, **DO NOT** discuss details about adoption of your foster pet with potential adopters without approval from OSPR. This is to prevent confusion or misinformation between a potential adoptor and OSPR.

Other Animals in the Foster Parent's Home – If the foster parent has other pets in the home, they must provide proof of current vaccinations, spay/neuter, or any other necessary records at OSPR's request. The foster must also agree to inform OSPR **before** taking in any new animals while fostering, whether the animal is being adopted, pet-sat, or fostered for another agency. Failure to do so could result in unwanted pregnancies, fights, spread of diseases, etc. If you intend to bring another animal into the home, please give us at least 72-hour notice prior to the new animals arrival, so that OSPR can move the foster animal if deemed necessary.

Housing Regulations – The foster parent must abide by all base-housing or private-rental regulations regarding pets.

Preventatives and Supplies – can be requested during our bi-weekly supply runs. NO reimbursements will be made without **PRIOR** approval and receipts.

Vet Runs – Cat/Dog Directors will post weekly vet runs on the Foster Facebook page. Fosters are asked to meet at Karing Kennels inside Kadena Gate 3 for drop off and pick up. When the foster meets for pick up the vet run coordinator will update the foster on all information received from the vet.

OSPR Events – Same as vet runs, events will be posted in the respective Foster Facebook page with times to drop/pick up and location. Please confirm or let the Directors know of any potential complications.

Reproduction and Litters – If the foster parent allows their foster animal to become pregnant or impregnate a female, they will be required to cover ALL vetting costs and the foster will be removed from the home. Fostering any pregnant females is not permitted unless you complete at least ONE quarterly training meeting whether or not the foster has experience.

Vacation – If the foster parent plans to go on vacation, take a break from fostering or cease volunteering they must provide AT LEAST a 72-hour notice to the respective Dog/Cat Director. The foster parent is not permitted to take the foster animal off island for any reason.

Termination – OSPR reserves the right to terminate a foster agreement of any animal at any time for any reason. At this time all supplies MUST be returned. Violation of any terms of this contract will result in, but not limited to, contacting PMO, the sponsor's chain of command, or any other base legal or local agencies, to include other rescues on island.

EMERGENCIES

Escape – Whenever an animal gets out of your home, it is imperative you IMMEDIATELY contact a staff member of OSPR. The foster must also agree to file a police report at the local police box – if off base – within 6 hours of escape. If an OSPR foster pet is picked up from Karing Kennels, Ozato, or some other animal control facility and a fee is required for OSPR to obtain the animal, the foster parent is responsible for this cost and MUST reimburse OSPR within 24 hours of OSPR picking up the animal.

Illness/Injury – immediately contact your coordinator, director or any other staff member. A staff member must assess the seriousness of the situation to determine whether an emergency vet visit is necessary. Please note: if the animal becomes ill or injured in the foster parents care OR while loose from the foster's home, and it is determined the foster parent is at fault, you may be responsible for any vet costs related to said injury or illness.

Bite – your safety comes first! Be sure to seek immediate medical care for anyone affected. Then, contact your coordinator or director with all details so OSPR can assess the situation and properly move forward with responsible actions.

Personal Emergencies – If an emergency arises for you or your family please notify your coordinator or director at your earliest convenience. If the animal needs to be moved, we will do so promptly.

QUARANTINE POLICY

All rescue animals have a mandatory 2-week quarantine regardless of age or vetting. They must use potty pads indoors and may be carried outdoors but should never touch the ground. This is to protect the health of the animals from harmful infections and diseases which in a worst-case scenario could cost the life of a rescue animal.

IMPORTANT NOTE

IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT THESE GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED. IF YOU FAIL TO PROPERLY QUARANTINE YOUR FOSTER PET PER THESE GUIDELINES AND THEY BECOME ILL, YOU MAY BE LIABLE FOR THE VET BILLS.

Age	No Vaccines	1 st Vaccine	Two Weeks After 2 nd Vaccine
< 8 weeks	Must use potty pads indoors. May be carried outside but CANNOT be put on the ground.	N/A	N/A
< 4 months	Must use potty pads indoors. May be carried outside but CANNOT be put on the ground.	May use sterilized grass mat outdoors. Cannot go on walks or visit any other grassy areas.	May use bathroom outside regularly, go one walks, or go to the dog park.
≥ 4 Months	Must use potty pads indoors. May be carried outside but CANNOT be put on the ground.	May use sterilized grass mats outdoors or a fenced in yard that cannot be visited by strays.	May use bathroom outside regularly, go on walks, or go to the dog park.

