



## Foster Agreement for CDV Infected Dogs

The SPCA of Texas is committed to the wellbeing of each of the animals in our care and the animals in the community. The shelter staff have worked very hard to ensure the health of the animals and we strive to fully inform each foster of the medical status of the animal that has been under our care.

As you have been informed, the SPCA of Texas is under quarantine as we attempt to control the spread of Canine Distemper Virus through our shelter. The dog you have expressed interest in has been confirmed to be presumed positive at this time. This is an extremely contagious virus which primarily causes disease in canines (dogs) and ferrets and can affect many parts of the body.

Initially when a dog has been infected with CDV, it may have one or more of the following symptoms:

- Thick nasal discharge, often green in color
- Squinting eyes/dry eyes/crusty eye discharge
- Cough/respiratory congestion/pneumonia
- Decreased appetite/dehydration
- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Fever, lethargy (acting sluggish)
- Skin rash
- Neurological problems to include tremors, twitching, incoordination, or seizures.

You will be informed of the fosters current status and instructions for treatment (if any). If any of these other symptoms are noted, please inform the foster team immediately.

Beyond the initial infection, even without symptoms, dogs have the ability to shed/spread Canine Distemper for months. This poses a risk to animals outside the shelter who are not fully vaccinated or immunocompromised. **If you have incompletely vaccinated dogs, puppies or unvaccinated ferrets in your home or life, please discuss let us know.**

The virus has the ability to shed through any bodily fluids and include saliva, urine, and feces. This means, as a foster, the dog must be isolated to your home the entire time. If you live in a house your dog will be isolated to your house and backyard only. If you are in a home without a backyard, the animal can be leashed to be taken directly to go to the bathroom while avoiding all interaction with other dogs.

Foster dogs:

- Must be isolated in the home and not taken out into the public
- Can not be taken on walks
- Can not be taken into stores or dog parks
- Family and friends cannot bring their dogs over to socialize with the foster dog

Lastly, as a foster parent of an infected CDV dog, you are agreeing to bringing the dog to the shelter for periodic testing performed curbside.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have been made aware that any of the above conditions may be symptoms of a more serious contagious disease that may be transmittable to other animals and/or people including, but not limited to parvovirus and/or distemper.

Foster's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_