Geauga Mama Dogs And Puppies

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TRANSPORT DRIVER AGREEMENT

PERSONAL INFORMATION *(Please print)* Today's Date _____

Driver Name_____Cell # _____

Home Address _____

Email _____

Preferred Driving Area _____Do you text? _____

Do you get email on your phone? (Y/N)_____Do you have FB Messenger? (Y/N)_____

Emergency Contact _____Relationship _____

Cell # _____Email _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make _____ Model _____Color _____License plate_____

Insurance Co. _____Policy # _____

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE/REFERENCE(S)

Transport rescue Coordinator(s) you've driven for (name/contact info) _____

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If none, please provide a personal reference for us to contact (name/contact info) _____

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Please see reverse for Release of Liability and Verification of Materials Read signature

RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER

As a volunteer with GMDAP, I hereby release Geauga Mama Dogs and Puppies, its officers, trustees and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, suits, actions and causes of which actions may arise out of working as a volunteer. The undersigned further acknowledges that his/her work as an animal transporter will involve contact with animals that may bite or otherwise cause injury to person(s) and/or property damage. The undersigned assumes the risk of injuries incurred or property damaged as a volunteer with Geauga Mama Dogs and Puppies in executing this Waiver and Release.

VERIFICATION OF MATERIALS READ

By signing below, I am additionally committing to reading the attached information sheet regarding protocols for transporting and handling animals. Should my actions prove I have not read and/or understood these instructions, I may be asked to discontinue transporting for GMDAP.

Signature_____Date_____

TRANSPORT DRIVER INFORMATION: MUST READ

General Expectations-TO DO

- **You must be able to provide clean crates for your transport**. ·You must disinfect (w/BLEACH!) ALL water bowls, blankets, crates etc. that any animals on transport use as a precaution for the next passengers you may have. Make this a routine part of your transporting. We transport mainly puppies and disease can quickly spread through these items to new passengers.
- **DO Arrive 15 minutes early before your leg** is scheduled to leave so you can help to walk, water and load the animals and leave on time.
- **No Paws On The Ground (NPOG) pups**: it means exactly that – their little paws should never make contact with the ground or any space that an adult dog may have had access to. These little ones have not received their full series of puppy shots and are therefore vulnerable and more susceptible to illness. It is equally important they also stay segregated from the other dogs on transport as much as possible. So, if in a car with other animals, they MUST be crated and separated. Don't let the adult dogs give them kisses or play with them. Also, please refrain from cuddling the pups after handling the older dogs. Wearing rubber gloves is always preferred. Do not share water bowls for NPOG dogs. Also *do not mix the litters* when crating the puppies. Each litter is to be separate from the others.
- **DO have your own slip lead and leash.** Most of the dogs will not have collars. You must use at least one slip lead if the dog needs to use the bathroom; two is best. They need to be a sturdy slip lead with a tab to tighten. You also need to have a slip lead on a larger puppy even if you are carrying - they can wiggle out of your arms and be gone.
- **DO hand off the paperwork first,** then the animals-- this way you won't forget their documentation!
- **DO remember that transports are stressful for rescue dogs** and they may suffer from nausea, vomiting and diarrhea - to help avoid unnecessary upset, do not feed during transport. You may offer water. Exceptions will be made as needed for puppies, kittens, etc. and will be noted in the final run sheet.
- **DO CONTACT the TC and rescue if there is a medical emergency** with any of your passengers. Stop your car at the nearest exit and seek help.
- **DO bring a "transport kit" with you.** This could include cleaner or wipes (non-toxic to wipe up any crate messes), paper towels, a trash bag, baby wipes only (no bleach wipes) for puppy paws, extra leashes and collars and fresh water. Also, protect your vehicle by lining it with cardboard and/or blankets that you can clean or discard. Bring extra dog bedding in case some get soiled. Have a sheet available or cardboard to put between crates if needed. Please do not use newspaper in the crates.
- **DO WORK AS A TEAM with your fellow transporters.** This includes communicating with text and FB Messenger chats prior to the run and during the transport.
- **DO wait until the next transporter is at the meet site to take a dog out of the crate.** Always work together and only move one dog at a time. This ensures safety and reduces interactions between dogs that may not be friendly.

What NOT to do:

- **DO NOT allow additional dogs** on the transport that are not included on the run sheet.
- **DO NOT sacrifice safety for convenience.** You need to meet at the designated spot on the runsheet. These are pre-approved locations.
- **DO NOT bring your personal dogs with you.** While they may be friendly and love riding in the car, they may not accept a new dog inside “their” vehicle.
- **DO NOT BRING CHILDREN.** THIS IS FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND YOURS!
- **DO NOT remove a dog off of transport**. This is a crime and you will be charged.
- **DO NOT be distracted.** Remember these dogs are scared and stressed and have no idea they are heading to safety. Consider them all a FLIGHT RISK and treat them gently. Your mission is to transfer the dogs and puppies SAFELY from one car to the next.
- **DO NOT let the dogs sniff each other and socialize.** They may react with fear.
- **DO NOT give the puppies or dogs chew toys, stuffed animals or treats.** They can choke during transport and cause a medical emergency while driving.
- **DO NOT remove a dog from a crate during transport or hold a dog in your lap.** All dogs must be secure in your vehicle for the entire transport.

For the safety of our volunteers and animal passengers - Transport volunteers who do not work as a team and/or follow these guidelines will be made aware of the problem; if unresolved, you will have made the decision to withdraw as a volunteer for GMDAP. Similarly, if you see behaviors/actions while working a transport that do not seem right to you, please let the Transport Coordinator (TC) know immediately.

Your signature on page 1 is your acknowledgement and agreement to follow these guidelines.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR VOLUNTEERING TO HELP THESE DOGS AND PUPPIES GET TO A SAFER LIFE AND LOVING FOREVER HOMES.
