

New Zealand Foster Foal Service

Foster Mare & Foal Agreement

New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Association

IMPORTANT — NZFFS FACILITATOR NOTICE The New Zealand Foster Foal Service (NZFFS) and the NZTBA act solely as facilitator. NZFFS and the NZTBA accept no liability or responsibility beyond the initial introduction of parties. All obligations are solely between the Mare Owner/Agent and the Foal Owner/Agent.

NZFFS Contact: _____

1. The Parties

MARE OWNER/ AGENT

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Acting as: ☐ Owner ☐ Authorised Agent

FOAL OWNER/ AGENT

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Acting as: ☐ Owner ☐ Authorised Agent

2. Details of the Animals

The Foster Mare

Name / Identifier: _____ Breed: _____
Age: _____ Colour / Markings: _____
Date mare lost her own foal: _____ Reason for loss: _____
Fostering experience: ☐ Maiden (no prior fostering experience) ☐ Experienced foster mare
Known health issues or behavioural traits: _____

The Orphaned Foal

Name / Identifier: _____ Breed: _____
Date of birth: _____ Colour / Markings: _____
Has foal received colostrum? ☐ Yes — Date/time: _____ ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Foal health and strength: ☐ Strong and healthy ☐ Some concerns (detail below) ☐ Weak / requires monitoring
Birth complications or trauma: _____

Location of Fostering

Fostering will take place at: ☐ Mare Owner's property ☐ Foal Owner's property ☐ Third-party property (specify below)
Property name and address: _____
Agreed start date: _____ Expected end date (approx.): _____

3. Grazing, Feed & Associated Costs

All costs must be agreed in writing before the arrangement commences. Blank amounts are treated as \$0.00 unless otherwise agreed and initialled by both parties.

Item	Rate/Week	Paid by	Notes
Grazing — Foster Mare	\$ _____	☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner	
Grazing — Foal	\$ _____	☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner	
Hard feed — Foster Mare	\$ _____	☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner	<i>Specify feed type if agreed</i>
Hard feed — Foal	\$ _____	☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner	<i>Orphan foal mix recommended</i>
Mare Milk Replacer (if applicable)	\$ _____	☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner	
Supplements (specify below)	\$ _____	☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner	

Supplement details (if applicable): _____

4. Maintenance of the Foster Mare

Item	MareOwner	FoalOwner	Shared	Notes / Amount
Farrier / hoof trimming	☐	☐	☐	_____
Dental care (teeth floating)	☐	☐	☐	_____
Drenching / parasite control	☐	☐	☐	_____
Routine veterinary care	☐	☐	☐	_____
Veterinary treatment — illness or injury	☐	☐	☐	_____
Emergency veterinary care	☐	☐	☐	_____
Vaccinations	☐	☐	☐	_____

5. Maintenance of the Orphaned Foal

Item	MareOwner	FoalOwner	Shared	Notes / Amount
Farrier / hoof trimming	☐	☐	☐	_____
Drenching / parasite control	☐	☐	☐	_____
Routine veterinary care	☐	☐	☐	_____
Veterinary treatment — illness or injury	☐	☐	☐	_____
Emergency veterinary care	☐	☐	☐	_____
Vaccinations	☐	☐	☐	_____
Identification / microchipping	☐	☐	☐	_____

6. Weaning the Foal

Responsibility for weaning: ☐ Foal Owner ☐ Mare Owner ☐ Joint responsibility

Agreed approximate weaning date or age of foal: _____ Costs of weaning paid by: _____

Location of weaning: ☐ Where fostering took place ☐ Foal Owner's property ☐ Other (specify below)

Other location or cost-sharing details: _____

7. Rebreeding the Foster Mare

Does the Mare Owner wish to rebreed the foster mare this season? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To be decided

- All rebreeding costs — including stud working fees, service fees, AI or ET costs, veterinary reproductive examinations, and any other breeding season costs — are the sole responsibility of the Mare Owner and are not to be passed on to the Foal Owner.
- The Mare Owner is responsible for all breeding arrangements. The Foal Owner and/or property carer agrees to facilitate access for the stallion, AI technician, or veterinarian as reasonably required.
- Where a stud working fee is charged by the host property, it is paid by: ☐ Mare Owner (default) ☐ Other — specify: _____
- The Mare Owner agrees to inform the Foal Owner promptly of breeding dates.

Intended stud or breeding arrangement: _____

Anticipated breeding date(s): _____

Stud fee payable to: _____

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8. Transport

Mare to fostering location — paid by: ☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner ☐ Shared

Mare home after fostering — paid by: ☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner ☐ Shared

Foal transport (if applicable) — paid by: ☐ Mare Owner ☐ Foal Owner ☐ Shared

All transport must comply with the New Zealand Code of Welfare for the Transport of Animals. Both parties acknowledge this obligation.

9. Insurance

It is strongly recommended that both animals are insured for the duration of the fostering arrangement.

Foster mare insured? ☐ Yes — Insurer: _____ Policy no: _____ ☐ No

Foal insured? ☐ Yes — Insurer: _____ Policy no: _____ ☐ No

10. Communication & Monitoring

- The Foal Owner (or their agent) takes responsibility for regularly monitoring both the foster mare and the foal during the fostering period.
- Body condition of both animals will be reported to the respective owners at an agreed frequency. Photographs are encouraged as a useful record.
- Any health concerns, injuries, or significant changes must be communicated to the other party promptly. The Mare Owner must be contacted immediately for any serious veterinary concern.
- Both parties agree to keep NZFFS informed of the outcomes of the fostering arrangement where possible.

Agreed monitoring frequency: ☐ Daily ☐ Every 2–3 days ☐ Weekly ☐ Other: _____

Primary point of contact for day-to-day care: _____

11. Return of the Foster Mare

- The foster mare is to be returned to the owner or agent on an agreed date, or upon weaning of the foal — whichever is sooner.
- The mare must be returned in the same or better condition than when received — feet trimmed, dewormed, and in good body condition.
- All outstanding grazing, feed, and maintenance costs must be settled in full before or at the time of the mare's return, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Agreed return date:

Agreed by (initials — both parties):

12. Dispute Resolution

- Both parties will first attempt to resolve any dispute directly and in good faith between themselves.
- If unresolved within 7 days, both parties will seek mediation through a mutually agreed mediator.
- NZFFS and the NZTBA are not parties to any dispute and bear no responsibility for its resolution.
- This agreement is governed by the laws of New Zealand.

13. NZFFS & NZTBA Disclaimer

The New Zealand Foster Foal Service (NZFFS) and the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Association (NZTBA), including its branches and members, have acted solely as the facilitator of the introduction between the parties to this agreement. NZFFS and the NZTBA accept no liability or responsibility — financial, legal, or otherwise — for any matters arising from the fostering arrangement described in this agreement. Both parties sign this agreement with full understanding of this limitation. All obligations, decisions, and financial responsibilities are solely those of the Mare Owner/Agent and the Foal Owner/Agent as set out herein.

14. Signatures

By signing below, both parties confirm they have read, understood, and agree to the terms of this agreement.

MARE OWNER / AGENT Full Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____ Witness (Mare Owner signature) Name: _____ Signature: _____	FOAL OWNER / AGENT Full Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____ Witness (Foal Owner signature) Name: _____ Signature: _____
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Please send or email a signed copy of this agreement to your regional NZFFS coordinator so it can be added to the service records for this fostering arrangement.