Terms of Use

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5. **Purchases & Donations.** Purchases of products and donations made through the Site must be made by credit or debit card or, where the option is available, by PayPal. Information about our collection and use of payment-related information is described in our Privacy Policy. If the credit or debit card information that you submit is incorrect or invalid, your payment will not be processed. We have no responsibility or liability if your credit or debit card is declined by your financial institution. Payments are processed by our PCI-compliant third-party payment processor. Refunds, if available, are the responsibility of Foster Nation and are at our sole discretion.

6. **Fundraising Portal.** The Site may include links to our fundraising portal, which is provided by Classy, Inc. You will be required to create an account with Classy or to sign in to the Classy portal using your Facebook credentials in order to access or use the fundraising portal. Our fundraising portal allows you to set up fundraising campaigns for Foster Nation and to donate to campaigns set up by others. All access to and use of our fundraising portal is governed by these Terms and by Classy’s Terms of Service and Classy’s Privacy Policy.

7. **Donation Processing Fees.** The following amounts will be deducted from each donation made through the Site (including those made using our fundraising portal): (a) a donation processing fee equal to 1% of the donation amount, which fee is required by and will be remitted to Classy, Inc. (the provider of our online donation portal), plus (b) a payment processing fee that varies depending on the type of payment card used, which fee is required by and will be remitted to our payment processor. Fees imposed by our payment processor are subject to change from time to time without notice or liability. You may have the option of increasing the amount of your donation to cover the above fees.

8. **Terms of Sale.** All orders of products made available on or ordered using the Site are subject to this section. This section and these Terms constitute the complete and exclusive statement of the terms governing the sale of products via the Site. Your purchase of products using the Site and acceptance of products as stated below manifest your agreement with this complete and exclusive statement of terms.

   A. **Order Acceptance.** Nothing on the Site constitutes an offer, but an invitation to you to make an offer to purchase products through the Site. All orders are subject to acceptance by Foster Nation. In addition, there may be certain orders that we cannot
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B. **Shopify Terms.** All orders placed through the Site are subject to the applicable terms and policies of Shopify Inc., our online storefront software provider and payment processor.

C. **Shipping and Handling; Taxes.** Unless otherwise noted, shipping and handling fees will be charged separately and are your responsibility. Foster Nation charges you for sales, use, and other taxes for products ordered through the Site to the extent required by law.

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G. **Order Cancellations.** Order cancellations are at Foster Nation’s sole discretion. Our goal is to ship orders promptly, so it is often not possible to cancel an order once it is processed. If you wish to cancel an order, please contact our customer service department at team@fosternation.org to see if we can change, cancel or correct the order before it ships.

H. **Return Policy.** We do not allow for the return of products once shipped unless a product is damaged. If you wish to ask about returning a product, an undamaged Product, please contact our customer service department at team@fosternation.org. Any product returns are solely within Foster Nation’s discretion.
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- An electronic or physical signature of a person authorized to act on behalf of the copyright owner.

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20. Third-Party Beneficiaries. These Terms do not confer any rights, remedies, or benefits upon any person other than you and Foster Nation, except that our affiliates and Squarespace, Inc., our website hosting services provider, are third-party beneficiaries of these Terms.

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