

Whitman County Humane Society FOSTER CARE GUIDELINES

Whitman County Humane Society relies on volunteers to foster many of its small kittens and puppies that enter the shelter. The following guidelines are set down by our Veterinary and animal care staff to provide the best possible care for these animals.

- Fostering can be as short as 1 evening or as long as several weeks. Please think about the commitment you are making.
- Whitman County Humane Society would never knowingly send an animal to foster care that was aggressive to people or other animals. If you see any indication of aggression please contact the shelter immediately.
- Foster homes must understand that they may be risking transmission of disease to any other animals living in their home. The shelter will do the best they can to assure only healthy animals are placed in foster care. If an animal is being placed for a period of treatment the foster caregiver will be instructed as to illness, and possibility of contagious factor to other animals.
- When fostering young animals with a mother it is understood that the mother must stay with the litter for the duration of their stay in foster care. All animals will be returned to the shelter at the same time unless there is a medical reason to separate animals.
- All animals will be checked for parasites i.e. Fleas, ticks and intestinal parasites, before leaving shelter and bathed as needed. Fleas and ticks can be very debilitating to young animals so it is paramount that all animals be kept free of parasites. If any animal is found to have parasites after entering foster care it will need to be bathed by the foster caregiver or returned to the shelter.
- All foster animals will be wormed and vaccinated at appropriate intervals to ensure the health of the animals at all times. It will be up to the foster caregiver to bring the animals to the shelter for check ups, vaccinations and worming as needed.
- Even though you are fostering the animal, it is the property of the Whitman County Humane Society, Inc., whether you are taking care of the animal for a day, or several days. If any staff member of WCHS requests that the animal be returned, you must do so immediately. Usually we will tell you when the animal is to be returned prior to releasing it into your care.
- No animal is to be adopted from a foster home without proper permission from shelter staff. All animals adopted from the shelter **MUST** be altered before they are placed in a new home.
- Call WCHS **FIRST** if the animal in your foster care becomes ill before taking any action on your own to provide treatment. We will find a convenient time to take it to Dr. Davies, the veterinarian with whom we work in animal health-care situations. If you choose to take the animal to a veterinarian and have it treated on your own, you will be responsible for payment. Each foster home will be furnished with telephone numbers of staff and or board members for after hours contact.

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Whitman County Humane Society Foster Parent Application

Date: _____

Type of Foster: Dog Only: _____ Cat Only: _____ Dog and/or Cat: _____

Overnight Only: _____ Short Term Only (2-3 days) _____ Long term (Over 3 days): _____

Name of Fostered Animal: _____ Dog: _____ Cat: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Do you live in a: House _____ Apartment _____ Other _____ Do you: Own _____ Rent* _____

*If you rent, we need a copy of your rental agreement stating that pets are allowed.

Do you have a Lawn? Yes / No

If Yes: Do you have a secure fence no shorter than 4 feet in height around your property?

Yes / No If no: How and where do you plan to keep the dog while entrusted in your care?

If No: Do you have access to an area where the dog may be legally off leash and not have access to other animals or people off leash? No / Yes If yes, please describe:

Do you have any children at home? No / Yes If yes, list ages. _____

If yes, have your children been exposed to and taught how to interact with dogs and/or cats? Yes / No If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have other animals at home? No / Yes

Type	Age	Gender
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Will your other animals have exposure to your foster animal while entrusted in your care? Yes / No

Are all your animals current on the following vaccinations*? Yes / No

Dogs: Distemper, Parvo, Corona, Parainfluenza, Adenovirus, Bordetella (Kennel Cough), and Rabies.

Cats: Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calici, Panleukopenia, Clamydia Psittaci, Feline Leukemia, and Rabies.

*Copies of current vaccinations are required to be on file before an animal will be released into your care.

Will the dog/cat be left alone either indoors or outdoors for an extended period of time while in your care? No / Yes If yes, please explain conditions and time period:

Please list any information regarding animal care experience, medical, behavioral, or breed specific, that you may have along with a brief explanation of what you expect from the foster program and being a foster parent. You should also include any clubs you may have been a member of or affiliated with along with any volunteer work you may have done working with animals that may pertain to being a foster parent._____

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laws and WCHS will not be held liable for any fines or penalties for destruction of person or property.

All dogs/cats listed as "Restricted Care" are not to be taken off of foster parents' property except for transport back to WCHS and/or the veterinarian.

Notice: All applicants of the foster parent program for WCHS may be subject to background checks and home site visits prior to approval.

By signing, foster parent agrees to all terms and conditions stated herein.

Foster Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Staff Member Signature _____

Date: _____

Animal Status: Restricted Care _____ Non-restricted Care _____