



Wanderers' Rest Humane Association
FOSTER CARE APPLICATION

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Date: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell/Work phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in fostering the following:
 (you may check more than one)

___ Cat with Kittens

___ Dog with Puppies

___ Kittens

___ Puppies

___ Sick Cat/ Kitten(s)

___ Sick Dog/Puppy(s)

___ Adult Cat

___ Adult Dog

___ Animals with behavior issues

___ Animals recovering from illness or surgery

___ Animals with a history of abuse or neglect

Comments: _____

How long would you be able to foster an animal in your home?

Please check all that apply:

Weekend_____

Short term_____

Extended (one or more months)_____

Do you or have you ever owned a pet?_____

What type of pet do you have and how many animals presently live in your home?_____

Are the animals in your home presently spayed or neutered?_____

Do you have children? If so, what are their ages?_____

Do you rent or own your home?_____

If you rent, who is your landlord and what is his/her phone number?_____

Have you fostered animals before?_____

Please describe the general area where the fostered animals will be housed._____

How many hours a day would the animal be left alone?_____

Do you feel comfortable working with your animal if it presents any behavioral problems? (examples: separation anxiety, food aggression, etc.)_____

Do you believe you will have the appropriate amount of time to work with and socialize the animal in order to make them more adoptable?_____

Are you willing to allow a WRHA representative visit your home to check on the animals? (This would be to take a picture for the website or if the animal was sick)_____

Are you willing to give medications, if necessary?_____

Are you willing to abide by all animal control laws with regard to your foster animal(s)?_____

Can a potential adopter call you regarding your foster animal?

Can a potential adopter visit your home to meet the foster animal?

If no, do you have transportation to and from the shelter so the potential adopter can meet the animal?_____

What is the name of your veterinarian?_____
Phone number of vet:_____

Please list three references:

1.) Name/phone number:_____

2.) Name/phone number:_____

3.) Name/phone number:_____

Foster parents need to abide by certain guidelines while fostering WRHA animals. We ask that all foster dogs and puppies be kept in an enclosed area (fenced yard or crate) if left alone at anytime. Foster cats must be kept indoors at ALL times. Please initial acknowledging that you will abide by these provisions: _____

Remember, one of our main priorities in foster care is to learn more about the animals. Our goal is to assess their behavior and get to know their personalities so that they are placed in the best matched homes possible. As foster parents, you play a large role in the adoption process. Due to the fact that shelter animals experience a large amount of stress while in the shelter, it is common that animals are not adopted due to their high anxiety levels and unpleasant behaviors. Foster homes provide a safe and loving environment that allows animals to thrive and show their true selves! You will be provided an assessment form to fill out that will help track the behaviors and progress of your animal(s).

As a foster parent, you may have animals in your care for a short period of time (one week) or an extended period of time (as many as three months or more). This will be determined on a case by case basis. However, the original amount of time is subject to change at the discretion of the shelter. Also, if you know you will be out of town or have an unexpected obligation out of town, please notify the shelter as soon as possible. We will find other temporary accommodations for the animal(s).

All new foster parents will receive an individual meeting either via phone or in person with the Foster Care Coordinator and one of the kennel staff. This is to ensure all guidelines are understood and it allows the opportunity for the new foster parent to ask questions. Throughout the care of the animal, WHRA staff will call you periodically to check on the progress of the animal and to address any questions or concerns you may have.

The Foster Care Coordinator will contact you when an animal becomes available for foster that fits your criteria. If you choose to foster the animal, we will then proceed with the proper individual orientation which includes the Foster Care Coordinator and kennel staff representative. You will receive all appropriate paperwork and contact numbers to help make your transition into foster parenting more comfortable and relaxing.

We thank you for your interest and help in fostering our animals. Foster homes are crucial in the shelter world and it allows more animals to be adopted into their forever homes. Not only do the animals benefit largely from the dedication and love of their foster parents, but the foster families receive a rewarding experience as well!

By signing this form, you agree to the above statements and certify that the answers given are true:

Signature _____ Date _____