

Any other type of animals, livestock, farm animals? Yes No If yes, list types: _____

Foster Information

Have you fostered before? Yes No Name of Organization: _____

Type of animals you **have** fostered:

Cats Kittens Medical-Cats Dogs Puppies Medical-Dogs Special Needs

Type of animals you **are willing** to foster:

Cats Kittens Medical-Cats Dogs Puppies Medical-Dogs Special Needs

Please tell us about your experience with cats and/or dogs and previous foster experience, if any:
How will you exercise and/or provide enrichment for your foster animal?

References

Name:	Name:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:
Relationship:	Relationship:
Do you have a veterinarian? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please provide veterinarian name, clinic and phone number:

Thank you for applying to be a West Columbia Gorge Humane Society foster home!

A COMPASSIONATE APPROACH TO ANIMAL WELFARE

WCGHS Foster Care Agreement

Thank you for providing a foster home to an animal in need. Your help in saving an animal's life is greatly appreciated by all the humans and animals that are part of West Columbia Gorge Humane Society. The expectation is that foster pets will be treated as "part of the family" while they are being cared for in your home. We wish you a very rewarding experience. The following list describes WCGHS's policies and expectations for providing a quality foster home so that you and the animal will get the most out of your time together.

Please Read, Initial and Sign our Foster Care Agreement

_____ I understand, as a Foster, I agree to provide proper and humane treatment, socialization, containment, suitable shelter, exercise, nutritious food (provided by WCGHS) and fresh water for the animal at all times.

_____ I understand the goals and mission of WCGHS and, as a WCGHS volunteer, I agree to work towards these goals and to represent this mission within the community on behalf of the organization. My commitment includes abiding by WCGHS's Care Policies as outlined in this agreement.

_____ I understand that only WCGHS's Shelter Manager, staff and the Board of Directors have the authority to make exceptions or changes to the program's policies or guidelines.

_____ I understand that WCGHS is the sole guardian to any animal(s) in foster care and that fostered animals must be returned to WCGHS upon our request. I understand WCGHS has the right to terminate a foster care agreement and relationship at will.

_____ I understand that, if I, as a foster volunteer, want to adopt any of the foster animals in my care, I must go through the standard WCGHS adoption process. I understand that expenses for miscellaneous supplies above and beyond what is provided to me by the shelter, cannot be applied towards adoption fees, if I should adopt the animal.

_____ I must have permission from the Shelter Manager or Foster Coordinator before sending any foster animal in my care to another approved WCGHS foster home.

_____ WCGHS will fund medical care with WCGHS approved veterinarians. I understand that foster animals must be taken to an approved WCGHS off-site veterinary hospital or brought into the shelter for contract veterinarian care. Staff is to be notified when veterinary care is needed and will notify the foster of upcoming veterinary exams or procedures the animal is scheduled for. Foster agrees to transport animal to/from appointments.

_____ I understand that in the case of an emergency on weekends or after hours, the Shelter Manager or Foster Coordinator must be notified and veterinary care approved. Approved care at a WCGHS approved veterinary clinic will be reimbursed. If an animal is taken to a non-approved veterinary clinic and/or without approval from the staff, Foster Coordinator, or Board of Directors, WCGHS will not reimburse for expenses incurred, and there will be a review of the foster agreement, with possible termination depending on the circumstances.

_____ I understand that there is a possibility of health or injury when caring for a foster animal. I will not hold WCGHS liable for any injury or illness, whether to the animals or humans in my home, that may incur as a result of my foster activities. If caring for cats, I understand that pregnant women or individuals with suppressed immune systems need to be aware that a parasite sometimes found in cat feces could cause toxoplasmosis. Special care needs to be taken if such person plans to come in contact with litter boxes.

_____ I understand that the animal I am fostering may be or is available for adoption. I will be required to bring the animal into the shelter by appointment to meet potential adopters. Cats and kittens that are available for adoption will be required to attend adoption events as scheduled. Shelter staff will notify you of these events or appointments.

- _____ I understand that if I need to leave town during my foster period, I will need to give at least a one week notice, when possible, to the Shelter Manager or Foster Coordinator so they have time to schedule a replacement foster.
- _____ Foster Family agrees to keep the animal from creating any neighborhood nuisances and to have animal in control at all times. For dogs, when off property, on leash is the rule! Dogs in foster are to be kept on leash at all times if not at home or in a fenced yard. Foster dogs are not permitted to go to dog parks. Foster Family is responsible for any fines, damage or recovery costs caused by this animal while in their foster home.
- _____ Cats are to be kept indoors at all times and are not to be exposed to cats that have access to outdoors. If foster family has another cat, that cat also needs to be an indoor only cat. Mother cats and their kittens must be housed separately in their own room until WCGHS gives the foster permission for them to have full access to their foster home.
- _____ Only adults (18 or over) will be allowed to transport animals to veterinarians, outreach events, WCGHS office, and other WCGHS approved locations.
- _____ Foster Family agrees to keep updated medical and behavior notes on each foster animal in the Foster Family folder provided by WCGHS. This includes veterinary visits, shot and medication information (dates and type) and any additional information pertinent to animal placement (i.e. behavioral observations, etc.). Such notes should be updated regularly and written clearly and professionally, as they become a permanent part of the animal's record.
- _____ Foster Family agrees to continue behavior and obedience training as indicated by WCGHS staff and shall contact WCGHS immediately if any behavior or training problems occur.
- _____ I acknowledge WCGHS is unable to guarantee health, temperament or training of the animal, and I recognize the animal may have been exposed to common illnesses, including but not limited to: ringworm, distemper, Bordetella and upper respiratory conditions. Some of these conditions carry the risk of human contagion.

By signing below, I acknowledge that, as an animal foster care provider for WCGHS, I am assuming any and all risk associated with caring for an animal in my home. I assume all responsibility to provide a safe, healthy and secure environment for the animal assigned to me. I understand that WCGHS, its staff, volunteers and Board are to be held harmless and are not liable in the event that injury, damage to persons or property, death or dismemberment occurs caused by the animal or interactions with the animal in my care. I understand that WCGHS, its staff, volunteers and Board are to be held harmless from all claims, losses, expenses, fees, including veterinary fees, attorney fees, costs and judgments that may be asserted against WCGHS that result from the animal's behaviors, illnesses or conditions, and acts or omissions of the WCGHS, its employees, volunteers or agents.

Printed Name of Foster Parent	Signature of Foster	Date
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WCGHS Staff or Representative	Signature	Date
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