

Cat Welfare Association

Short Term Foster Home Agreement



Kitten Fosters

Cat Welfare Association needs foster homes for short-term stays while kittens are too small to be exposed to other cats at our shelter. Until the kittens are weaned and old enough go to the shelter to be adopted (usually between 9-12 weeks old), they (and momma) stay at a foster home. Foster homes provide comfy, safe places for kittens to grow while learning to play and enjoy people. Being socialized with people before age 7 weeks is essential for kittens to be friendly and have adoptability appeal! Food, litter, medical treatment and initial immunizations provided by Cat Welfare.

- ✓ Do you have an extra room where kittens could spend a few weeks until they are old enough to be adopted from our shelter? They must be housed apart from family pets to prevent any infection or injury. Young children **MUST** be supervised at all times around young kittens and mommas.

Cat Fosters

Foster homes are also needed for cats recovering from injury or neglect who need a quiet, comfy place away from the multiple cats in the shelter environment. In most cases, the cat will be recovering from a surgery and needs rest and protection from infection. They must be housed apart from family pets to prevent any infection or injury. Young children **MUST** be supervised at all times around the foster cat. Seriously ill cats will not be placed in foster care nor would you be asked to provide complex specialized care.

Would you be willing to foster short term?

- ✓ An orphaned or abandoned kitten
- ✓ A litter of kittens (usually 2-4) without momma (usually at least 4 weeks old)
- ✓ A nursing momma and litter of kittens

- ✓ A momma whose kittens are weaned and her milk supply is drying up so that she can be spayed before being adopted
- ✓ A cat needing recovery time from an accident, illness or surgery

- ✓ Would you be willing to be an emergency foster (usually 5-10 days) to cover foster vacation or illness?

Are you able to provide basic care and grooming?

- ✓ Change litter daily
- ✓ Provide food and clean water twice daily
- ✓ Brush momma and kitties (when kittens at least 4 weeks old) twice a week
- ✓ Handle kittens for at least a total of 40 minutes daily (can be in shorter blocks) once eyes open
- ✓ Give any needed medication such as eye drops or liquid antibiotics prescribed by the shelter vet (not routine)

Mandatory agreements:

1. I understand that agree that Cat Welfare remains the owner of the cat or kittens during foster care in my home.
2. I will notify the shelter if a kitten or cat becomes ill and will transport to the CWA approved vet.
3. I understand that if I seek veterinary care without the shelter's permission, it will be at my own expense and I may not be reimbursed.
4. I agree NOT to give/sell/ or place Cat Welfare kittens and cat while in my care.
5. I will return the cat or kittens (and momma) to the shelter for needed immunization and worming as scheduled.
6. I will return the cat or kittens (and momma) to the shelter at the agreed upon date for adoption.
7. I understand that all adoptions must be done at the shelter so that oversight, health checks and record keeping are completed by Cat Welfare.
8. I understand that I may adopt a foster with the approval of Cat Welfare and that I will pay the adoption fee.

I have read and understand the above information and agree to follow the agreement.

Signed:

Date:

Reviewed by CWA Staff: