



# FOSTER APPLICATION

**COMMUNITY CAT CONNECTION, INC.**

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NAME: ..... Over 21 years of age?.....

STREET ADDRESS: ..... TOWN: ..... ZIP CODE: .....

HOME PHONE: ..... CELL PHONE: ..... E-MAIL: .....

EMPLOYER: ..... WORK PHONE:.....

DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN HOME: .....

NAME OF LANDLORD, IF RENTOR:..... LANDLORD'S PHONE NUMBER: .....

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD: .....

Please list names and ages of everyone who resides in your household:

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Is anyone living in your household allergic to animals?:.....If yes, what kind of animals:

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PETS IN HOUSEHOLD: .....

Please identify what kinds of pets, names, and how old:

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Are your animals spayed and/or neutered?.....Are

your animals up to date on vaccinations?.....If you

have cats, are they allowed outside?: .....

Have your cats been tested for Leukemia and FIV? .....  
Veterinarian's name/address: ..... Vet's phone number: .....

What is the activity level in your home (active, quiet, chaotic, etc):.....

Personal reference name and phone number:  
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As a foster parent providing a temporary home for the Community Cat Connection's cats or kittens, you are hereby contracting to provide a safe, warm, loving environment for the animal(s) entrusted in your care.

You will be responsible for providing the following for your foster:

Food (except for prescription), litter, safe environment, vet care for any injury or illness incurred as a result of foster parent's negligence and immediate reporting of any incident involving a foster animal which injury and/or damages resulted.

Any change in the animal(s) health or activity must be reported immediately.

Transportation to and from vet appointments unless other arrangements have been made and/or are necessary.

Community Cat Connection will be responsible for the following:

Spay/neuter and all vaccinations for the animal(s) being fostered and vet care as a result of illness or injury not caused by foster parent's negligence.

All vet appointments must be pre-approved by Michelle Lafleche (774-230-8413) and may be made at the convenience of the foster.

**Webster Lake Veterinary Hospital 244 Thompson Road/Webster MA – Phone: 508-943-7297** is Community Cat Connection's primary vet and all appointments must be made thru them unless other arrangements have been made and/or are necessary.

Community Cat Connection will be responsible for any decision regarding the medical care or treatment of the foster cat including euthanasia.

Community Cat Connection will be responsible for deciding duration of foster and will be responsible for adoption of foster.

Community Cat Connection may conduct a home inspection prior to any approval regarding fostering as well as reference checks.

The Community Cat Connection will not be responsible for any injuries sustained to the foster parent, household members and/or pets residing in the household, guests, or other animals or people

There is no monetary or other compensation to foster parents other than satisfaction of providing a nurturing environment for a cat/kitten that has been neglected, abandoned and/or rescued.

Duration of foster will normally be up to one month (30-31 days). The duration may be shorter or longer based on specific circumstances and on a case-by-case basis. If the fostering period is extended over 30-31 days, a written addendum will be necessary outlining the additional duration and any terms or conditions that may apply.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Michelle Lafleche (774-230-8413)

Signature below constitutes that the foster parent has read and agrees with the terms and conditions outlined in this contract.

Foster Parent: .....

Date: .....

COMMUNITY CAT CONNECTION REPRESENTATIVE:

TITLE: .....

DATE: .....

# Best Practice for Providing Foster Care

Hello, future foster parent!

Thank you for making a difference! Stepping up to foster a pet can be the spark that begins the positive change in an animal's life. As rewarding as this experience can be, it can present some challenges. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources' Division of Animal Health requires all prospective foster care givers to read and acknowledge the following information about the ups and downs of providing foster care for rescued animals.

Many foster animals have an unknown background, and this has the potential to create different problems when bringing them into a new home. Rescued dogs and cats frequently come from situations where little or no veterinary care was provided. In some cases, those animals in greatest need of assistance are the ones chosen to be rescued. As a result, some of those animals may pose the greatest risk for infectious or contagious disease. Additionally, some of these animals have had limited or no socialization time with people or other animals. Animals coming from these situations may pose significant challenges, but providing them with an opportunity to become great pets is a noble and worthwhile effort. Please bear in mind that the following situations could occur with your fostered pet.

## **Illness**

Animals imported from out of state are required to be isolated for 48 hours and be deemed healthy by a veterinarian before being placed in your home. However, there are some issues that may not become evident within that first 48 hours. Additionally, animals rescued locally (from within Massachusetts) are not required to be isolated at all. Illnesses of concern may be caused by bacteria, viruses or even fungal infections. Most of these pathogens are not capable of surviving outside of the host animal for more than a few hours, but some can hang around for significantly longer than that. Prime examples are the viruses that cause Canine Parvovirus and Feline Panleukopenia, which can live in the environment for up to a year. The Division of Animal Health strongly suggests that newly acquired foster pets be kept separate from other animals in the home and remain in a part of the house that can be easily cleaned and disinfected, such as areas with tiled floors and limited upholstered furniture, for the first two weeks. Should any germs wind up on upholstered furniture or in carpeting, it may not be possible to remove it. If you cared for an animal with this type of disease, your home will need to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before any other animals could be taken in. Unfortunately, cleaning efforts may include removing carpeting or upholstered furniture that came into contact with the affected animal.

## **Parasites**

Along the same lines of illnesses caused by pathogens are illnesses caused by parasites. Foster animals may be infested with fleas, ticks, intestinal worms or other parasites. Many of these parasites are easily spread from animal to animal, and in some cases, from animals to humans. Some parasites are capable of remaining in your home for long periods of time, even without a host. Always ensure an animal was properly washed and that they are free of external parasites before bringing them into your home. If you notice the presence of internal parasites, notify the organization immediately and be sure the animal is seen by a veterinarian promptly. Keep that animal and its droppings away from other animals in your home.

### **Unexplained Wounds or Wounds Caused by Other Animals**

Foster homes should not accept animals that have wounds that may have been caused by another animal. These animals require a rabies quarantine that must be done by the organization.

### **Unknown Behaviors**

Your foster animal may show signs of aggression, be overly timid, or may not be fully house trained. If you feel that these complications can be safely overcome with your own training abilities, please feel free to work with the animal. However, if the animal becomes overly aggressive and you fear for your own safety or that of other animals, you must immediately notify the organization for which you are providing foster care.

### **Reporting Concerns**

If at any point you are concerned about the animal in your care you should immediately notify the organization. If you have concerns about the organization with which you are working, or any information provided by the organization, you may contact the Division of Animal Health directly by calling (617) 626-1786, or by email to [patricia.cabral@mass.gov](mailto:patricia.cabral@mass.gov)

By Signing below, you are acknowledging that you have received, read, and understand the above information.

Foster Parent \_\_\_\_\_