



Foster Care Manual

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Is Fostering for Texas Litter Control Right for You?

What is fostering?

Fostering is providing a temporary home for a pet.

Fostering for Cat Adoption Program

Texas Litter Control has multiple adoption centers for cats throughout Harris and Montgomery counties. Fostering cats for TLC involves housing the cat or kitten until the vetting process has been completed and a cabin is available at one of the adoption centers. Kittens must weigh 2 pounds to be spayed/neutered.



Short Term Emergency Fosters

Texas Litter Control partners with the local Red Cross to provide temporary housing options for pets whose families have been victims of house fires. This is a short-term foster commitment of up to 10 days. During this time, the pet will receive updated vetting. Should the pet need to be housed for more than 10 days, it will be transferred to a boarding facility. Types of pets include dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, pocket pets, and reptiles.

Do I need to have any special training or skills to be a foster parent?

Foster care providers should be compassionate and patient. You will be informed of their foster pet's known history and any special needs before placement in your care. The foster coordinator will also be available to help answer questions and provide resources as needed.

What are the requirements to foster?

You must...

- be willing to abide by all policies and procedures in the manual and foster care agreement.
- be able to access email regularly.
- be able to provide transport to and from Texas Litter Control's clinics and/or adoption centers.
- Provide supplies and food for foster pets.
- spend time with foster pets and love them like your own.
- have up-to-date rabies vaccinations for all pets in the home.

What types of pets need foster care?

- Kittens too young for adoption (under 2 pounds).
- Pets recovering from illness or injury.
- Pets that need a break from an adoption center.
- Pets with special medical or behavioral challenges.
- Owned pets from displaced families due to fire.

How long do pets need to be in foster care?

Every situation is different! Foster needs range from a couple of days to several months or until the pet is adopted.

How much time to foster parents have to devote to the pet(s) in their care?

It depends on the situation. Foster pets need all of the same things that owned pets do, and may require even more attention if they are recovering from an illness/injury or need behavior modification.

What are some of the potential risks of fostering a pet?

Fostering is one of the most rewarding experiences that you can have, but there are some potential risks. While rare, risks include but are not limited to...

- Other pets in the home could catch a disease and/or parasite from a foster pet.
- Foster care providers, members of their household, or visitors could catch a disease and/or parasite from a foster pet.
- Other pets in the home could be injured or killed by a foster pet.
- Foster care providers, members of the household, or visitors could be injured by a foster pet.
- Foster pets could die in foster care or have to return to TLC to be euthanized if they have a terminal disease.
- Foster pets may destroy personal items.

What happens if my foster pet needs medical care?

Medical care is provided by the veterinary staff at Texas Litter Control. TLC does not spend excessive amounts of money for special surgeries.

Can foster care providers adopt their foster pets?

Temporary emergency foster pets that are owned by a fire victim must be returned to their original owner, but yes foster care providers may adopt their unowned foster pet(s). They should notify the foster coordinator of their decision as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Can foster care providers adopt their foster pets to a forever home?

Yes. The pet must be ready for adoption for an adoption to take place. If the foster care provider finds someone wishing to take the cat/kitten prior to the vetting being done, the new home will need to be signed up as a foster. They can officially adopt the pet once the cat/kitten is spayed/neutered.

Foster Program Policies and Procedures

Some of these policies are going to seem to be a bit harsh. Texas Litter Control has contracts with several municipal shelters. If a foster does not follow the rules, it can cause Texas Litter Control to lose these contracts and the right to pull more animals. These contracts save lives. If we are not allowed to pull from a shelter because of some rogue foster, other animals will die. Our rules are not negotiable and are strictly enforced. If you cannot follow them, you should not foster for Texas Litter Control.

Legal Guardianship

All pets in foster care are the property of Texas Litter Control and are subject to all applicable Texas Litter Control policies, rules and restrictions.

Foster care providers must return foster pets at any time upon the request of the foster coordinator or other Texas Litter Control staff. Texas Litter Control staff may request the return of a foster pet for many reasons, including but not limited to: an approved online adoption application, the opportunity to be reclaimed by a previous owner or the opportunity to be transferred to a partner organization.

If a foster care provider is found to have improperly transferred a pet to another individual or entity, the foster care provider will be permanently removed from the foster program and Texas Litter Control may initiate appropriate legal action in order to secure the return of the pet. Actions can include filing a theft of property report with local law enforcement against the foster care provider.

Texas Litter Control reserves the right to perform home checks in order to ensure that foster pets are being adequately and appropriately cared for.

Records and Retention

Foster care providers are not authorized to alter records provided by Texas Litter Control. This includes both digital and hard copies of a pet's medical and/or behavioral history.

Foster care providers are expected to retain communications regarding their Texas Litter Control foster pets, including those between themselves and potential adopters.

Housing and Care Requirements

Foster care providers are expected to follow and abide by all guidelines and protocols regarding proper care of foster pets, including giving them proper food, access to water at all times, daylight, socialization, health care, etc. Foster pets must be kept in climate-controlled homes where the temperature is kept between 60° and 80° F.

Foster care providers are only allowed to treat foster pets with medications and supplements prescribed by Texas Litter Control's veterinary staff, unless alternative care arrangements have been approved by the foster coordinator.

Puppies and Dogs

- Puppies should never be left unsupervised outdoors. High traffic areas, such as the park, pet stores, public sidewalks/trails, etc., should be avoided, as puppies can be susceptible to deadly diseases that could be lurking there.

- Dogs can go outside for supervised play time/exercise. While outdoors, foster dogs must be kept on leash or in a securely fenced yard. Some dogs can jump/climb over or dig under fences surprisingly fast, so please be cautious when leaving foster dogs unsupervised.
- Foster dogs that do not have a prior history with each other should not be combined in a foster home unless the foster care provider has sought and been given permission by the foster coordinator.
- Foster dogs are prohibited from socializing with other dogs, except those living in the foster care provider's home.
- Foster dogs are prohibited from going to off leash dog parks or other off leash areas. Dogs must be on leash, under your control, at all times.
- During walks, a minimum 10-feet should be maintained between foster dogs and other pets, except those also living in the foster care provider's home.

Kittens and Cats

- Kittens and cats in foster care should be kept indoors only. When being transported, cats and kittens must be kept in secure carriers.
- If you found the cat or kitten and have asked for help, the cat/kitten must be easily handled by a child in a retail store. If the cat/kitten cannot be handled safely, it will need to be released back where you found it. If you want the cat/kitten to be adopted, you will need to focus on socializing the animal. If the cat/kitten is unadoptable, you will be required to take it back.

Additional Requirements

- Children under the age of 18 should not be left unsupervised with any foster pets.
- Foster care providers must notify the foster coordinator immediately if a foster pet bites a person or a pet and the bite breaks the skin.
- If injury or illness results from interaction between pets in your home and foster pets, Texas Litter Control will only be responsible for the medical care and expenses of the foster pet. TLC highly recommends keeping foster pets separate from your personal pets for a minimum of 10 days and take proper sanitary precautions in between handling foster pets and personal pets.
- If a foster pet gets loose, the foster care provider should contact the foster coordinator immediately.

Supplies

Texas Litter Control will provide foster care providers with certain supplies. TLC does not provide food or litter for adoption program animals. This will be up to the foster care provider. TLC will provide:

- Any medications, supplements or prescription diets that have been prescribed by our veterinary staff.
- Other items based on availability and need such as cages, crates, etc.

Health and Treatment

Texas Litter Control will be as accurate as possible when providing information about the medical and behavioral health of pets seeking foster placement, but cannot guarantee the medical or behavioral health of any pet.

Foster care providers are required to be as accurate as possible about their foster pet's health and behavior. This will assist the shelter in determining the proper medical treatment, training and/or behavioral rehabilitation for the pet.

Foster Pet Adoptions

- All foster pets must be fixed (spayed/neutered) and microchipped before they can go to their forever homes.
- Potential adopters must go through an approval process. For additional details and instructions, see the "My foster pet has a potential adopter, now what?" section of this manual.
- Foster care providers may adopt their foster pet(s), but should notify the foster coordinator of their decision as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

What happens if I do not return a foster pet to Texas Litter Control

Spayed/Neutered Pets

If we cannot contact you and you have not returned a pet which is spayed/neutered, the pet will be adopted to you and you will receive a bill for all of the vetting costs incurred for the pet. Non-payment will result in debts being sent to collections. Texas Litter Control was out more than \$9,000 in vet expenses where the foster provider never returned the pet for adoption. Our organization runs on a very tight budget and we cannot afford this.

Pets Not Spayed/Neutered

If we cannot contact you and you have not returned a pet which has not been spayed/neutered, the pet will be listed as stolen and we will proceed with filing a theft of property report. Again, we have contracts with local shelters stating we will not turn over any pets which have not been spayed or neutered. If we violate these contracts, we will not be able to pull additional animals from these shelters. Your actions can cause literally hundreds of animals to die. We cannot stress enough the importance of following through with vetting. You will be allowed to adopt the cat. There is no reason to not complete the process.

How It Works

Once you have been approved to foster, you will be required to sign a foster agreement which will be kept on file at TLC. If at any time you have questions regarding the foster program, pets that we are pursuing foster placement for, etc., please contact the foster coordinator.

Selecting a Foster Pet

The majority of our fosters have found cats or kittens and just need help placing them. Others foster kittens from our Neo Natal Nursery from when they are weaned to when they weigh 2 pounds. These pets are listed on our Facebook page. As soon as you see a cat or kitten you would like to foster, notify the TLC foster coordinator. The foster coordinator will make arrangements for you to pick up the cat/kitten.

Medical Care

Basic Wellness Services (Vaccinations and Parasite Preventatives)

All foster pets under four months of age should have their weight checked and be given booster shots every 3-4 weeks. This means that kittens and puppies that are very young when they go to foster care may receive as many as four boosters. Foster pets over four months of age when they go into foster care may need to return to the shelter for a booster shot 3-4 weeks after their initial shot.

All foster pets over eight weeks of age should be given flea/tick and heartworm preventatives monthly. Since these medications are based on the weight of the pet, if your foster pet is still growing, they will need to visit the shelter to receive the appropriate medications. If you are fostering an adult pet whose weight has not changed, they do not need to visit the shelter, you may simply contact the foster coordinator to arrange to pick up the appropriate medications.

Please note: Due to the large number of pets in the foster program, it is up to the foster care provider to keep track of their foster pet's booster shot and preventative schedule.

Notify the foster coordinator to schedule an appointment.

Spay/Neuter

Cats and kittens are ready for spay/neuter surgery at 2 pounds and if they are showing no signs of illness. Pets should be brought in for surgery as soon as they are ready. The faster a pet can go up for adoption the better it is for the pet. It is very hard on adult cats to continually have to get adjusted to a new home. Small kittens get adopted faster than larger kittens.

Complications after Surgery

Please make sure you are following all post-operative instructions after the pet has had surgery to avoid any unnecessary complications. Contact the TLC clinic at 281-528-1238 if your foster is having any complications after surgery.

Sick or Injured Foster Pets

If you notice that your foster pet has previously undocumented hair loss, cold-like symptoms (sneezing and/or coughing occasionally, clear ocular or nasal discharge), occasional diarrhea and/or vomiting, but

is otherwise alert, active, eating and drinking well, please notify the foster coordinator so that it can be determined how best to proceed.

If your foster pet has more severe symptoms, such as yellow/green ocular or nasal discharge, extreme lethargy, frequent diarrhea and/or vomiting, etc., you will need to schedule an appointment for them to be examined our veterinary staff.

Please note: If you are fostering a litter of kittens or puppies, even if only one pet is showing symptoms, the entire litter should be brought in.

Fading Kitten Syndrome

Fading Kitten Syndrome is a life-threatening emergency in which a kitten, sometimes one that was previously healthy, “crashes” and begins to fade away. Symptoms include:

- Low body temperature – the kitten feels cool or cold to the touch
- Extreme lethargy - not getting up, unable to stand, not responding to touching/petting - Gasping for breath
- Meowing/crying out

See Appendix A to review the Fading Kitten Protocol.

Foster Puppies or Kittens with Fleas, Ticks or Other Parasites

If you notice that your foster puppies or kittens have fleas on them, they can be bathed with plain Dawn dish soap and a small comb can be used to remove the fleas. Afterwards, they should be dried thoroughly and steps should be taken to ensure that they stay warm. All bedding used before bathing should be washed with hot water and detergent and carpets should be vacuumed thoroughly.

For additional advice on how best to handle fleas/ticks and other parasites, please contact the foster coordinator.

Prescription Diets

If your foster pet is on a veterinary prescribed diet, refill requests must be submitted to the foster coordinator. Please plan ahead as it may take up to one week to fill your request.

In Case of an After Hours Emergency

What is Considered an After Hours Emergency?

Anything life-threatening which has not been previously diagnosed.

Urgent, life threatening medical issues may include:

- Total unresponsiveness
- Frequent and/or long lasting seizures which have not been previously documented or diagnosed
 - Ingestion of a toxic substance
- Profuse bleeding that cannot be stopped when pressure is applied
- Severe, unrelenting pain that has not been previously documented or diagnosed

Who to Call for an After Hours Emergency.

Please note, Texas Litter Control will not pay for emergency room fees unless we have authorized it in advance.

Deana Sellens 713-822-4368

Trudy Bennett 713-826-2429

Deceased Pets

In some cases, sick or weak pets may die in foster care. If your foster pet passes away, please contact the foster coordinator. You will be asked to provide detailed information as to what happened at the time of the death so that we can determine if other foster pets in your care may be at risk. You will be asked to bring the body back to TLC and a necropsy may be performed.

How can I help my foster pet find a forever home?

When fostering a pet for TLC, you can be their number one advocate! By acting as an adoption ambassador, you aren't just a foster care provider, you're a photographer, biographer, marketing specialist, and adoption counselor!

- Take one clear, landscape oriented (horizontal), photo of the foster pet and email it to the foster coordinator so that it can be added to our website.
- Promote the foster pet on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor).
- Create and post an ad for the foster pet on www.Craigslist.org.
- Create and put up flyers for the foster pet in appropriate locations.

My foster pet has a potential adopter, now what?

Have the potential adopter go to this page of our website and fill out the application.

<https://www.texaslittercontrol.org/adoptable-pets.html>

The adoption coordinator will contact the adopter and complete the adoption process. The adoption coordinator will then contact you and give you the ok to hand over the pet to the new adopter. You are not to give the pet away until all paperwork has been completed.

Please note: ALL PETS MUST BE SPAYED/NEUTERED AND MICRO-CHIPPED PRIOR TO BEING TRANSFERRED TO AN ADOPTER.

Returning Foster Pets to Texas Litter Control

If you need to return a foster pet to the shelter for any reason, please contact the foster coordinator so that we can make arrangements for you to do so.

Appendix A: Fading Kitten Protocol

SYMPTOMS

- Low body temperature; the kitten feels cool or cold to the touch
- Extreme lethargy; not getting up, unable to stand, not responding when touched, can't hold its head up
- Gasping for breath; mouth-breathing
- Meowing, crying out

Take immediate action. Do NOT deviate from these instructions!

FIRST – BODY HEAT

1. Immediately burrito-wrap the kitten leaving only the face – eyes, nose, mouth – exposed. Do not take the kitten out of the towel to adjust them or check on them. Every time you take them out you will make them cold again, even if it is only for a second.
2. Wrap a heating pad set on low around the burrito towel (to avoid burns). Secure it around the towel so it stays in place.

THEN – BLOOD SUGAR

1. Put some Karo Syrup in warm water, 50/50. Put some in a syringe and give the kitten one drop every three minutes. SET YOUR TIMER!!!!
2. If the kitten is not swallowing, rub some Karo on its gums and tongue.
3. Take care not to contaminate anything by double-dipping syringes.
4. If the kitten begins to sit up on its own, administer one drop of Vitamin B Complex orally to the kitten using a 1cc syringe.
5. Mix 4 drops of Vitamin B Complex into the kitten(s) bottle and note on the side of the bottle with tape. Log in ASM notes.

NOTE: Fading episodes can take minutes or hours before a kitten is responsive again.

This is the only treatment for fading kitten. Follow these steps precisely.

- Be sure to alert the adoption coordinator that the kitten was fading and make clear notes about the episode in the kitten's chart and on the feeder board.
- If the kitten passes, follow the deceased kitten protocol and be sure to alert adoption coordinator.
- Contact Trudy, Jennifer or Deana directly if you have any questions about a fading episode or about this protocol.

Appendix B: Important Safety Tips for You and Your Foster Dog

If you are fostering a dog for a fire victim family, please take every precaution to ensure you do not lose their pet. These families have gone through enough tragedy. We don't want to stress them out by losing their precious family member.

Secure Your Yard

- Check your fencing for loose boards. Make sure there are no holes under the fence.
- Make sure your gates are closed and secure.
- Do not leave your foster dog unattended.

Before the Outing/Walk

- Make sure that you have the appropriate supplies. These include: a cell phone, poop bags, a bottle of water, a collapsible bowl, and a list of emergency numbers.
- Make sure that the dog is properly fitted with a collar. If needed, a harness can be used in addition to the collar. Many dogs will pull out of their collar. We highly recommend a harness.
- The dog should have a leash properly attached to their collar, or harness. Check to be sure that all equipment is fastened, and that no equipment is frayed, worn or has stitching coming out. Flexi / retractable leashes should not be used.
- Walk your dog on a short leash – a long leash gives the dog more strength and leverage.

During the Outing/Walk

Be aware of other dogs, bicyclists, runners and walkers that might cross your path and give them the right of way.

Keep your distance from other pets and do not introduce shelter dogs to privately owned dogs.

Be visible! Wear bright colors so that you can be easily seen by oncoming traffic.

Cross safely. Look both ways when you cross traffic and remember that the prey drive of any dog can kick in at any time. Be aware of your surroundings and do not let the dog walk far in front of you or far behind you.

Do not use headphones or talk on a cell phone while walking the dog. Use all of your senses to ensure that you, those around you, and the dog remain safe.

Pay attention to the dog's respiration rate and overall appearance and attitude. Make sure to offer water regularly and take breaks periodically so the dog can catch his breath.

Additional Tips

- Use distance or distraction to reduce aroused behavior and reactivity
- Keep two hands on leash for best control
- Let faster traffic pass on left, keep slower traffic on your right.
- Reward & praise the dog for calm behavior, easy walking or jogging, and sitting for greetings.
- Take pictures and videos when it is safe to so, and share your experiences with volunteers, staff, and other fosters! Or invite a friend along to be a photographer.

Appendix C: Recommended Reading/Viewing for Puppy/Dog Fosters Safety, Behavior and Training Information

Review the “Public Outings and Walks - Safety Tips for You and Your Foster Dog” Appendix B

Decompression Tips for New Foster Dogs

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/steffen-baldwin/chill-out-decompression-t_b_8331986.html

Dog Body Language: Understand What Dogs Are Saying

<https://youtu.be/Ori0wndPzCM>

Common Dog Behavior Issues: Leash Reactivity

<http://careforreactivedogs.com/start-here/>

Common Dog Behavior Issues: Separation Anxiety

https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/11_7/features/Canine-Separation-Anxiety_16044-1.html

Common Dog Behavior Issues: Aggression

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/dog-care/common-dog-behavior-issues/aggression>

Dog Bite Prevention

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/dog-care/dog-bite-prevention>

Kids and Dogs: How Kids Should and Should Not Interact with Dogs

<http://drsophiayin.com/blog/entry/kids-and-dogs-how-kids-should-and-should-not-interact-with-dogs>

The Safety Guide to Children and Dogs

<https://positively.com/articles/dog-child-safetyguide/>

House Training

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/housetraining_puppies.html

Crate Training

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/crate_training.html

Enrichment and Exercise

<https://positively.com/dog-wellness/dog-enrichment/> <https://positively.com/dog-wellness/exercise/>

How to Introduce Dogs to Each Other

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/introducing-dogs-each-other>

How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat:

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/how-introduce-dog-cat> - *Option 1: Slow and steady desensitization*

Appendix D: Additional Resources for Puppy/Dog Fosters

Nursing Dog and Puppy Care

https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Foster_Care_Manual/Nursing_Mother_Dogs_and_Their_Puppies.pdf

Basic Puppy Care and Socialization

<https://pets.webmd.com/dogs/guide/socializing-new-puppy#1>

Heartworm Disease

<https://www.heartwormsociety.org/pet-owner-resources/heartworm-basics>

Ringworm

<https://canna-pet.com/ringworm-dogs-causes-signs-treatment/>

Demodectic (Demodex) Mange

<http://www.vcahospitals.com/main/pet-health-information/article/pet-health/mange-demodectic-in-dogs/741>

Sarcoptic Mange

<http://www.vcahospitals.com/main/pet-health-information/article/pet-health/mange-sarcoptic-in-dogs/839>

Appendix E: Required Reading and/or Viewing for Kitten/Cat Fosters

Safety, Behavior and Training Information – The Dos and Don'ts of Introducing Cats

<https://www.jacksongalaxy.com/blog/the-dos-and-donts-of-introducing-cats/>

How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat:

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/how-introduce-dog-cat> - Option 1: Slow and steady desensitization

Common Cat Behavior Issues: Aggression

<https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/cat-care/common-cat-behavior-issues/aggression-cats>

Common Cat Behavior Issues: Litterbox Problems

<https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/cat-care/common-cat-behavior-issues/litter-box-problems>

Texas Litter Control Foster Care Provider Agreement

I, _____, make the following statements and voluntarily enter into this Foster Care Agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) to provide temporary care as a foster caregiver for Texas Litter Control ((hereinafter “TLC”).

1. _____ I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment. I agree to notify TLC if I am convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment in the future.
2. _____ I agree to comply with all other federal, state and local laws that pertain to companion animals and pet ownership in the jurisdiction where I reside.
3. _____ I understand that TLC reserves the right to check on the welfare of my foster animal, which may include a visit to my foster home. I further understand that if TLC finds a direct and immediate threat to my foster animal, TLC may remove the animal from my care.
4. _____ I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the TLC Foster Care Manual (“Manual”), and that I have read the Manual. I agree to fully comply with the policies, guidance and requirements set forth in the Manual as applicable to my foster animal.
5. _____ I agree to not take my foster dog(s) or my foster cat(s) to dog parks, off-leash areas, daycare facilities, crowded public areas, or any similar locations, unless given prior approval by the TLC Foster Coordinator. I understand that I will be solely responsible for any injury or damage caused by my foster animal if I do not comply with this provision.
6. _____ I understand that TLC recommends that my foster animal(s) is to be kept separate from any other animals currently living in my home. I agree that if I choose to introduce my foster animal(s) to any other animal living in my home, I will be solely responsible for any illness or injury to other animals.
7. _____ I agree that the animal(s) that I foster will reside in my home, will be kept as household pets, and will not be used for breeding.
8. _____ I agree to notify the TLC Foster Coordinator immediately by phone and in writing at 281-528-1238 and adoptions@texaslittercontrol.org immediately if my foster animal(s) becomes lost or separated from me.
9. _____ I agree to notify the TLC Foster Coordinator immediately by phone and in writing at 281-528-1238 and adoptions@texaslittercontrol.org if my foster animal demonstrates any aggressive behavior, including, but not limited to, biting a person or another animal.
10. _____ I agree to seek immediate medical attention if I am bitten by my foster animal, or if I receive any other physical injury resulting from interaction with my foster animal. I further agree to seek immediate medical attention for any member of my household who is bitten or suffers any other physical injury resulting from interaction with my foster animal.
11. _____ I agree to return my foster animal(s) at any time upon the request of the TLC Foster Coordinator or any TLC staff member.

12. _____ I agree to receive and respond to calls and emails concerning my foster animal(s), from TLC staff, veterinary staff, and potential adopters.
13. _____ I agree to transport the animal to TLC or an approved veterinary clinic to receive medical treatment as requested by the TLC Foster Coordinator or TLC staff. If my foster animal experiences a medical emergency, I agree to follow the instructions outlined under “In Case of an After Hours Emergency” in manual.
14. _____ I understand that TLC will not reimburse me for any routine, non-emergency, or emergency care for my foster animal that is not pre-approved in writing by the TLC Foster Coordinator.
15. _____ I agree to contact the TLC Foster Coordinator at 281-528-1238 or adoptions@texaslittercontrol.org for other any other emergency or non-emergency matters.
16. _____ I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with animals who may have been abandoned, neglected, mistreated, or who may suffer from an illness or disease. My participation in the TLC Foster Program is entirely voluntary and without the promise or expectation of compensation. I have no known physical or mental condition that would impair my ability to participate in the TLC Foster Program. I understand that while TLC staff carefully monitors all animals, TLC may have limited knowledge of their behavioral and medical backgrounds. Therefore, I understand that TLC makes no warranties or representations regarding my foster animal’s health, behavior, temperament, age, or breed. I further understand that environmental changes may affect and change the temperament of my foster animal(s).
17. _____ I understand and agree that Texas Litter Control, its members, officers, directors, agents, staff and volunteers have no liability or responsibility of any nature for injuries or damage to any person, animal, or property which may be caused by my foster animal(s) or my participation in the TLC Foster Program. I, for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless Texas Litter Control, its members, officers, directors, agents, staff and volunteers, and their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and representatives from all liability for and all risk of damage or bodily injury or death that may occur to me (including any injury based on negligence) now or hereafter in connection with my foster animal(s) and my participation in the TLC Foster Program. I expressly agree that this release, waiver and indemnity is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the State of Texas and that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

By my signature below and, and by my initials beside each numbered paragraph above, I affirm that all statements and stated agreements contained in this document are truthful, I affirm that I have read and understand this Agreement in its entirety, and I agree to abide by the terms of this Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____