

FOSTER HOME CONTRACT

Napanee Community Kitten Rescue is happy to train foster homes in all aspects of fostering, and mentor our foster parents. We will provide you with help/advice and you will have a contact for this...both by email and phone.

1. OWNERSHIP

All foster homes agree, and understand, **that the animal(s) in their care belong to Napanee Community Kitten Rescue** and are **not** the property of the foster home. All decisions made regarding the animal(s) vet care, final placement etc. will be made by NCKR (although input from fosters is always welcome). The foster home will immediately inform NCKR if the animal is lost or stolen, and the foster home may not transfer the animal to any other person without express written consent from NCKR.

2. Basic Care & Environment

Foster animal(s) shall **live indoors only** as a family pet – They are **never** to be kept outdoors. They may need to be kept separate from other pets owned by the foster (see Other Pets below). The foster home is not to expose the animal(s) to harmful objects, chemicals, poisons, or other living creatures that may endanger the life of the animal.

A clean environment is mandatory. If/when an animal is sick, or with vomiting/diarrhea, bedding is to be changed frequently and accordingly. Floors washed - waste removed and disposed of promptly. Litter pans are to be cleaned daily, and be accessible always.

Animals shall be allowed to free feed (unless otherwise directed), and have access to clean, fresh water at all times.

The foster home is not responsible for the cost of any **special diet** needed for animal(s) in their care (unless they have agreed to do so as part of their donation to NCKR). Fosters will contact NCKR if they need item(s) necessary to provide basic care. If these items cannot be supplied by NCKR, purchases can be pre-approved, so that reimbursement can be made on presentation of receipts. All basic food, litter, etc. will be provided by the foster home, unless otherwise agreed.

Toys/treats/non-essential items for NCKR animals shall be at the foster home's discretion, and at their expense.

Other Pets

The foster home agrees it is their responsibility to keep their pet(s) safe from the foster animal, and vice versa, and agree to **NEVER** leave their pet(s) and NCKR animal(s) together unsupervised. If the foster home pet(s) contract an illness from, or are harmed by a foster animal (or vice versa) because they did not follow quarantine/supervision guidelines, the foster home is responsible for all veterinary fees incurred.

3. Training/Socializing/Transport

The foster home will provide a loving, compassionate environment, and are responsible for training/socializing the animal(s) in their care. This includes litter training, dish feeding (for water and food once weaned off syringes), proper play habits, and socializing. Foster animal(s) will be protected from conditions, substances, and experiences unsafe for any pet.

Foster animal(s) shall always be transported in a pet carrier(s) and are **NEVER** to be allowed to roam free in a vehicle. The animal(s) is **never** to be left in a vehicle unsupervised.

Foster homes shall inform NCKR of any concerns as to health or behaviour as quickly as possible.

4. Medical/Veterinary Care

NCKR Responsibility - NCKR is responsible for the medical care/vaccinations etc. of foster animals. Foster homes are not responsible for veterinary fees for documented conditions. While NCKR understands the importance of excellent veterinary care, it must be understood that **NO** visit to the vet is to be undertaken, and no medications given, without prior consent from NCKR. If not approved prior, the foster will cover the costs.

Foster Home Responsibility - The foster home will be responsible for the cost of any veterinary fees, including medications, resulting from injury to the animal(s) which is not deemed accidental by NCKR, or from failure to adhere to the guidelines of care in this contract, that occurs while in the care and control of the foster home. The foster home will keep the animal(s) quarantined separately from their own pet(s) until they can be with other animals. NCKR will make that assessment.

5. Supplies

All foster homes agree to use supplies provided by NCKR for bottle babies. Any supplies - food, bedding, medication, syringes, nipples etc. - shall be promptly returned to NCKR if/when, the foster home stops fostering for NCKR.

6. Record keeping

All foster homes agree to keep the appropriate NCKR representative updated on a regular basis - this is to include all behavioural, medical issues, and or medical emergencies. Forms are available for record keeping of progress.

7. Prospective Adopters

All foster homes agree to obtain prior approval from NCKR before placing an animal(s) in a forever home. Adoptions include a completed application form, contract, personal and vet references, a home visit, and an adoption fee. All foster homes agree to turn all paperwork, fees/donations over to NCKR, along with copies of any health records, in a timely manner.

Summary of terms

1. I will feed, and provide a loving, compassionate, clean, safe environment for the animal(s) in my care.
2. I will take the animal(s) in my care to the vet as requested, and only when approved by NCKR.
3. I will give the animal(s) in my care any medications as requested by NCKR.
4. I will ensure the animal(s) in my care will get proper and supervised socialization.
5. I will keep NCKR informed of any, and all changes or concerns with the foster animal(s), and will complete and return all necessary paperwork when requested.

The foster home agrees that NCKR assumes no responsibility or liability for any injury or illness to any other pets in their home or any injury or illness to themselves or others, and are not responsible for any damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions and causes of action belonging to the said foster home incurred by the foster pet or because of fostering animals. NCKR is harmless regarding this agreement, and in the placement of the pet into foster care. The foster home agrees, and fully recognizes that volunteers, with the best of intentions, make this placement, and that NCKR makes no representations about the nature of the fostered animals. We help unwanted, homeless animals, and their history is unknown. The foster home agrees that NCKR is not able to guarantee any aspect of the animal's nature or health. The foster home also agrees that if at any time NCKR determines that the animal is not cared for humanely or to our standards of care, the foster home will, upon request, promptly return the animals and concurrent supplies to NCKR.

Signed this _____ day of _____.

Foster Name (please print): _____

Signature _____

Signature of NCKR Representative _____