

## Foster Carer Guidelines and Agreement

Foster Carers make a commitment to care for the cat and/or kittens from the time they take them in, until they are adopted. This can vary from a few weeks to a few months.

As a Foster Carer you are expected to feed and care for the foster cat/kitten in much the same way you would your own. You are expected to provide food, fresh water and cat litter on a daily basis as well as worming and flea treatments at appropriate intervals. Initial flea and worm treatments are administered at Sanford Veterinary Clinic before you collect the cat/kitten. Future worming and flea treatments are available from Sanford Veterinary Clinic upon request, for foster cats only, as they are due. Food, litter and toy donations are received regularly and offered up for volunteers to take. Please do not be shy when accepting donations! Please ensure your foster cats have food and water available, litter trays and maybe a cat toy or two.

Foster carers will be notified, via the closed Facebook group "Mid West Cat Shelter Volunteers:", when your foster is due for veterinary treatment such as sterilization or vaccinations. You will need to make the appointment to fit in with your schedule and quote your foster cat's number (NOT NAME) with you for all vet appointments.

If you are going away on holidays and cannot find care for the cat/kitten please provide as much notice as possible, so that MWCS can arrange care. If you have arranged for somebody to look after your foster while you are on holidays, please notify MWCS with the name and phone number of the person providing care in case we need to contact them.

If you decide you would like to adopt a cat/kitten then you are subject to the same requirements and fees as any other potential adopter. The cat/kitten will not be held, and will be considered available until paperwork is completed and payment is made.

Remember to stay in touch and ask questions if you have any problems.

- Mid West Cat Shelter is responsible for the initial vet check, flea and worm treatments so the cat goes to the foster carer in good health.
- MWCS will cover veterinary costs for the cat/kitten.
- All veterinary work outside of vaccinations, sterilisation or microchip, must be pre-approved by MWCS. Any out of hours emergency care will be undertaken by MWCS' on call veterinarian.
- MWCS will allow the foster carer access to the MWCS Volunteers closed group to gain/share info and advice with other carers and volunteers.
- Once photos have been received from the foster carer, MWCS will advertise the cat/kitten on our Facebook and web site, to promote the cat/kitten at any opportunity.
- In becoming a foster carer, I agree to care for the cat/kitten in line with the above guidelines and in addition I recognise the ownership of the cat/kitten will remain with MWCS until they are adopted. I will not pass the care of the cat on to any other person (with the exception of holiday care, as above) and will return the cat/kitten immediately to MWCS upon request of MWCS.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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