

Wood Violet Animal Rescue

Foster Care Manual

Firstly, we wanted to say thank you for helping us save an animal's life. We would NOT be able to do this without you. As we start this journey together all of us at Wood Violet would like to make fostering as fun and easy as we possibly can. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact your foster coordinator Monday-Friday 7am-8pm. Fostering for Wood Violet is a fun way to experience owning an animal without a lifelong commitment.

Your Foster Program Coordinator will be assigned to you before you receive your foster

When your foster coordinator is unavailable please contact one of our Wood Violet representatives. Back-up will always be available if necessary.

Emergency Protocol and Contact Information

Out of Hour Emergency

On occasion, animals can experience medical emergencies that happen **outside of normal hours of operation**. Please **CALL** your Foster Program Coordinator **immediately**. If necessary please call your **back-up**.

If you decide to take it upon yourself to help your foster please know we are not responsible for any costs incurred and this is NOT ADVISED.

Choosing Wood Violet's Foster Candidates

Animals chosen for our foster programs are those that are expected to be adoptable. Reasons for animals in foster care are in need of a home, seniors or handicapped animals stressed in a shelter environment, some may have medical issues preventing them from being adoptable right away. Some issues may be, weight gain, young age, wound healing, cruelty cases, minor injuries, and other illnesses/injuries. Timid, shy, dog selective, cat/kid selective animals may be in our care and will be placed appropriately. Wood Violet representatives retain discretionary authority for selecting foster animals. **Wood Violet does not foster aggressive animals.**

Animals not considered for Wood Violet's Foster Care

Pose a threat to public health or safety.
Have unclear medical or behavioral problems.

If you are interested in our hospice foster care program please email woodvioletar@gmail.com with the subject "Hospice Foster Care".

Wood Violet Foster's General Guidelines

- Socialization will be at Wood Violet's discretion
 - Animals under four weeks need to be with mother - if applicable
- Length of stay is not guaranteed. The more we can do to market the more exposure we can get to a potential adopter.
- No use of aversive/non-scientific methods. We use methods proven by science to work better, faster, and retain knowledge longer. This means force free care ONLY. Your foster will be removed immediately if you use aversive methods.
 - **Love and care is top priority!**

Supplies we give you OR you donate (tax-deductible):

Towels and blanket, stainless steel water and food dish, appropriate grooming supplies, litter box, scratching posts, stain and odor remover, washable toys, food, treat.

Supplies we loan to you OR you donate (tax-deductible):

Foster animal size crate, baby gates, collar and leashes, kitty forts.

New Foster Animal Protocol

- A Wood Violet representative will email foster homes that would make a good match for said animal. The first foster home that responds will receive the animal. You can always decline for whatever reason but please remember you may be the only one that qualifies. We want foster homes that are available, if you are not please tell us ahead of time so we can take you off our active list.
- Once agreed you must make arrangements with your foster coordinator to pick up your animal within 24 hours.
 - If you cannot, we will need to find a volunteer that can.
 - We will provide any supplies you are unable to donate at that time.
- If at all possible try and schedule your free 30 minute in home training session right when you agree to the animal to ensure you can get a trainer there right away.
- You will get a fact sheet on your new foster animal including how we received them, their story, any medical issues, and the date of their recheck. Some animals may not have that much of background information, we will give you everything we know.
 - You will leave with all necessary medical supplies, if any.
 - Please leave animal's collar ON! It has our information on their ID tags.

Dog and Cat Proofing Your Home

- It is important that your home and foster room/space are safe; animals can surprise you!
 - All cleaning supplies and medications should be completely unattainable. Remember dogs and cats can climb! Best to keep them high in a cabinet or locked away.

- Place small objects smaller than a tennis ball (for dogs) out of their reach.
- Put away all shoes, socks, rags, towels, anything that looks like a chew toy but isn't.
 - Block off small places or areas they can get stuck in or hide.
 - Trash cans should be completely away or covered.
 - Blinds, drapes, and cords should be left out of reach.
 - Make sure you don't have poisonous plants (see our Pinterest board).
- Make sure your method for taking your dog outside to potty is fool proof. Always good to have a back-up "safety net".
- Toys must be safe. Avoid any toys that have small parts attached to them and avoid soft rubber toys that can be chewed apart easily. No strings, ribbons, etc.
- Wood Violet is not liable for any chewed furniture, clothing, papers, or anything of value. Please proof your home before they arrive.

Bringing Your Foster Home

- Ideally have everything set up PRIOR to bringing your animal home. Your new foster should be kept separate from any current household animals for about 7 days depending on the animal and animals in home. This is to protect each party of animals.
 - Cats and kittens do great in bathrooms and guest bedrooms.
 - The homecoming should be a peaceful, relaxing experience for your foster.
- Allow for quiet time to adjust to the new area. Think 3 day detox! They just went through a lot and need time to decompress.

Introducing Dogs to Dogs

Dog to dog introductions will be done at a neutral place, or on a walk away from the house. The dog will have already been smelling foster dog for 7 days and should realize who it is. If you are unsure of what you see please try and take a video and text or email it to your foster coordinator. If you would like virtual assistance with the meet and greet please schedule a session immediately - free of charge.

Always supervise foster dog with your dog!

Introducing Cats to Cats

Please choose wisely if you would like to introduce your house cat with your foster cat. A recommended 10 days should be enough time for both cats to adjust to each others smell between a door. You should be able to get an idea of how each cat feels about one another. If you are unsure please take a video of behavior and send it to your foster coordinator BEFORE introducing them to each other.

Health and Medical Issues

Even if your foster animal appears healthy and happy they may be incubating a disease. This is another reason why the 7-10 quarantine period is so important. **Same species in the household need to be up to date on all vaccines.** You may wish to discuss your fostering with your veterinarian. Due to the increased chance of exposure to animals with disease, your veterinarian might recommend vaccines that are not routinely given.

Observe Any Signs of Illness

Sneezing/coughing
Green mucus from nose or eyes
Squinting or crusting over of eyes
Gagging
Wheezing/honking
Tiring easily
Vomiting
Diarrhea
Straining to urinate or defecate
Bleeding from any part of the body
Twitching abnormally
Loss or decrease of appetite
Lethargic or depressed
Breathing heavily
Rectal temperature over 102.5 degrees

If your foster animal develops severe bloody diarrhea, severe vomiting or is very lethargic, contact your foster coordination immediately.

Administering Medications

For Dogs and Cats: if the pill will be eaten with food, try hiding it or mixing it in with some treats. A small amount of coconut oil, tuna, cream cheese, liverwurst, canned food or semi-moist food. If your cat will not take the pill in food or cannot have food with the medication please call your foster coordinator.

Domestic Pets Training Policy

I understand I will only use methods proven by science to work. I understand not using those methods can be detrimental to the dogs mental health prolonging how long they are in my home. Wood Violet will provide one 30 minute in home or virtual training session

training for all domestic animals and ongoing email and Facebook group support. This is part of why Wood Violet is so unique. We consider every aspect of the animal to choose the ONLY forever home!

Adoption Policy

Love your foster animal so much that you would like to be their forever home? It is policy at Wood Violet that any person interested in adoption must fill out the application prior to any other applications on file. All applications are dealt with in order of date received. All requirements must be met; all members in the household must view the animal, a valid driver's license and proof of home ownership or consent from a landlord is necessary. Let your coordinator know if you have an interested family for your foster and they will advise you on the next steps.

Do not give away your foster animal to an interested party.

Do not arrange adoptions of the animal on your own.

This is a serious violation of the foster care program and you will be terminated from any further participation. This is also a violation of policy. The animal has been in your care however legally, belongs to Wood Violet and any final decisions regarding an adoption will be determined by Wood Violet representatives. If you have any further questions regarding adoption policies and procedures call your coordinator.

Your foster coordinator will set up a time with you and the potential adopters and one of Wood Violet's representatives.

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

When fostering an animal for WVAR, you can be the animal's number one advocate! Think of yourself as a personal ambassador for your foster animal. As an ambassador you will take pictures, videos, write biographies that will help match the animal to their perfect forever home. You will be a HUGE help in spreading the word!

You will need to attend adoption events, fundraisers, and other events that may help get your foster adopted faster. Marketing on social media will help like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, any and all will help.

We would love to have updates at least 2-3 times per week so we can post on social media. We like to be 100% transparent so we are able to find the best forever home, please tell us your foster animals TRUE behavior.

There's an adopter, now what?

You should be able to check your phone and email every 48 hours for any updates about potential adopters or information about your foster.

1. The adopter must go through the approval process from Wood Violet. We will choose the candidate together to help find the BEST match.
2. After the foster animal has been spayed/neutered and microchipped (if applicable), it may be transferred to the adopter.
3. Foster coordinator should collect appropriate adoption fee from the adopter.
4. After the paperwork and fee is complete, all of the animal's paperwork and microchip information will be emailed to the adopter.
5. Now you are back on our foster list to save another life!

Sanitizing Your Home Between Foster Animals

In order to prevent disease and parasite infestations in your home it's important to thoroughly clean areas where the foster animal has stayed. A one week refresh of your home is a good timeline to make things perfect for your next foster.

- Wash bedding in hot water, detergent, and bleach.
 - Discard any non washable toys
- Disinfect all washable surfaces with a mild bleach and water solution (1:32 or 4 oz with every gallon) Prepare as needed, solutions lose their strength after 24 hours. Bleach is inactive in the presence of organic matter like dirt and hair so vacuum and clean up before disinfecting. Bleach solution must stay in contact with the surface being sanitized for at least 10 minutes to be effective.
 - Vacuum all carpeted areas.
- Soak toys in bleach water for 20 minutes and scrub and bleach crates, carriers, scoops, food bowls and litter boxes.
 - Regularly pick up dog waste to help prevent spread of diseases.

Quarantine Periods

Quarantine periods are used to allow infectious disease to die off in the environment. This protects future foster animals from being infected with the virus or disease. Specific quarantine periods are as followed:

Feline Leukemia/FIV - 3 days

Sarcoptic Mange - 1 week

FIP or Canine Distemper - 3 weeks

Ringworm - 3 months

Panleukopenia or Parvovirus - 6 months

If a foster animal is infected with one of the above illnesses, the foster parent will not be allowed to bring another foster animal into the home for the designated quarantine period.

Foster Volunteer Timesheets

One of your volunteer obligations includes recording your foster hours. Every foster parent is responsible for recording the number of hours they volunteer each month. Volunteer hours are calculated by counting one hour per foster animal, per day. For example if you are caring for a litter of five kittens, you would count five hours each day for the duration of the kittens' care. Foster volunteer timesheets are available at the bottom of this manual and should be turned in at the end of every month.

Common Health Conditions

It is very important to keep watch of your foster pet each day so you can identify any health risks as soon as possible. The first couple days you have your foster focus on getting to know their behavioral patterns such as eating habits, elimination routines, etc. this way you will notice if something seems out of the ordinary. The following will help you to decipher if a trip to The vet or a phone call is necessary. Change in eating habits (increase or decrease) Change in attitude or energy level Excessive urination, lack of urination, concentrated urine Major changes in stool-bloody or runny Nasal/Eye discharge Coughing/Sneezing/Wheezing Vomiting Constant whining/ crying Anything out of the ordinary If you notice any of these in your foster, call your foster coordinator immediately.

Diarrhea

Diarrhea is often due to change in food or diet but can also be caused by parasites, bacteria growth, a viral infection or stress. If the animal seems to be alert and playful it is most likely from a change in diet. If the animal is showing signs of discomfort or there is blood in the stool, a fecal needs to be done to determine the problem. Most times a wormer is necessary or even an antibiotic. If this is the case, the foster coordinator will give you precise instruction on how to treat the animals' ailment. Both young animals and adults that have diarrhea may become dehydrated. There are a few things you can do to help but make sure to see medical advice first.

Vomiting

Vomiting is a common health issue in young fosters. Most often it is due to a change in food but can also be caused by parasites or a viral infection. If you notice your foster animal is vomiting,

monitor the frequency and content and then call the foster coordinator for advice. Often cats will throw up hairballs and these are really nothing to be too concerned about. If you notice worms or blood in their vomit, call your foster coordinator and prepare a fecal sample. Medications may have to be given to eliminate internal parasites. Vomiting can lead to dehydration. While your foster is at your home, make sure they have an adequate supply of water at all times. (If you have a puppy in your care and notice consistent vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, and rapid weight loss, call the vet IMMEDIATELY. Parvovirus can be fatal and action must be taken quickly.)

Canned pumpkin or plain yogurt may be mixed in with their food to help as well.

Internal Parasites

All animals over the age of 4 weeks are given dewormer when they come into our care. Kittens and puppies need to be dewormed multiple times. If you notice that something that resembles rice or spaghetti in their stool or vomit, they probably need another dewormer. Call your coordinator and let someone know you will be coming in and bring a stool sample with so staff can identify the parasite. Coccidia is a common protozoal parasite that cause vomiting, diarrhea and what would appear to be laziness. This is common in both kittens and puppies and can take some time to treat but is not life threatening if quickly treated. Always make sure to wash your hands thoroughly after cleaning the litter box or scooping poop. Coccidia can be transmitted to other animals and even humans so cleanliness is extremely important.

External Parasites

Common external parasites would include: fleas, ticks, lice, and ear mites all of which are easily treated but if left untreated, they can cause severe medical problems. If you are asked to foster an animal with any of these, you will be told how to properly treat the animal and how to keep yourself and other animals in your house safe. Fleas and ear mites are seen most often followed by ticks which are typically seasonal during the spring and summer months. Your foster animal will have been given primary treatment for whichever ailment they have. You MUST keep your foster animal away from any other pets in your home. An easy way to test or do a "flea check" is to wet a white piece of paper and scratch their fur onto the paper. If you see dark brown spots that are bleeding through the water that is flea dirt or the fleas' fecal matter and the animal needs another flea treatment. You can also spread the fur and look for flea dirt which would look like a dark gritty substance. Make sure to wash their bedding on a regular basis. Ear mites need multiple applications of medicine before they are gone. If your foster has ear mites, they will have been given an initial treatment but will need more. This is something you can do in your home or bring them in for future treatment. Ear mites are most often seen in cats and kittens. The inside of the ear will appear to be very gritty and dark in color. This would be the fecal matter of the ear mites that burrow into the ear canal. This fecal matter needs to be cleaned out with a cotton ball or very carefully with a q-tip. If this is something you are

comfortable doing, your vet will show you how before you take your foster home. Never do anything you are uncomfortable doing. Ticks can carry disease so it is very important to check your foster on a regular basis especially if your foster is a dog or puppy. Tick season is typically from spring through late fall or when the ground thaws until the first frost around November. Check the coat of your animal focusing around the head, ears, tails and armpits. If you feel a small bump it may be a tick. Carefully remove the tick by dabbing the area with a cotton ball and rubbing alcohol or a drop of organic peppermint oil if not on the face or ear. This will irritate the tick and you will be able to grab it off. The longer the tick has been feeding on the animal the larger it becomes. Try to remove the entire tick-body and head to flush it down the toilet. If you cannot get or are not sure if you got the head, don't panic. The animal's body will naturally push the head out. You can also use tweezers or anything else to safely remove the tick from the body. You must also call your coordinator and bring the animal in so it can receive a treatment for ticks. Lice aren't as common but are still a concern. Lice looks very similar to dandruff but sticks to the fur, it is very rare that an animal with lice would be placed into foster care until it has been fully treated. If you notice something like this on your foster call your coordinator immediately so they can be looked at.

Upper Respiratory Infection

Most cats and kittens need to be fostered because they have URI or an Upper Respiratory Infection. This can be detected by nasal and eye discharge, sneezing, coughing, open mouth breathing, etc. URI is like a common cold or flu to humans. Medication and instructions will be given to you when you pick up your foster. Fluids are often necessary in which you will need to bring your foster into your vet or administer them yourself at home. Medication may be a pill or liquid which your vet will show you how to administer. Using heating pads often helps especially with young kittens who may be alone. Usually medication is administered for 10 days but a lot of times it takes longer. If you start to run low on medication and notice that your foster is not 100%, call your coordinator immediately and come get some more. If your foster does not seem to be responding to the medication, a switch in antibiotics needs to be made. Animals CANNOT be placed up for adoption with any signs of illness whatsoever. If not better, you will be asked to take them home for another round of medication.

Canine Cough

Canine cough is an upper respiratory infection in dogs. It closely resembles the common cold in humans. Almost all dogs that contract the canine cough are treated right away. Canine cough is rarely fatal but recovery and length of treatment is less if caught early. If you do have a foster dog or puppy at home, signs of canine cough include the following: greenish discharge from the nose, coughing/hacking, sneezing, lethargy, decrease in appetite, etc. Contact the appropriate

vet immediately so the dog/puppy can be looked at and proper medication can be given. You will receive instruction on how to properly administer the medication.

Animal to Animal Disease Transmission

The following diseases are easily transmitted from animal to animal. To prevent transmission, keep your pets separate from your foster and if you have more than one foster keep them separate as well. Feline Leukemia: Highly contagious and can be spread through saliva, nasal secretion, feces, urine and milk. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV): Can be transmitted through bite wounds and occasionally through an infected mother's milk. Cats that test positive will not be placed in foster care. (Cats to Cats) Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)-Cats: Highly contagious. Keep all cats away from foster cat/kitten that has URI. (Cats to Cats) Canine Cough: Highly contagious. Vaccinations will help protect against canine cough. Keep all other dogs/puppies away from foster dog that has canine cough. (Dogs to Dogs) Rabies: Can be fatal, vaccinations are required and help protect against the virus. Rabies is transmitted through bite wounds. On the rare occasion an animal should have the rabies virus, they will be euthanized. (Any Animal) Internal/External Parasites: Highly contagious but easily treated. Animals placed in foster care with parasites will have treatments sent with them. Keep all other animals separate from the foster. (Fleas, Ear Mites, Lice, Worms, Coccidia, Etc. (Any Animal) Ringworm: Highly contagious fungal infection. Animals with ring worm would normally not be placed into foster care unless there is an extreme situation. (Any Animal) Saroptic Mange: Contagious. Animals with any form of mange would typically not be placed in foster care unless there is an extreme situation. (Any Animal) Demodectic Mange (Demodex): Not contagious. Some animals may have a reaction to Demodex which may require treatment. Most often the animal will be treated at the shelter unless there is an extreme circumstance where foster care is necessary.

Zoonotic Diseases

Zoonotic diseases are diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans. It is not likely that animals with some of the following would be placed into foster care. As foster care gives you need to be aware of the following and make sure you are handling your foster care animal properly for your safety and for theirs Internal Parasites: Almost all internal parasites are passed through fecal matter. After handling fecal matter of a foster that has or had internal parasites (scooping litter boxes, cleaning up after dogs, getting a sample for a fecal test, etc.) make sure to wash your hands thoroughly. **KEEP SMALL CHILDREN AWAY FROM LITTER BOX AND FECAL MATTER OUTSIDE.** Animals with internal parasites will have been given an initial treatment before going into a foster home but may require more. Toxoplasmosis: Transmitted through handling of feline fecal matter. Anywhere cats may have been, make sure to wash thoroughly immediately after (litter boxes, gardens, sandboxes, etc.) Ringworm: Highly contagious to humans through handling and contact with an animal that has it. Small, circular,

itchy spots will sporadically appear on the skin. Treatment is fairly simple but can also take quite a long time. Animals with ringworm are very rarely placed in foster care. External Parasites: Not likely but can be transmitted to humans in close proximity. Changing clothes and washing hands after handling an animal with external parasites is necessary to protect yourself and any other animal in your home. Animals will be given initial treatments before going into foster care and may require more. (Fleas and Lice and the most common) Sarcoptic Mange: Can be contagious to humans after handling an infected animal. Not to be confused with Demodectic Mange (Demodex) which is not contagious. Always wear gloves and change clothes after handling an animal with Sarcoptic Mange. Animals with this disease will not be placed in foster care unless there is an extreme circumstance. Rabies: Transmitted through bite wounds. If you are ever bitten by any animal and the bite breaks the skin, immediately wash with soap and warm water and call your physician. Rabies can be fatal in humans. An animal that may have rabies will not be placed into foster care.

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

If you notice any of these in your foster kitten please call your foster coordinator immediately.

Foster Puppies or Kittens with Fleas, Ticks or Other Parasites

If you notice that your foster kittens or puppies have fleas on them, they can be bathed with plain Dawn dish soap and a small comb can be used to remove the dead and dying fleas. Kittens and puppies should be dried thoroughly after bathing and steps should be taken to ensure that they stay warm. For additional advice on how best to handle fleas/ticks and other parasites, please contact the foster coordinator.

The chance of contracting any of these diseases from a foster animal is highly unlikely if you take proper precautions. Always wash your hands and clothes after handling your foster if they have any of the above. Thank you for being part of our Foster Care Program at Wood Violet Animal Rescue. All your effort and dedication to the animals is greatly appreciated. The care you are providing will help them to find their forever homes. The individualized attention, medical treatment, and socialization are just a few components of what you are doing to help these animals and give them a second chance at having a future.

Wood Violet's Foster Care Program Policies

Legal Guardianship all animals in foster care are the property of Wood Violet Animal Rescue and are subject to all applicable Wood Violet Animal Rescue policies, rules and restrictions.

Proper Housing and Care Requirements

1. Foster care providers are expected to follow and abide by all guidelines and protocols regarding proper care of foster animals, including giving them proper food, access to water at all times, daylight, socialization, health care, etc. Foster animals must be kept in climate controlled homes with the temperature kept between 60 and 80° F.
2. You should never take your foster animal anywhere without your foster coordinator approval.
3. Dogs can go outside for supervised play time/exercise. When 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 in a fenced area.
4. You are prohibited from taking foster dogs to off leash dog parks or other off leash areas.
Dogs must be on leash, under your control, at all times.
5. You are prohibited from having your foster dog socialize with other dogs, except those in your home. All socialization needs approval from your foster coordinator.
6. Kittens and cats in foster care should be kept indoors only. When being transported, cats and kittens must be kept in secured carriers.
7. If your foster pet gets loose, contact the foster coordinator immediately.
8. If injury or illness results from interaction between your animals and foster animals, Wood Violet Animal Rescue will only be responsible for the medical care and expenses of the foster animal. In some cases, you may be asked to keep your pet separate from the foster pet for a predetermined period of time to prevent the spread of illness to your pet.
9. Wood Violet Animal Rescue reserves the right to perform home checks in order to ensure that foster animals are being adequately and appropriately cared for.
10. If a foster care provider refuses to return a foster animal for any reason upon request by Wood Violet representative, or has improperly transferred an animal to another individual or entity, the foster care provider will be permanently removed from the foster program and Wood Violet may initiate appropriate legal action in order to secure the return of the animal.

11. Foster care providers are only allowed to treat foster animals with medications and supplements prescribed by veterinarians and approved by Wood Violet, unless alternative care arrangements have been approved by the foster coordinator.
12. Foster care providers must notify the foster coordinator immediately if a foster animal bites a person or animal and the bite breaks the skin.
13. Children under the age of 18 should not be left unsupervised with any foster animals at any time for any reason.

Health and Temperament

Our goal, as always, is to be as accurate as possible when providing information about your foster animal. Wood Violet cannot guarantee the medical or behavioral health of any animal.

Foster care parents are required to be as accurate as possible about their foster animal's health and behavior. This will assist the rescue in determining the proper medical treatment, training and/or behavior modification as well as placing them in the best forever home.

Resignation Policy

It is our hope that you will remain a WVAR volunteer for many years and have an enjoyable experience; however, we understand that life's circumstances change and during these times, volunteers will resign from their volunteer position. We ask that you please discuss your decision to resign with staff at WVAR to learn if there is a way to address or mitigate any issues. For volunteers fostering dogs, please submit a written notice as soon as possible, but not less than 72 business hours prior to your final volunteer date so WVAR has adequate time to identify a new home for your foster.

Wood Violet Animal Rescue Foster Care 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 Wood Violet Animal Rescue ((hereinafter "WVAR").

1. _____ I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment. I agree to notify WVAR 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 WVAR 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 WVAR finds a direct and immediate threat to my foster animal, WVAR may remove the animal from my care.
4. _____ I understand WVAR will have a representative come for an in home or virtual visit prior to accepting application.
5. _____ I understand that I may be asked to complete evaluation forms for the animal.
6. _____ I agree to be honest and forthright regarding the animal's behavior, be it positive or negative.
7. _____ I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the WVAR 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.
8. _____ 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 WVAR 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.
9. _____ I understand that I will not be reimbursed for any bills incurred if I take my foster animal to the vet without approval from Wood Violet.
10. _____ I understand that my foster animal should not be transported to any location other than my residence without the permission of a WVAR representative.
11. _____ I understand that means I cannot take my foster animal to the lake, friends, or parents house, without the consent of a WVAR representative.
12. _____ I understand that WVAR 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.
13. _____ 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.

14. _____ I agree to notify the WVAR Foster Coordinator immediately by phone **and** in writing (woodvioletar@gmail.com) immediately if my foster animal(s) becomes lost or separated from me.

15. _____ I agree to notify the WVAR Foster Coordinator immediately by phone and in writing at (woodvioletar@gmail.com) if my foster animal demonstrates any aggressive behavior, including, but not limited to, biting a person or another animal.

16. _____ 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. Wood Violet is not liable to pay any human medical expenses incurred by bite.

17. _____ I agree to receive and respond to calls and emails concerning my foster animal(s), from WVAR shelter staff, veterinary staff, and potential adopters.

18. _____ I agree to transport the animal to an approved veterinary clinic to receive medical treatment as requested by the WVAR Foster Coordinator or WVAR representative. 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.

19. _____ I understand that WVAR will not reimburse me for any routine or non-emergency care for my foster animal that is not pre-approved in writing by the WVAR Foster Coordinator.

20. _____ I agree to contact the WVAR Foster Coordinator via phone or email woodvioletar@gmail.com for other any other emergency or non-emergency matters.

21. _____ I understand I am not allowed to take my foster animal to the vet without consent.

22. _____ 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 WVAR 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 WVAR Foster Program. I understand that while WVAR representatives carefully monitors all animals, WVAR may have limited knowledge of their behavioral and medical backgrounds. Therefore, I understand that WVAR 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 behavior of my foster animal(s).

23. _____ I understand and agree that Waukesha and Washington County, its members, officers, directors, agents and elected officials 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 WVAR Foster Program. I, for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Counties of Waukesha and Washington, its members, officers, directors, agents, elected officials, 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 WVAR 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 Wisconsin and that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

24. _____ I am fully aware that I am responsible for anything that gets damaged in my home due to chewing, scratching, or other destructive behavior animals may have. (Please know we are here to support these behaviors and introduce fun and happiness. If you see any behaviors that are not appropriate please call your coordinator and let them know you need help and put your valued items away! Animal proofing is very important!)

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: _____

