



1852 North Stevens Street – Rhinelander, WI 54501 – 715-362-5992

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## **FOSTER HOME CONTRACT**

The Oneida County Humane Society relies on foster homes to help save dogs and cats and give them a second chance. Foster homes may have dogs or cats for a few weeks or even a few months. There is no guarantee of exactly how long the dog or cat will be in foster care. Please read this contract thoroughly.

- The term “foster home” refers to one or more individuals, of legal age, entering into this contract.
- The foster home represents that no member of its household (permanent or temporary) have been charged with cruelty to animals, domestic abuse, disorderly conduct, or any other violent act.
- The foster home agrees to accept the following conditions and restrictions set forth by the Oneida County Humane Society (OCHS):
  1. **EXPERIENCE:** The foster home represents that it has a reasonable working knowledge of the proper care and humane treatment of animals.
  2. **CARE:** The foster home agrees to provide the dog/cat(s) with good and loving care, including but not limited to sufficient nutritious food, fresh water, litter, shelter and medication when required (medications provided & approved by OCHS). To realize that children and animals need to be closely supervised. To never allow the animal to be trained for or used for protection or as an attack animal. To treat the dog/s or cat/s as the family pet/s with affection and kindness, never subjecting the dog/cat/s to abuse or cruelty or neglect. To not transport the dog/cat/s unconfined in an open vehicle. To regularly check the tightness of any collar. To affix any licenses and tags to the collar and to never leave a choke chain or pinch collar on the animal when not attended.
  3. **HOUSING:** No OCHS cat will be allowed outdoors at any time. OCHS dogs must be securely leashed or kenneled when outdoors. The foster pet must be in a safe, secure environment where it cannot harm itself or other members of the household. If the foster pet is lost or stolen, the foster home will immediately notify the OCHS and assist in attempts to recover the pet.
  4. **PERSONAL PETS:** The foster home represents that their personal pets are currently up to date on vaccinations, including distemper/parvo and rabies. The foster home agrees to keep a OCHS foster cat separate from their personal pets for at least 10 days. If the foster cat is incubating an illness or disease this separation will minimize the chance of personal pets becoming ill.
  5. **HEALTH:** Should the foster pet become ill while in foster care, the foster home will call the OCHS and take the pet to an approved OCHS veterinarian. OCHS is to approve all vet visits, charges, tests and medications. Any charges that the foster may incur through a private veterinarian will not be reimbursed. Routine deworming and vaccinations will be provided by the OCHS, although you may have to bring your foster to OCHS for certain vaccinations.
  6. **EMERGENCIES:** In an emergency situation, the foster home must contact an OCHS staff person immediately.
  7. **SPAY/NEUTER:** All foster pets must be spayed/neutered prior to adoption. These appointments must be made through the OCHS ONLY! The foster home will be expected to deliver and pick-up their foster pets on time.
  8. **HEALTH/TEMPERAMENT:** The foster home understands that the OCHS may not have any prior knowledge of the health or temperament of its foster pets. While the OCHS will attempt to ensure the foster pet is compatible with the foster home, the OCHS does not warrant the foster pets temperament or behavior in any way. The foster home will not hold the OCHS liable for any

acts of the foster pet during its stay in the foster home. The foster home will notify the OCHS immediately of any problems with the foster pet (i.e. medical, behavioral, compatibility). The foster home will notify the shelter of the animal's monthly progress.

9. **OWNERSHIP:** The foster home fully understands that the pet is the property of the OCHS. The OCHS will retain ownership of all foster pets and will make final decisions (with the input of the foster home) regarding adoption or euthanasia. Any decision made by the OCHS will be followed by the foster home. The foster home does not have the right, or the authority, to re-home any foster pet or place a foster pet with another individual without the written consent and approval of the OCHS.
10. The foster home will not foster pets for another rescue/shelter/humane society while fostering for the OCHS. If the foster home is found to have foster pets from another agency, the OCHS may not pay certain medical expenses and remove the animal.
11. The foster home agrees that the OCHS may, as it deems necessary, make visits to the foster home to check on a foster pet's status without notice.
12. **ADOPTION EVENTS:** The foster home agrees to bring their foster pet/s to OCHS adoption events as requested by the OCHS.
13. **BITES:** The foster home agrees that it will report any bite (whether inflicted on a human or animal) to the OCHS immediately. The foster home will abide by the decision of the OCHS as to the disposition of the foster pet should a bite occur.
14. If the foster home needs to quit fostering at any time, the foster home agrees to give the OCHS reasonable time to find a new foster home for the pet(s). The foster home WILL NOT give the pet(s) to any other individual or other shelter. The foster home agrees to house the pet/s until it can be placed elsewhere through the OCHS.
15. The foster home further agrees that it will voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasee's from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this foster program. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct. Should Releasee's or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs. I further hold the OCHS harmless in the event the foster pet is responsible for any injury, property damage, illness (including if the illness is spread to any other animals) or for harm to any person(s) who may come into contact with the foster pet while it is under the care of the foster home. The foster home agrees to pay any veterinary expenses incurred for personal pets should they become ill from a foster pet.
16. I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may suffer or I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage to myself.
17. In the event I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so solely in the state where Releasee's facility is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of the state shall apply.
18. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

The Oneida County Humane Society may have foster pets removed from the foster home for failure to comply with any portion of this agreement.



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In consideration of the Oneida County Humane Society's foster program, I/we agree to fully assume responsibility for the conduct of the rescued/foster animal during its stay with us. I/we further agree to hold the Oneida County Humane Society, or any individuals associated with the Oneida County Humane Society, harmless and to indemnify such organizations or individuals for any damages or costs resulting from liability; known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, as a result of the foster pet during its foster care stay with me/us.

By signing the document, I agree that if I am hurt or my property is damaged during my participation in this program, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.

I have read and understood this document and agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Oneida County Humane Society Representative: \_\_\_\_\_