

Title of Role: Foster Volunteer

Purpose of Role: A vital role that gives animals a second chance for a positive outcome. Foster volunteers care for WECHS animals in their own homes under supervision of the WECHS Shelter Managers/Foster Coordinator.

Qualifications:

- Must be over the age of 18
 - Comfortable and experienced with handling animals
 - Comfortable and able to administer medication to animals
 - Able to transport animals to and from WECHS, as needed
 - Background in animal care, an asset
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Time Commitment:

- Minimum 1-year commitment
 - Based on the animal's needs, the entire duration of the foster period
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Primary Tasks/ Responsibilities:

- Provide care and treatment of foster animals, as instructed by WECHS
 - Ensure the safety of all fosters under their care
 - Isolate fosters from household pets, as instructed
 - Report any problems to the Shelter Managers/Foster Coordinator
 - Ensure all owned pets are up-to-date on vaccines and parasite prevention
 - Transport foster animal(s) to and from the WECHS, as required
 - Signing acceptance/release of foster animal(s) and adhering to foster protocols
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Recruitment/ Selection:

- As per WECHS volunteer selection practices, volunteers must complete:
 - WECHS Foster Application Form
 - Undergo a phone interview
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Orientation and Training:

- Provided through information materials, instruction, and verbal interaction
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Dress Code: Casual (role is primarily at home)

Supervision: Shelter Managers
Foster Coordinator

Location: Offsite with some onsite visits

Recommended that program descriptions be reviewed annually and updated as necessary – cross reference and update job description, based on changes.