

WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN FOSTER CARE CONTRACT

(Make 1 copy of the signed agreement; a photocopy is acceptable; keep one and return the original to Rescue.)

A contract between the "Westie Rescue Michigan" known herein as "Rescue" and the caretakers of the dog known herein as "foster home" or "foster family". Rescue Officers or agents refer to the Rescue Board and Rescue Foster Home Coordinator.

The foster family fully understands that they are to act as a foster home for one or more rescued dogs. The dog is the property of the Rescue only and no "ownership interest" is transferred to the foster home by virtue of this agreement. The following conditions apply to fostering of dogs while in the foster home's care and in their home.

1. The dog will be kept in the house or in a confined area on the grounds of the foster home at all times except when being transported to vets or groomer, or while in a socialization or exercise effort such as a trip to the park or a walk. When outdoors, the foster family will keep a close watch on the animal for his/her safety and that of others who might stray into the confined area.
2. The dog will be surrendered to an officer of Rescue immediately upon request.
3. The dog will be fed, watered and exercised appropriately. No dog will be allowed to run off lead in an unconfined area whether supervised or not; the dog must be kept in the house or in a secure yard unless an addendum to this contract specifies another arrangement.
4. No prong or shock collars are to be used at any time without express permission from Rescue.
5. The foster home will not be reimbursed for expenses (such as non-prescription food, food/water dishes, toys) incurred in the normal daily care of the dog. They will also not be reimbursed for damages to property by the dog. Expenditures incurred by the foster family other than emergency care and treatment require prior approval by Rescue. The foster family will be held responsible for unapproved expenditures. Routine vet care will be paid by Rescue (see #8).
6. Grooming costs will be covered by Rescue if done no more than once a month unless otherwise approved by Rescue, in advance.
7. Rescue requires that the foster family have a crate available and used unless otherwise discussed with Rescue. Rescue will reimburse for the cost of the crate or other equipment if requested and approved in advance.
8. Veterinary care will be provided by Rescue. This includes vaccinations, heartworm testing and preventative, altering, dentals, and any prescription medications or prescription dog food necessary for the dog. Any vet care beyond routine, requires prior approval by Rescue except in an emergency situation. In an emergency, the foster home must attempt to contact Rescue as soon as possible but care of the dog must come first.
9. The dog is to be adopted to its permanent home subject to
 - the adopter being on the published application list and meeting all requirements including interviews and a successful home check
 - homes not on this list require Board approval
 - Any potential adoption may be denied by the Board for good cause.
10. Adoptive families may be contacted by the foster family to inquire about the dog; however, adoptive families are to be accorded respect and privacy. Excessively casual or excessively aggressive contacts

with potential and actual adoptive families are not desirable. The foster home will conduct follow up calls according to the schedule provided.

11. All donations connected with the adoption of the dog will be sent directly to Rescue.
12. Questions or problems are to be directed to Rescue officers. If there is a need to remove the animal from the foster home, the animal is to be given directly to a Rescue agent unless otherwise instructed by an officer.
13. The foster family accepts responsibility for any and all events that occur in connection with the fostering of a rescue dog. The foster family agrees to release and indemnify Rescue and the West Highland White Terrier Club from any and all claims, known and unknown, now or hereafter, arising in connection with the dog. This includes any damage done by the dog.
14. The foster family will evaluate the dog and prepare an evaluation form. This form will be kept with the adoption package as information for the adopters. "Evaluation" does not imply a formal expertise.
15. Should the foster home leave the dog in the care of another party at any time, it must first be discussed with "Rescue". Normally, the need should be posted to the foster home email list and be handled by another foster home volunteer. If that is not possible, the dog may be kenneled at a profession kennel. If it becomes necessary to leave the dog with an individual who is not an approved foster home, they must sign a "temporary care contract" (the 2nd contract below) and that form will be returned to Rescue prior to the start of the arrangement. "Rescue" reserves the right to request a vet reference or other references; to do a home visit should the dog be staying at the home of the caregiver, and do to any other checks normally done to approve a foster home.
16. This agreement shall be governed by all applicable laws of the State of Michigan. If any provision of this agreement is deemed invalid, then said offending provision may be stricken from the agreement and the remaining provisions enforced.

Signed this _____ day of _____ in the year _____
(date) (month) (year)

Signature(s) of the foster family: _____

(To be signed by all adult residents of the home who might, under any circumstances, be left in control of the foster dog at any time.)

PRINT OR TYPE:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE - HOME _____ WORK _____

Signature of the Rescue Agent: _____

PRINT OR TYPE:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE - HOME _____ WORK _____