

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.

