

# **WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN, INC. TEMPORARY CARE CONTRACT**

**(To be signed by any caregiver for a foster dog who is not part of our normal foster home network.)**

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

A contract between "Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc." known herein as "Rescue" and the caretakers of the dog known herein as "temporary caregiver" or "TC". Rescue Officers or agents refer to the Rescue Board and Rescue Foster Home Coordinator.

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

1. The dog will be kept in the house or in a confined area on the grounds of the home at all times except when being transported to vet or groomer, or while in a socialization or exercise effort such as a trip to the park or a walk. When outdoors, the TC 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 TC home will not be reimbursed for expenses by rescue (such as non-prescription food, food/water dishes, toys) incurred in the normal daily care of the animal. They will also not be reimbursed for damages to property by the animal. Expenditures incurred by the TC family other than emergency care and treatment require prior approval by Rescue. The TC family will be held responsible for unapproved expenditures. Routine vet care will be paid by Rescue but will not normally be handled by a TC. (See #7)
6. Rescue requires that the TC family have a crate available and used unless otherwise discussed with Rescue.
7. Any vet care while in TC care requires prior approval by Rescue except in an emergency situation. In an emergency, the TC home must attempt to contact Rescue as soon as possible but care of the dog must come first.
8. Questions or problems are to be directed to Rescue officers. If there is a need to remove the dog from the TC home, the animal is to be given directly to a Rescue agent or boarded if so directed by Rescue.
9. The TC family accepts responsibility for any and all events that occur in connection with the care of a rescue dog. The TC 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.

10. 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 Temporary Care person: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PRINT OR TYPE:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE – HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Rescue Agent or Foster Home: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT OR TYPE:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE – HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_