

## Town Cats of Morgan Hill

# FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

The Town Cats Foster Parent Agreement will clarify the expectations of the program. This will improve the quality and success of our foster program, as well as the well-being of the felines in our care. By joining our network of foster homes, you are required to comply with the policies of the shelter and the expectations of the foster program.

Please read and initial the following:

### **Program Requirements**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that foster cases are the property of Town Cats and that as a foster parent I have certain responsibilities as detailed below.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have received the Foster Manual handout so I know who to contact with fostering questions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have received a Foster Care Manual and attended a cat foster orientation meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have received the Vaccination and Worming Guidelines handout and agree to get vaccinations and worming done on schedule and/or as recommended.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I need to get pre-approval from a designated team member for vet visits, and that the visit must be to one of the vet clinics listed on the Veterinary Clinics Approved for Foster Use handout.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I further understand that I will not be reimbursed by the shelter for expenses incurred at a vet clinic not on the list or approved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that continued participation in the foster program depends on my cooperation with these expectations.

### **Cat Care Responsibilities**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that tending to the safety of foster cats/kittens includes:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Never letting a cat/kitten outdoors and preventing escape routes;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Never using clumping clay litter for kittens under 6 months of age;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Never allowing young children unsupervised access to kittens;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Never allowing an unrestrained dog near cats/kittens unless the dog is extremely reliable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to make every effort to answer any phone call or e-mail sent to me by a team member, my case manager(s), or shelter staff within 24 hours.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ All foster cats/kittens will be quarantined from foster parents' pet cats for at least 14 days and until all symptoms are resolved to avoid spread of illness. It is recommended that foster cats not mix with resident cats at any time to minimize risk. The shelter is not responsible for any illness or veterinary care required for foster parents' own cats.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ In addition to providing a routine update about the status of my foster cat, I also agree to contact my foster supervisor on an "as needed" basis whenever I have a concern or there is a change, including:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Having picked up a new cat from the shelter;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Returning a cat to the shelter (please give team leader warning so this can be avoided when possible);
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Extreme lethargy, loss of appetite, breathing difficulty, green nasal secretions, lack of weight gain in a kitten, mouth breathing, sudden behavior changes, etc.;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer to another foster home;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Death or escape of your foster cat/kitten;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption of your foster cat/kitten.

### **Adoption Responsibilities**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that once a kitten is 2 lbs., spayed or neutered, and healthy, I am expected to assist the adoption process as directed by my case manager(s) or team leaders.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to contact EVERY potential adopter that is referred to me within 24 hours, even if it is to inform them that my cat/kitten is adopted and to refer them back to the shelter.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that no cat/kitten is to be handed over to an adopter (or be kept as my own pet) until the official adoption paperwork is complete AND spay/neuter surgery is done.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that screening is done on all potential adopters and that they must meet certain criteria before adopting. For this reason, foster cats cannot be promised to family and friends unless they go through the usual shelter or foster team screening process.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ I may not adopt out a cat or kitten on my own without prior screening and written approval from a Town Cats Supervisor.

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Signature

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Date