

West Columbia Gorge Humane Society
PO Box 270, Washougal, WA 98671
360-835-3464

FOSTER CARE APPLICATION

We appreciate the invaluable services that foster parents provide. We want to make the most informed decision regarding which animals to place in your care. Completing this application is the best way to ensure a positive experience for both you and the animals.

Name:			
Address:			
Phone:	Daytime:	Evenings:	
Best time to call:		E-Mail:	

Circle type(s) of animals you are interested in fostering:
pregnant cats nursing litters kittens weaned orphaned kittens (bottle feeding)

Have you fostered animals before? _____
If not, what experience have you had with animal that would be helpful in fostering?

Do you live in a House Apartment Condo Other _____

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No
If yes, what height is it? _____

Are there any children in your household? Yes No
If yes, what are their ages? _____

Do any members of your household have allergies? Yes No

Will you be able to keep the foster animals separate from your own if necessary? Yes No
(This may apply to sick, unvaccinated or unsocialized animals.)

Where do you plan to keep your foster animals? _____

How many hours per day will your foster animals be without adult care? _____

What pets have you had in the past, if any? _____
Where are they now? _____

Do you have any pets in your household now? Yes No
If yes, what type and quantity? _____
What are their ages? _____
Are they spayed or neutered? _____
Are their vaccinations current? _____
Are they currently licensed? _____
If dog(s) what breed(s) are they? _____
If cat(s), are they keep indoors, outdoors, or both? _____

Do you understand that anyone interested in adopting your foster animals (including yourself) must go through the standard adoption process, and approval of candidates and placement of animals is up to the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society Staff? Yes No
(Of course we welcome your referrals.)

I have answered the questions above truthfully and completely. I understand that although West Columbia Gorge Humane Society takes reasonable care to screen animals for foster care placement, it makes no guarantee relating to the animals' health, behavior or actions. I understand that I receive animals at my own risk and can reject or return any animals for which West Columbia Gorge Humane Society has asked me to provide care. I indemnify and hold West Columbia Gorge Humane Society free and harmless from all liability arising out of any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, action, judgement of every kind and description which may occur to or be suffered by me, members of my household, my animals, or by any third parties by reason of activities arising out of this agreement.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return this application to: West Columbia Gorge Humane Society
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Washougal, WA 98671

For Staff use only: Approved: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Staff member: Date: Comments:

West Columbia Gorge Humane Society
Washougal Industrial Park – 2675 S. Index Street
Mail: PO Box 270
Washougal, WA 98671

Phone: 360-835-3464 Email: shelteringhands@yahoo.com

These are some of the things we would like you to know as you consider applying as a foster home.

Your Major Objective To ensure a nurturing environment in the comfort of your own home that will allow the fostered animal to grow, socialize and become or remain adoptable.

Your Responsibilities Feed, house, socialize, train, groom and medicate animals.

Ensure the animal's safety and respond to the animal's needs. Isolate foster animals from your own companion animals when necessary. Keep your companion animals current on vaccinations and make sure all are spayed or neutered.

Observe and report any problems with the animal to the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society Foster Department staff. Maintain confidentiality regarding foster animals and their situations. Make the foster animals available for adoption events whenever possible.

Required Orientation and Training Complete a Volunteer Application, Volunteer Agreement and Volunteer Waiver form. Complete a Foster Application.

Home Interview Have a home visit by a Foster Department representative. Foster homes are considered an extension of the shelter. A written record of that inspection will be available at the shelter.

The inspection will include:

- Food storage (no bags on the ground, closed container)
- Food and water bowls (ceramic, glass or stainless, not plastic)
- Disease control (is the home clean?)
- Where the foster animal will be housed

Supervision Direct and technical supervision is by the Foster Department Staff.

Medical Care

All expenses for emergency or routine medical care will be the responsibility of the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society.

For **non-emergency care**, Dr. Eric Bargar, Orchard Hills Veterinary Clinic, 3501 Evergreen Way, Washougal, WA 98671 **(360) 835-2184**

For **emergency care**, use St. Francis 24 Hr. Animal Hospital, 12010 NE 65th St in Vancouver **(360) 253-5446**.