



Foster Contract

Part I. Foster Information (to be completed by Foster Care Provider)

Name of Foster Care Provider: _____

Name of Spouse/Partner: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Other Members of Household:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Relationship: _____

Other Pets:

Name: _____ Type: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ S/N: _____

Name: _____ Type: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ S/N: _____

Name: _____ Type: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ S/N: _____

Name: _____ Type: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ S/N: _____

Do You:

- Rent
- Own

If renting:

Name of Landlord: _____

Telephone number of Landlord: _____

Part II. Information Regarding the Animal (to be completed by the Organization)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Description: _____

Known medical conditions: _____

Part III. Definitions

“Adequate Care” shall mean care that is compliant with Section 3.2-6503 of the Code of Virginia, Section 5-6 of the Code of the County of Stafford Virginia, Section 14-155 of the Code of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, ordinances applicable to the care of companion animals in the city or county where the Foster Care Provider resides, and the Guidelines.

“Agreement” shall mean this contract and any written or oral modifications to this contract.

“Alternate Care Provider” shall mean an individual chosen by the Organization or by the Foster Care Provider to provide care for the Animal when the Foster Care Provider is unable to do so.

“Animal” shall mean any animal for whom the Foster Care Provider agrees to provide care on behalf of Meow Stories.

“Foster Care Provider” shall mean the individual signing this document, and shall be construed to include all other adults residing in the same household.

“Foster Home” shall mean the primary residence of the Foster Care Provider, and the location where the Animal is kept while in the care of the Foster Care Provider.

“Guidelines” shall mean written guidelines or other instructions, written or oral, provided by the Organization to the Foster Care Provider or Alternate Care Provider, including instructions provided in Part IV of this Agreement. This term shall also include any instructions provided to the Foster Care Provider or Alternate Care Provider by a licensed veterinarian.

“Meow Stories” or “Organization” shall mean Meow Stories—The Central Virginia Cat Rescue and Adoption Network, as well as its representatives, agents, and members of its Board of Directors.

For purposes of these definitions, any term used in the singular shall also be construed to include the plural.

Part IV. Care of Animal

- A. Adequate Care. The Foster Care Provider shall care for the Animal as if it is his or her own pet, and shall provide Adequate Care for the Animal. The Foster Care Provider may be responsible for reasonable veterinary and rehabilitative costs that result from cruelty, negligence, or failure to provide Adequate Care.
- B. Delivery of Guidelines: The Organization shall provide the Foster Care Provider with specific information regarding the needs of the Animal, including information regarding the Animal’s medical condition(s), if any, and instructions for the management of such medical condition(s). When available, the Organization shall deliver written guidelines regarding the policies of the Organization and the general care of the Animal to the Foster Care Provider. The Organization shall also deliver to the Foster Care Provider any updates to such guidelines.

- C. Animal to be kept indoors. Unless the Foster Care Provider receives permission from the Organization, the Animal shall be kept inside the Foster Home, and shall be removed from the Foster Home only to attend veterinary appointments and adoption events.
- D. Other Animals. All dogs and cats over the age of four (4) months residing in the Foster Home must be vaccinated for rabies, spayed or neutered, and free of communicable diseases, unless discussed with the Organization in advance. The Animal must be kept in a separate enclosure from other pets in the Foster Home if such pets pose a reasonable risk of harm to the Animal.
- E. Ensuring Short-Term Alternate Care. If the Foster Care Provider is unable to personally care for the Animal for more than twenty-four (24) hours, the Foster Care Provider shall assign an Alternate Care Provider to care for the Animal in his or her absence. The Alternate Care Provider must be at least sixteen (16) years old, and must never have been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment, as described in Va. Code §§ 3.2-6504, 6570–6573. The Foster Care Provider must adequately provide the Alternate Care Provider with instructions for the care of the Animal. The Foster Care Provider is ultimately responsible for the actions of the Alternate Care Provider.
- F. Ensuring Long-Term Alternate Care. If the Foster Care Provider is unable to personally care for the Animal for more than seventy-two (72) hours, the Foster Care Provider or the Organization shall assign an Alternate Care Provider that meets the requirements described in Section IV.E., above. The Foster Care Provider must adequately provide the Alternate Care Provider with instructions for the care of the Animal and contact information for the Organization. The Foster Care Provider must also provide the Alternate Care Provider's contact information to the Organization. The Foster Care Provider is ultimately responsible for the actions of the Alternate Care Provider, unless the Alternate Care Provider was selected solely by the Organization.
- G. Veterinary Care. The Organization shall provide for the Animal's veterinary care according to the following terms:
1. The Organization shall select one or more licensed veterinarians to provide veterinary care for the Animal. The Foster Care Provider may be responsible for the costs of care provided by a veterinarian that is not approved by the Organization.
 2. The Organization will provide the Foster Care Provider advance notice of regularly scheduled veterinary appointments for the Animal, and will transport the Animal to and from such appointments.
 3. The Foster Care Provider shall immediately notify the Organization if he or she suspects that the Animal is ill or injured, prior to obtaining veterinary care. The Organization shall promptly provide specific instructions in response to inquiries or concerns regarding the welfare of the Animal.
 4. In the event of a life-threatening medical emergency, the Foster Care Provider may select an alternate licensed veterinarian to provide care; however, the Foster Care Provider shall notify the Organization as soon as possible, and shall make best efforts to ensure that such care is provided by a veterinarian approved by the Organization.
 5. The Organization shall pay all veterinary costs, but the Foster Care Provider may be responsible for:
 - a. The cost of care arising from the Foster Care Provider's or Alternate Care Provider's cruelty, negligence, or failure to provide Adequate Care;

- b. The cost of care provided by a veterinarian that is not expressly approved by the Organization; and/or
 - c. The cost of procedures performed without the Organization's express prior approval.
 - 6. In the event the Animal requires emergency or unscheduled care, the Foster Care Provider may be required to transport the Animal to the licensed veterinarian selected by the Organization.
- H. Supplies. The Organization shall provide supplies to the Foster Care Provider in order to assist with the care of the Animal. Supplies include food, litter, and other supplies deemed necessary by the Organization to support the Animal's welfare. Supplies shall be provided according to the following terms:
 - 1. The Foster Care Provider shall regularly inform the Organization of the supplies needed to ensure the welfare of the Animal;
 - 2. The Organization shall distribute supplies according to the Animal's needs, to be made available to the Foster Care Provider at a regular time and place specified by the Organization. The Organization shall inform the Foster Care Provider of the supplies available and the method of retrieving such supplies.
 - 3. The Foster Care provider may need to provide certain other items in order to ensure the comfort of the Animal, including but not limited to toys and scratchers.
- I. Inability to Continue Care. The Foster Care Provider must immediately notify the Organization if he or she is unable or will soon become unable to provide Adequate Care for the Animal.

Part V. Additional Terms

- A. Ownership. Meow Stories retains all ownership rights in the Animal, and has the right to remove the Animal from the Foster Home at any time.
- B. Access. The Foster Care Provider shall grant the Organization access to the Foster Home in order to inspect the premises and ensure the welfare of the Animal. The Organization shall provide the Foster Care Provider with twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to inspection of the Foster Home, unless the Organization has reason to believe the Animal is in danger of imminent harm.
- C. Inquiries and Adoption by Outside Party. Meow Stories reserves the right to make a final decision regarding who may adopt the Animal. While the Foster Care Provider may introduce the Animal to potential adopters, all interested parties must complete an adoption application and be approved by the Organization. The Foster Care Provider may not promise a potential adopter that the Animal will be placed in his or her home.
- D. Adoption by Foster Care Provider. If the Foster Care Provider wishes to adopt the Animal, he or she must complete an adoption application. Meow Stories reserves the right to make a final decision on whether the Foster Care Provider may adopt the Animal.
- E. Transfer of Animal. Upon the Organization's direction, the Foster Care Provider shall promptly transfer the Animal to the Organization or an individual designated by the Organization. The Foster Care Provider may not transfer the Animal to any individual unless directed to do so by the Organization.

- F. Change of Contact Information. The Foster Care Provider shall notify the Organization of any change to the contact information in Part I of this Agreement.
- G. Adoption Events. The Organization may encourage or require the Foster Care Provider to transport the Animal to adoption events. If the Animal’s attendance is required, the Organization shall inform the Foster Care Provider at least two (2) weeks in advance and shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the Foster Care Provider’s schedule. The Foster Care Provider shall make reasonable efforts to transport the Animal to an adoption event at which its presence is required or encouraged.
- H. Promotion of the Animal. The Foster Care Provider shall use best efforts to promote adoption of the Animal. Unless otherwise directed, the Foster Care Provider shall send weekly photo and/or video updates to the Organization highlighting the Animal’s personality. Promotion efforts may vary based on whether the Animal is or will soon be suitable for immediate adoption.

Part VI. Certifications

A. Foster Care Provider:

The information provided by me in Part I of this Agreement is accurate and complete.

I have read this Agreement in full and agree to abide by its terms. If I do not abide by the terms of this Agreement, I understand that I may be required to surrender the Animal to the Organization, and/or pay reasonable veterinary bills and rehabilitation costs that result from failure to provide Adequate Care.

All cats and dogs in my household over the age of four (4) months are up-to-date on vaccinations for rabies, are spayed or neutered, and are free of communicable diseases, unless otherwise discussed with the Organization.

I will promptly inform the Organization of any changes in the information provided by me in this Agreement.

Print Name of Foster Care Provider

Signature

I certify that I, and each member in my household, have not been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment, as described in Va. Code §§ 3.2-6504, 6570–6573.

Print Name of Foster Care Provider

Signature

B. Organization:

The information provided by the Organization in Part II of this Agreement is accurate and complete.

Meow Stories agrees to abide by the terms of this Agreement, and has disclosed to the Foster Care Provider all of the Animal's known medical conditions.

The Animal, if over the age of four (4) months, is up-to-date on vaccinations for rabies and is spayed or neutered, unless otherwise discussed with the Foster Care Provider.

Name of Representative

Signature