



## *Foster Home Orientation*

### Who is your Angel's Wish contact?

The Adoption Coordinator who contacted you to foster the animal(s) is your primary Angel's Wish contact. This person will answer questions and help you with medical issues and schedule you to bring the animal to adoption events.

### What is expected of you as an Angel's Wish foster home?

#### *Basic Care*

- Provide animal with food, water, shelter, and socialization with people and other animals (when appropriate)
- Provide basic grooming or transport to grooming appointment

#### *Medical Care*

- Taking animals to the vet when needed and arriving at appointment on time. We will make appointments with the vet clinic most cost-effective for us, which may not always be on the same side of town as your residence. We will make every effort to make this convenient but in some cases, there are few choices for us. Should appointment changes need to be made, please contact your Adoption Coordinator
- Be able to administer medications when needed
- Contacting the Adoption Coordinator immediately if a medical need arises
- When taking animals to vet appointments you are responsible for picking up all medical paperwork and keeping it with the animal at all times
- Keep track of follow up medicals and inform the Adoption Coordinator of what and when something is needed. For example, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> distemper is needed or another fecal check is needed, etc.

#### *Getting them adopted*

- Taking animals to adoption events and arriving on time: Adoption Events are held at the Verona Adoption center Saturdays from 10-4, Sundays from 1-4 and Wednesdays from 4-8. You can also take advantage if space is available at PETSMART East on Sundays from 1-4.
- Be flexible to have approved applicants visit with the animal in your home if need be.
- The Adoption Coordinator will screen the applications and take phone calls about the animal
- You may be asked to provide digital photos of the animal or be able to come to the AWC to have photos taken. Depending on the length of time it takes for them to find a permanent home, you may be asked to provide updates to their bio.
- If your Adoption Coordinator has not contacted you in 2 weeks to "show" the animals, please contact them.

### ***Taking in Animals***

Foster homes are asked to contact an Angel's Wish Adoption Coordinator about an animal they know needs our help. We will make every effort to help you help that animal too. Only an AW Adoption Coordinator can authorize an animal to be surrendered to AW

### ***Fostering exclusively***

As an Angel's Wish foster family, we have found it to be confusing for people and potentially harmful to the health of the animals if you choose to foster for another rescue organization simultaneously. People will be confused about which animals are Angel's Wish and which are not. We have the highest animal care standards and do not want to be confused with those whose standards are not equal to ours.

### **What the foster home can expect from Angel's Wish?**

#### ***Adoption***

First and foremost, we will do our best to provide sufficient adoption opportunities for the animals to find the family that is the best match for them.

#### ***Medicals***

- We will pay for all medical care for the animals in our custody as long as vet appointments and needs were approved by your Adoption Coordinator.
- The vets we use will bill us so there is no need to acquire any billing information (only any paperwork you may have taken that needs to be returned to you with your foster kitty..

#### ***Who sets up the veterinarian appointments?***

Only an authorized Angel's Wish representative can schedule vet appointments.

#### ***Food, Litter, and Toys***

- Angel's Wish can provide but in many cases, the foster homes provide these and in turn submit their receipts for In-Kind donations. Talk to your Adoption Coordinator regarding current In-Kind Donation processing.
- Donations of food and toys are kept at the adoption center and a foster home is welcome to drop during Adoption Center hours and pick up necessary items. Check with an AW representative at the Center and they will get you what you need. You may not sign out food, litter, toys etc without an AW Coordinator / Representatives authorization.
- Clay litter is the only litter purchased and sometimes we have scoopable donated. Again, you can drop by and pick this up as needed.

#### ***Equipment***

We can provide you the equipment you will need to foster. If you need a condo (crate), we can loan you one. If you need a Scratching Post we can loan you one while you are fostering. You will need to let your Adoption Coordinator know what you will need.

#### ***Photos and Bios of Animals***

Angel's Wish uses PetFinder on the Internet to post our available animals. Photos are taken every other Saturday from 10am – 12:00pm at the AWC in Verona for those who do not have a digital camera. You may be asked to provide a bio of your foster animal because you will be the person who knows them best

## How the Adoption Process Works

- Complete an application. Each person wanting to adopt an animal completes an application.
- Complete approval process. The Adoption Coordinator will then work through the approvals, part of which is calling their veterinarian to be sure their current animals are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations especially Rabies as this is state law required. If they rent, we call their landlord to verify that having an animal is OK and what restrictions they may have.
- Visiting with the animal(s). Once approvals are made, a time is set up for the potential adopter (and their family) to meet the animal. Often cats are met at adoption events so there is no need for another visit prior to the cat going to their new home. In some cases we make arrangements for approved applicants to visit foster kitties in their foster homes with your approval.
- Complete the Contract. If all goes well at the visit, a contract will be signed and the adoption fee is paid.