

## **Rescue Junkie, INC Foster Family Guidelines and Procedures**

Rescue Junkie, INC fully supports our Foster Homes and we require all our fosters to adhere to the following policies and guidelines.

All new Foster Homes will have a home visit done by Rescue Junkie, INC Representative prior to fostering any animals.

All adult members of the household must sign the Foster Contract.

Rescue Junkie, INC reserves the right to visit a Foster Home at any time.

You will always have 'first choice' of adopting any foster in your home. We encourage you to let us know if you are considering such a choice.

If a Foster Home is deemed delinquent in their care, the said animal must be relinquished to Rescue Junkie, INC immediately, upon request.

The foster home will notify Rescue Junkie, INC when medical care is needed as soon as possible after a medical problem is detected. The Foster Home will NOT bring the animal to their own vet or animal hospital unless approved by a Rescue Junkie, INC Representative first, unless it is a life-threatening injury and a Rescue Junkie, INC Representative cannot be reached.

The primary caregiver must be at least 21 years of age. The primary caregiver must ensure the safety of the animal at all times (provide supervision in the presence of children, other pets, restrain from roaming, etc.).

If at any time, the Foster Home can no longer care for their Rescue Junkie, INC foster animal, the caregiver must notify Rescue Junkie, INC as soon as possible. Due to the limited number of available foster homes, it may not always be possible to remove foster animals from the home immediately. Foster homes are expected to provide continued care, in adherence with these policies, until alternate arrangements have been made by Rescue Junkie, INC.

In order to ensure the health and well being of all animals present in a Foster Home, all resident animals must be spayed/neutered and up to date on vaccinations. Foster home caregivers must notify Rescue Junkie, INC if there is suspicion of illness within the animal population in the Foster Home.

All supplies provided by Rescue Junkie, INC remain the property of Rescue Junkie, INC and will be returned when the fosters are adopted or when you become an inactive foster.

The job of fostering includes teaching the foster animal(s) appropriate house manners and acclimating the animal to life in a home. Please don't allow foster animals to do anything that other families might not, such as getting up on the couch or beds, begging for food, jumping up on people, etc. While these are perfectly acceptable in some homes, they're almost impossible to correct once they become habits.

Rescue Junkie, INC does not assume any responsibility for damage to personal property caused by animals in foster care.

**Care of Foster Dogs:**

Dogs must not be allowed to roam. When outside, dogs will either be walked on a leash or supervised in a yard with a fence of acceptable height and never ‘tied out’. No persons under 21 should walk a foster dog unsupervised.

Dogs will be supervised at all times (crated if necessary during the day when fosters are working.)  
Dogs will sleep indoors with no exceptions.

Fresh, clean water must be supplied to dogs indoors and outdoors. Foster home will provide exercise/play daily.

Proper clean up and sanitation is required of any area in which the foster dog resides.

Dogs are to be fed proper dog food, as required, such as puppy food for dogs under 8 months, low calorie food for overweight dogs, etc.

Foster home will provide socialization like grooming, handling, patience, love and affection.

Foster dogs are NOT to be taken to dog parks or any other unauthorized locations without Rescue Junkie, INC approval. Should you go ahead and do so, you will be responsible for any legal, financial, and medical problems that occur.

**Care of Foster Cats:**

Cats must be kept indoors at all times and fresh water must be supplied.

Cats must be fed proper cat food as required by Rescue Junkie, INC.

The cat litter pan must be kept clean and accessible at all times.

Foster homes will provide socialization like handling, patience, love and affection.

**If you would like to become a Rescue Junkie, INC Foster Family, please fill out our Foster Contract to begin the process! It is located on the front page of our website at:**

**[www.RescueJunkie.org](http://www.RescueJunkie.org)**

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**Foster Signature**

**Date**

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**Rescue Junkie, INC Representative**

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