



K&R Small Animal Sanctuary Foster Parent Contract

Foster homes are essential to K&R Small Animal Sanctuary. Without our foster homes, we would be unable to meet the demands of the small animal overpopulation in the Fox Valley. This would result in many more abandoned, released, and euthanized rabbits, guinea pigs, etc. every day. With the help of our foster parents, we are able to provide a sanctuary for rabbits and small animals of all kinds until a “forever home” comes along.

When critters are surrendered to our organization, they are held for 3-5 days (depending on their background) until they can be cleared to head to a foster home. During their stay at this quarantine facility, we are given the opportunity to weigh the animal, provide an intake evaluation of health and temperament, trim nails, groom coats, and observe the animal for any irregular behaviors. After the adequate quarantine period is over, rabbits are spayed/neutered stay an additional 1-2 days for a quiet recovery where they can be observed for any change in behavior or complications.

After the animal has been evaluated and any immediate health concerns addressed, they then need to be placed in a foster home that will provide them with the care and attention that they deserve. Many of these small animals come from neglectful or abusive homes or homes where proper housing was not available. It is necessary for our foster parents to show the animal what being a loved member of the family is all about! Many of the rabbits that arrive at K&R have never lived indoors or have spent significant time at a noisy shelter that may not be small-critter savvy. These special rabbits need their foster homes to show them what being a house rabbit is all about. Some of the responsibilities that go along with this include litter training, socialization, bonding of appropriate pairs, and correcting temperament problems.

Once in a foster home, K&R will begin advertising the small animal for adoption as well as start conducting interviews for potential homes. Once potential parents have been approved by the rescue, the foster home will be contacted in order to transport their foster critter to one of our volunteers who will conduct a “meet and greet” with the potential new owners! The foster home is not required to stay for the meet and greet, but they are welcome to do so!

It must be stated that many of our animals end up being long term projects and that some will never find appropriate parents, therefore when signing up to be a foster parent, we are looking for dedicated individuals willing to take on a long-term commitment. If this is something that you think you can do, we encourage you to fill out a foster home application with K&R Small Animal Sanctuary.

K&R Small Animal Sanctuary's Obligations to Foster Parents:

- Provide Spay/Neuter Services
- Provide Medical Care
- Advertise the animal for adoption
- Evaluate Adoption Applications
- Perform Adoption Interviews
- Set up Meet and Greets
- Collect Donations and Adoption Fees
- Distribute Donations Among Foster Homes

Foster Home's Obligations to K&R Small Animal Sanctuary:

- Provide for the Day to Day Needs of the Animal(s)
 - Housing (We can provide SOME cages when available!)
 - Hay
 - Pellets
 - Greens/Vegetables
 - Litter
 - Bedding
 - Toys
 - Nail Trimming and Grooming
- Socialization
- Provide Proper Litter Box Training
- Provide Transportation to/from K&R volunteers for Meet and Greets & Vet Visits
- Provide K&R with Personality and Behavior Information

Medical Care:

If your foster animal is seriously ill or injured and requires emergency care, **you are required to to contact K&R via the emergency line at (260) 577-2798**. Please leave a message with detailed information including name of critter, current emergency situation and your contact info. A director will return your call ASAP to authorize treatment.

Medical conditions MUST be discussed with one of the Sanctuary's directors to authorize treatment. We have access to after-hours emergency care, discount services, spays/neuters, and medication. If authorization is not made prior to treatment, we cannot guarantee reimbursement.

Vacations:

Please let us know when you will be away. We understand that everybody deserves a vacation, and we appreciate it when our foster homes are proactive enough to find acceptable alternative care for their critter. We simply need to know if an animal needs to be pulled from the active list for a week or two because their foster parent is on vacation, we also need to be informed so that we can let people know that the animal that interests them will be available after X date.

To avoid confusion among potential adoptive homes, foster homes are expected to only have adoptable small animals from our organization and not be fostering for multiple rescue groups. Volunteer activities for other organizations are fine. Obviously, you are able to keep your own pets, provided you are not breeding them or using them for any banned activities (fur, meat, experimentation, etc.)

Foster to Adopt:

If a rabbit is too young to be altered, they may be allowed to live with their forever family prior to spay/neuter surgery as a foster rabbit. The rabbit will not be posted as available for adoption and the family will not be required to assist in any meet and greet activities. Once old enough, the rabbit **MUST** be returned to K&R to be spayed/neutered and receive an additional vet check. The foster home is responsible for transportation to/from the Appleton area for the procedure. After surgery has been performed, the adoption will be finalized upon rabbit pick-up.

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I have read the Foster Parent Contract as provided to me by K&R Small Animal Sanctuary and agree to follow the instructions listed in the contract. If any questions arise outside the scope of the contract I agree to contact K&R Small Animal Sanctuary. I also agree to contact the K&R emergency line at (260) 577-2798 for authorization **prior** to making any financial or medical decisions for which I expect reimbursement.

I have accurately completed the Foster Home Application and Agreement and I have read the above warnings and appreciate the risks involved in working with K&R Small Animal Sanctuary. I/we further agree to hold harmless K&R Small Animal Sanctuary, Inc. or any individuals associated with the Rescue Program, and to indemnify such organizations or individuals for any damages or costs resulting from liability, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, as a result of the K&R Small Animal Sanctuary. K&R Small Animal Sanctuary cannot be responsible for the actions, behaviors, and/or medical condition of the animals that it seeks to rescue, and I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with small animals which may have been abandoned, beaten or otherwise mistreated or abused, or who may suffer from an illness, condition or disease.

Foster Bunny Name: _____

Foster Home Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

K&R SAS Liaison: _____

Foster to Adopt: Yes / No