



Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club

Vizsla Breed Rescue – Foster Agreement

Welcome to the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club (“CWVC”) foster program. We are pleased that you have decided to join our group of volunteers. Fostering is both a challenge and rewarding task that requires a lot of time, effort, and patience. To help you in your efforts, we have outlined your responsibilities and listed some of the policies and procedures that the CWVC has set for its Foster Care program. By signing this Agreement, you agree to fulfill these responsibilities and to follow the referenced policies and procedures.

I. RESPONSIBILITIES

As a foster care provider, you are responsible for health, safety, and well being of all CWVC rescue animals in your care at all times. This will include, but is not limited to the following:

- Taking the foster to your own veterinarian for a general physical exam, if not done already, to insure that the foster is up-to-date on vaccinations and is free from detectable parasites and infectious diseases. The cost for this exam will be paid by the CWVC.
- Providing food, water, and anything else to keep your foster friend nutritionally sound. This includes feeding your foster on a regular schedule of food recommended by the CWVC Case Worker assigned to the case or a veterinarian. Young puppies may need around the clock feeding. Special diets may be recommended at times requiring the foster care provider to prepare the food.
- Providing adequate shelter for the foster. Your home should be large enough to accommodate the foster you intend to care for. Your foster must be kept inside the home at a minimum when you are home and at night. Your foster should also be provided adequate time to eliminate in a controlled environment. You should also have an area that you can at least temporarily isolate the foster animal from all of your personal pets. Your personal pets must be up-to-date on all their shots. Because we are not always aware of the full health conditions of fosters, we recommend that your personal pets be vaccinated or treated to prevent transfer of Intranasal Bordatella, intestinal parasites, heartworm, fleas, and/or ticks.
- Having a disaster plan in effect for the foster. CWVC suggests having a container filled with three days of food, water and leashes. Window stickers to notify emergency personnel of dogs in the home and the phone number of Veterinarian, CWVC Case Worker, Rescue Coordinator or Board Member are also recommended.
- Administering oral or topical medications to animals as determined by a veterinarian. Medications may have to be administered around the clock or with very specific foods or under very specific circumstances.
- Providing grooming on a regular basis. This can include nail clipping, ear cleaning and general cleanliness. Costs associated with general grooming, which should be minimal, are your responsibility. Should the foster need extensive grooming attention, costs involved must be pre-approved by the CWVC Case Worker and CWVC will reimburse you for the bill you may have to pay.
- Providing regular exercise for the foster in your care. All animals need exercise. Vizslas need lots of room to exercise. If you have a small home, it should be given daily walks or runs, accompanied by you, of course. The foster must be on a leash when outside of your property or on your unsecured property.
- Assuring that the foster is properly tagged and identified at all times.
- Providing special training on occasion such as housebreaking, leash training, and other behavior modifications needed to make the foster adoptable.
- Providing transportation for the foster in your care, which at no time shall include riding in the open bed of a pickup truck. As the Foster Care Provider, you will be responsible for taking the foster to a veterinary appointment and to pick it up if needed. You also may be asked to transport the foster.

- Reporting any temperament, behavior, or health problems to the CWVC Case Worker assigned to the case. Please be observant of the foster animal's habits, likes, and dislikes. The Case Worker would like to know as much as possible so we can find just the right home for the foster since you have given it all the time, attention and affection you can. Notice how it gets along with people of all ages, any animals it may live with or encounter, whether it is a "touchy-feely" or "hands-off" type, etc. Use the "Foster Care Observations" sheet provided or your own personal log to track these preferences.
- Allowing visitation by approved applicants in your home.
- Returning or relinquishing the foster to the CWVC when requested by the Case Worker assigned to your case, or by the CWVC Rescue Coordinator.

II. EXPENSES

A. VETERINARY CARE

- All veterinary care must be pre-approved with the Case Worker or CWVC Rescue Coordinator. Veterinary expenses over \$500 **must** be pre-approved by the CWVC Rescue Coordinator and a majority of the CWVC Board of Directors.
- In the event of a medical emergency, you may take the foster directly to a veterinarian. When you cannot contact or reach the Case Worker, CWVC Rescue Coordinator or CWVC Board Member for prior approval, you are authorized, in case of an emergency medical situation, to seek immediate veterinary help and contact the Case Worker as soon as possible. Any reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in such a situation. If the situation is very serious and care is expected to be expensive, you are authorized to approve minimal stabilization of the dog as needed to sustain life and minimize pain. Any end-of-life decisions shall remain exclusively in the province of the CWVC.
- On occasion, because of an emergency or convenience, you may be asked to take the foster or to pick up the foster from a veterinarian or other care provider that will demand payment up front. CWVC will reimburse you for any pre-approved bill you may have to pay a veterinarian for service to a foster animal. You must submit the receipt for the paid bill and a check will be issued to you.

- B. GENERAL LIVING EXPENSES:** You will, if desired, be reimbursed for general living expenses during the foster period, which include: Cost of dog food, dog snacks and chew toys for foster dog only; long distance telephone calls; transportation costs. Costs for equipment used during the foster period (crate, blanket, brushes, leashes, collar, etc.) will be considered for reimbursement only if they remain with the dog at the time of adoption. The final decision on whether or not they are reimbursable remains with the CWVC Rescue Committee and/or the CWVC Board of Directors. If you choose not to be reimbursed for these expenses, you understand that by assuming responsibility for these expenses, you are making a donation to CWVC Rescue and are in no way obtaining any kind of ownership interest in the foster dog.

III. OWNERSHIP AND ADOPTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The CWVC has very specific policies regarding the ownership, acquisition, and adoption of its animals. By signing this Agreement, you agree to abide by these policies and procedures.

- A. OWNERSHIP:** CWVC fosters are solely the property of the CWVC. You may not co-foster or give a CWVC foster animal to someone without the express approval of the CWVC. CWVC fosters in your care are your responsibility, not your children's, your parent's, or your neighbor's. If you cannot provide care as agreed upon, contact the CWVC Case Worker assigned to the case so we can make arrangements for another Foster Care Provider.
- B. ACQUISITIONS:** If someone approaches you to take a Vizsla from them, you must get it approved first by the CWVC Rescue Coordinator. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU PROMISE THAT THE CWVC WILL TAKE THEIR ANIMAL.** Foster Care Providers are not authorized to represent the CWVC at any shelter or organization for the purpose of adopting an animal from that facility. If you are interested in an animal there, you may inquire about it as a private party. The other option is to notify the CWVC's Rescue Coordinator to see if it is possible to get that animal into the CWVC's Rescue program.
- C. ADOPTIONS:** Adopting a CWVC foster requires following very specific procedures. **NO ONE** is allowed to visit privately with a foster at an adoption event or your home without supervision by you. **EVERYONE** must fill out an application and have it approved by the Case Worker prior to viewing a foster in your care. The CWVC reserves exclusive rights to approve or turn down each adoption application. Do not promise any CWVC Rescue dog to someone who has not had an application approved.

IV. AGREEMENT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Vizsla placed in foster care is a () Male () Female Vizsla which ()has ()has not been altered and is identified as _____.

On this date, _____, I (we) agree to accept and abide by the terms and conditions of foster set forth in Sections I and II of this Agreement. I(we) further agree to the following:

- I (we) understand that _____ is a rescue dog. As such, there are no guarantees given or implied in regard to his health, condition, communicable diseases, or temperament. We also understand animals are different from human beings in their response to different environments and human actions and that the behavior and actions of animals can be unpredictable. I(We) therefore understand and accept that the CWVC, its members, agents, volunteers, officers, and their heirs and assignees make no claims or representation as to the health, behavior, temperament or fitness for a particular purpose or situation of this animal.
- I(we) understand that, except as directed by the CWVC Case Worker assigned to the case, or the CWVC Rescue Coordinator, I(we) am/are not authorized to keep, give, sell, transfer or adopt the dog to another individual, rescue group, shelter, boarding facility, or any other organization. If for any reason the foster care must be terminated before the dog is adopted, I (we) will notify the CWVC Case Worker assigned to the case and/or the CWVC Rescue Coordinator so that another suitable foster care home can be found. If for any reason, the CWVC requests return of this animal, I(we) will immediately return and relinquish the animal to the Case Worker assigned to the case, or a person designated by that Case Worker and/or the CWVC Rescue Coordinator.
- I (we) hereby accept temporary possession of this dog at my (our) own risk. I(we) therefore release and agree to hold harmless the CWVC, its members, agents, volunteers, officers, and their heirs and assignees of any and all responsibility and liability for any problems with the dog or its actions, including, but not limited to any damages made by the dog to property, animals, or persons, including, but not limited to injury or death, and including, but not limited to, any alleged damages relevant to any decision made by the CWVC or its members, agents, volunteers, or officers for the care (including end-of-life), placement, transfer, adoption, or relinquishment of the foster dog.

Signed _____ Signed _____ Date _____
Person providing foster care Person providing foster care

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

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CWVC Case Worker: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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