



POLICY AND FOSTER CONTRACT

Mission Statement: Cat's Cradle Rescue is an all-volunteer non-profit rescue group formed to promote the well-being and adoptability of local Oregon cats. We provide loving foster homes where abandoned and shelter felines can socialize in a family environment while receiving medical care, spay and neuter surgery with the goal of being adopted into qualified caring homes.

Welcome as a volunteer foster with Cat's Cradle Rescue.

The following are critical requirements and common sense protocols that need to be followed. There are no exceptions.

Bringing cats into CCR: Cat's Cradle Rescue has protocols regarding taking new kittens or cats into rescue and the number of kittens a volunteer should be fostering. The following are reminders of these protocols. We are asking all volunteers to please follow these protocols.

Foster volunteers are **not to** accept foster kittens or cats on their own unless it is first pre-approved by CCR leadership. This is vital and based on foster availability and future medical care and costs.

Volunteers need to be limited to no more than 8 foster kitties at a time.

All volunteers while fostering, must keep their foster kitties separate from all other family pets and new fosters for at least 14 days.

NO OUTSIDE backyard adventures for any foster. All cat/dog doors must be secured in the closed position and all window screens secured and un- broken.

MEDICAL CHANGES: All volunteers **must call** to report any medical changes ASAP to Marilyn and Julie (No text messages) this would include sudden bowel issues, vomiting, not eating, aggression, weight loss. CCR needs to know the day your foster shows signs of illness. Please do not wait 2 days to let us know. All fosters should be aware if their kitties are having issues. Watch their litter boxes.

Volunteers are **not to** start any foster kitty on medication, supplements, give vaccines or seek medical attention unless leadership is first notified. Medical attention or taking to a vet needs to be approved first. We have a list of vets and vet care we use. We stock many of the commonly prescribed medications and some prescriptions and supplements and provide dosage as appropriate by weight and age.

All volunteers are required to **give weekly updates** on their foster babies. This would include weights, health and photos. This needs to be emailed to both Marilyn and Julie.

VACATIONS: Everyone deserves time off. If you are planning on taking a vacation and have foster kitties, Cat's Cradle Rescue needs to be notified at least 2 weeks before you leave. We ask that your fosters are not left with friends or family unless they are part of the CCR volunteer family and understand the CCR policies and the care that the kitties need. If you need someone to watch your foster cats CCR needs to have time to place your kitties with an available volunteer. However, two things: if you go on vacation and have a pet sitter or professional person to care for your personal pets, your foster cats should be OK, however, CCR needs to have their contact information. If the kittens are young, neonates or have health issues we will need to get these cats or kittens into a CCR foster home.

When passing your fosters off to a new foster volunteer all instructions **MUST** be in writing and the new volunteer **MUST** have clear instructions. This would include names and descriptions including any medications.

BOTTLE BABY: Any volunteer taking in bottle babies must go through training with Lisa Hoffman. This is detailed training that goes over the care, proper feeding and instructions including warning signs to watch for and tube feeding. This is hands-on training and in person only. If you have not had this training, please do not accept bottle babies until you do. They are very fragile. Neonatal care is very critical

FOOD: CCR supplies all food. Volunteers are not to purchase food on their own unless it is the same brand of food the kitties are eating. Volunteers need to let CCR know when they are low on food so they do not run out. Please do not change their diet unless you first speak to Marilyn or Julie. We have food and supplies available so please utilize our available stock. We really do not want any foster to be out of pocket for food purchases. If the food you feed is not available the foster can purchase this food but keep your receipts so you can be repaid or use it at the end of the year for a tax credit donation. We feed brands readily available at PetSmart, Petco, Mud Bay or Chewy for example. CCR has to document what type of food your foster kitty is eating, so we do need to be informed.

Volunteers need to contact CCR leadership, Marilyn and Julie, via PHONE CALLS only. Please call Carol if Julie or Marilyn cannot be located. Text messaging is secondary and please do not wait for a text response especially in an emergency.

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At the end of your fostering experience with CCR, please return all items that have been loaned to you. Please return them in clean and usable condition so they may be passed on to new fosters.

Cat's Cradle Rescue wants to thank all of our foster volunteers. We value and appreciate all the work and care you put into saving the lives of your foster kitties. You are the lifeline for every cat in your care and we cannot thank you enough for your dedication.

By signing below you have accepted and agreed to the terms of this policy and contract.

Signed _____ Date _____
Foster Volunteer

Address _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

CCR Advisor or Assistant Date: _____