



Foster Care Application

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. Your information will remain confidential and used only as part of the LCHS Foster Care Program.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print):

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work/Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

How many people are in your household?

Adults over the age of 21 (including self): _____ Ages: _____ Children (under 21): _____ Ages: _____

Does anyone in the household have allergies to pets? Yes No If yes, explain? _____

Do you live in: HOUSE APARTMENT CONDO DUPLEX MOBILE HOME TOWNHOME

Do you: OWN RENT LEASE How long have you been at this address? _____

If renting/leasing, are there pet restrictions? YES NO If yes, what are they? _____

Landlord's name _____ Landlord's phone _____

If renting, we will contact your landlord to ask if fostering animals in your home is acceptable. You will not be able to foster until we receive positive confirmation.

Please list all of your current pets:

Dog/Cat	Breed	Name	Age	M/F	Altered?	How long owned?

Please use back of application if you run out of space. We recommend all other animals in your home be up to date on vaccinations. If you have any concerns, please discuss the idea of fostering animals with your veterinarian.

Who is your current Veterinarian? _____ **Phone:** _____

Who will be the primary caretaker of your foster pet(s)? _____

What type of pet(s) are you interested in fostering?

Dog Puppy Cat Kitten

If you are interested in cats/kittens only, you may skip to the final section.

Describe your yard: No yard Unfenced yard Partially fenced yard Completely fenced yard
Height of fence: _____ Made of? Wood Chain link Brick Other _____

LCHS foster dogs and puppies must be supervised at all times when outdoors.

If no fenced in yard, do you agree to keep your foster dog on leash at all times outside? Yes No

How would you describe your level of experience with dogs? *check all that apply*

- Never had a dog
- Had one or more as an adult
- Have experience working with on-going medical problems with a personal dog
- Have experience working at a boarding kennel/resort/pet sitting service etc.,
- Have experience working with behavioral problems with a personal dog
- Have experience working in a veterinary hospital
- Am a professional dog trainer
- Have previous foster/rescue experience, if yes, please describe:

Do you have experience with: small dogs medium dogs large dogs
List experience with specific breeds: _____

What types of dog are you interested in fostering? *Check all that apply*

- Adult dog
- Mother with nursing puppies
- Sick dog/puppy
- Dog/puppy with behavioral issues
- Pit Bull/Bully breeds
- Puppies
- Unweaned puppies/Bottle babies
- Injured dog/puppy
- Long-term hospice care

How many hours during the AVERAGE day will this dog spend WITHOUT a human? _____

Where will this dog be when someone is home? _____

Where will this dog be when alone? _____ Where will this dog sleep at night? _____

What situations do you feel unprepared for?

- Excessive barking
- Digging
- Shy, fearful, or undersocialized dog
- Not good with small animals/cats
- Providing on-going training
- Destructive chewing
- Escaping
- Not good with children
- Scratching/biting
- Very high activity level
- Not housetrained
- Resource (food/toy) aggression
- Not good with other dogs
- Administering medications
- Deaf/Blind dogs

Do you have a preference on:

Size? YES NO If yes, please list size preference: _____
Breed? YES NO If yes, please list breed you prefer: _____
Age? YES NO If yes, please list age preference: _____

Please tell us anything else you would like us to know to help match you up with the right foster animal:

Staff Notes: _____

Please provide three references we can contact:

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
3. Name: _____ Phone: _____

LCHS determines the criteria for fostering, decides which animals are eligible for foster care, and appoints foster caregivers from a pre-approved list of providers. LCHS foster care volunteers may always refuse any specific request for any reason. LCHS staff will inform you of any medical treatments to be administered, the anticipated length of the foster-care period, the objectives of each particular placement (restoring to health, rearing to adoptable age, socialization, etc.), and any other restrictions or expectations we may have.

LCHS does not accept into this program those convicted of violent crimes or crimes involving animal cruelty or neglect.

I certify that all the information contained in this application is true and correct. Completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance into Lewis County Humane Society Foster Program.

Signature

Date

Return Application to:

Lewis County Humane Society

P.O. Box 682

Lowville, NY 13367

Email:

lewiscountyhumanesociety@gmail.com

**The Lewis County Humane Society
Foster Care Contract**

The parties hereto agree as follows: The foster caretaker signing below acknowledges receipt from the Lewis County Humane Society (hereby referred as LCHS) of the animal described below for foster care. In accepting this animal, and in all consideration for being entrusted with the care, custody, responsibility and possession of the animal, agrees to be bound by the covenants and the conditions stated below:

Foster Name:
Street Address:
City: State: Zip:
Home Phone Number:
Cell Phone Number: Text: Yes or No
Email address:
Emergency Contact Name: Relationship:
Phone number:

Animal(s) Received:

Name(s):
Breed:
Sex: Age:
Medical Conditions (if any):

Please read the following statements carefully and initial next to them to indicate that you fully understand and agree to abide by them when fostering for LCHS.

You will be expected to keep the animal safe and secure, return it to LCHS when requested to do so, and not promise the animal to anyone, or imply that you have the authority to approve a potential adoption. LCHS retains ownership of all animals placed in foster care, and will make all decisions regarding the adoption & placement of the animals fostered.

The foster caretaker understands and acknowledges that he/she is responsible for all expenses incurred as a result of fostering the animal. The sole exception is that LCHS will provide, at no charge, vaccinations, spaying/neutering, and medications of ailments. Unless otherwise arranged, the foster parent is responsible for providing all food, litter, bedding, and toys for the animal while it is in their care at home. The foster parent is responsible for transporting the animals (at their own expense) to and from LCHS or Countryside Veterinarian Clinic for veterinary appointments, surgery, behavior evaluations, vaccinations, etc. The foster parent may also be responsible for transporting the animal to and from adoption events, and to off-site training classes, at LCHS's discretion.

Your foster pet may be messy. They may not be house-trained or litter-trained. You understand that there may be accidents in your home.

Many dogs will chew furniture, and many cats will also scratch furniture. You are at full understanding that your foster may cause damage to your property and that you are fully responsible for any damages done. You also agree to work with the foster to diminish these undesirable behaviors.

You agree to keep your foster dog on a leash or in a fenced area when they are outside. You will not leave them outside unattended unless fully fenced in. They will predominantly be kept indoors.

You agree to keep your foster cat indoors at all times. Cat/kitten fosters are not permitted to go outside.

You will not bring the animal to the veterinarian unless directed to do so by LCHS. One exception may be if there is an unforeseen circumstance of an emergency nature and you are unable to contact a LCHS employee or board member. During this time you will only take the animal to be seen by Countryside Veterinary Clinic. If the animal is taken to another veterinary clinic without LCHS permission, the caregiver will not be reimbursed for the expenses.

Representatives of LCHS may need to contact you to discuss the foster pet. You agree that you will be entirely honest and forthright in regard to your foster pet's condition, positive or negative.

Members of LCHS will be allowed to inspect the premises in which the animal will be maintained or are maintained, from time to time for the purpose of determining the suitability of those premises for the care and maintenance of the animal. If applicable, before fostering, LCHS will bring the pet to be fostered to your home to do a meet and greet with your pets and/or members of your household.

There are some risks to your own pets, especially if foster animals are not kept separate. You understand that LCHS is not responsible for any medical expenses incurred by your own pets due to fostering.

If the foster pet is to cause injury to you or household members, or others on your property, LCHS is not responsible for any injuries or expenses that may be incurred due to fostering. You will not leave the foster animal in the care of another person, including adopters, without prior approval. The caregiver should check with their insurance agency to verify if they will be covered in the event of injury or damage caused by a foster animal.

You must notify LCHS immediately of any incidents (relating to the foster) causing injury to people or animals.

In the unfortunate event the animal becomes ill during foster care as to warrant euthanasia, the foster caretaker will notify LCHS immediately and **before** the euthanasia occurs. Any applicable medical records leading up to the illness causing the animal to be euthanized will be provided to LCHS.

There are many reasons for fostering to include allowing the foster to have a comfortable home setting, restoring to health, rearing to adoptable age, socialization, etc. If you feel you can no longer provide the agreed upon foster service, you agree to return the dog to the LCHS immediately. On the other hand, if you wish to become a "foster failure" and would like to adopt the foster pet, you may apply to do so. You will have priority over other potential adopters. There is no discounted price to foster parents.

I understand that although LCHS takes reasonable care to screen animals for foster care placement, it makes no guarantees relating to the animals' health, behavior or actions. I understand that I receive foster care animals at my own risk and can decline to accept any animal for which LCHS has asked me to provide care. I acknowledge that LCHS is not responsible for any property damage or personal injury suffered by me, members of my household, including my own animals, or any third parties during a foster placement, and I assume liability to provide adequate controls to prevent such damage or injury.

Signature

Date

Witnessed by

Date