Title of Role: Foster Volunteer

Purpose of Role: A vital role that gives animals a second chance for a positive outcome. Foster volunteers care for WECHS animals in their own homes under supervision of the WECHS Shelter Managers/Foster Coordinator.

Qualifications:
- Must be over the age of 18
- Comfortable and experienced with handling animals
- Comfortable and able to administer medication to animals
- Able to transport animals to and from WECHS, as needed
- Background in animal care, an asset

Time Commitment:
- Minimum 1-year commitment
- Based on the animal’s needs, the entire duration of the foster period

Primary Tasks/Responsibilities:
- Provide care and treatment of foster animals, as instructed by WECHS
- Ensure the safety of all fosters under their care
- Isolate fosters from household pets, as instructed
- Report any problems to the Shelter Managers/Foster Coordinator
- Ensure all owned pets are up-to-date on vaccines and parasite prevention
- Transport foster animal(s) to and from the WECHS, as required
- Signing acceptance/release of foster animal(s) and adhering to foster protocols

Recruitment/Selection:
- As per WECHS volunteer selection practices, volunteers must complete:
  - WECHS Foster Application Form
  - Undergo a phone interview

Orientation and Training:
- Provided through information materials, instruction, and verbal interaction

Dress Code: Casual (role is primarily at home)

Supervision: Shelter Managers
Foster Coordinator

Location: Offsite with some onsite visits

Recommended that program descriptions be reviewed annually and updated as necessary – cross reference and update job description, based on changes.