Great River Rescue
FOSTER POLICY

The Board of Directors formulates and approves the Foster policies of Great River Rescue, and delegates administration of those policies to the Director.

Great River Rescue will foster out animals that meet the following terms; medical conditions or concerns that can be better met in a foster home, behavioral concerns (examples; kennel rage, un-socialized), too young to be spayed/neutered. Animals will not be fostered out in exchange for a trial adoption.

Great River Rescue retains all rights of legal ownership of the animal until it returns to the shelter or is adopted. The shelter will be responsible for all medical needs of the animal while in foster care.

Clear and accurate reports showing the number of animals in foster care will be presented to the Board of Directors at each regular meeting.

PROCEDURES

A. APPROVED FOSTER HOMES
1. All foster parents must sign a foster contract each time they take a new foster animal home.
2. All foster parents must be approved by staff at the discretion of the executive director.
3. Foster parents must agree to comply with all federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to this animal.
4. All foster parents must provide a copy of their Driver's license, all contact information and a secondary contact person, and two references.

B. MEDICAL
1. Great River Rescue will pay all medical expenses previously authorized by the director or authorized staff while the animal is in foster care.
2. All unauthorized medical expenses will require a receipt submitted to the director for approval and possible reimbursement. Any bills over $150 will need board approval for reimbursement
3. Fosters parents that wish to pay for the foster's vet expenses without being reimbursed must provide a copy of the treatment the dog/cat received to the shelter. If this is done with the intent to adopt and then the animal is not adopted the expenses will not be reimbursed.

C. ADOPTING FOSTER

The foster parent has the right to adopt the animal in their care. If the foster parent wishes to adopt their foster they must contact the shelter prior to an adopter requesting to adopt the animal. Once the foster makes a request to adopt the dog/cat in their care they must complete the adoption at such time that the dog/cat is available.

D. SHELTER HOUSING

Great River Rescue agrees to reserve open kennel space for all animals in foster care in case a foster parent needs to return the animal to the shelter for any reason.

Foster parents agree to keep all fosters indoor most of the time. If the fostered cat or dog is outside it must be kept on a leash at all times or dogs must be in a fenced in area.