**Kitten Foster Care Agreement**

**Thank you for volunteering your time with the RSPCA ACT Foster Program.**

The rules listed below are designed to help you nurture and support kittens that are too small or sick to be adopted into their forever homes.

**Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, agree to foster cats/kittens for RSPCA ACT and to care for them as directed by the RSPCA ACT.

 I have received and read the RSPCA ACT Kitten Foster Care Program Manual and agree to abide with the guidelines as explained in the document.

I understand that fostered cats/kittens remain the property of the RSPCA ACT and that they will be returned to the Society when requested to do so.

I agree that I will not attempt to arrange the adoption/sale of any cat/kitten fostered to me, nor will I seek to adopt any such cat/kitten myself unless authorised by the Director of Animal Welfare or the Animal Care Manager.

I understand that the RSPCA ACT is not responsible for any damage caused by the foster cats/kittens to any person, person living in my home, animal, animal living in my home or property (including damage to me or my home).

I also agree to the following:

* To allow inspection of the cats/kittens and the area in which they are kept at any time;
* To provide clean, dry, comfortable housing and bedding and adequate space to accommodate all cats/kittens without overcrowding;
* To keep cats/kittens indoors or in a contained outdoor enclosure and to keep them safe at all times;
* To feed the cats/kittens and maintain their hygiene in accordance with the Kitten Foster Care Program Manual guidelines;
* To return the cats/kittens for their scheduled Vet check appointments and to return them at the end of the foster period;
* To monitor the cats/kittens for any signs of illness or injury and to contact the RSPCA ACT Veterinary Clinic as soon as possible;
* To notify the RSPCA ACT Veterinary if my foster cats/kittens haven’t eaten for more than 24 hours;
* To notify the RSPCA ACT Veterinary if my foster cats/kittens are experiencing diarrhoea for more than 24 hours;
* To give my foster cats/kittens only medications prescribed by the RSPCA ACT Veterinary Clinic;
* To return to the RSPCA ACT Veterinary Clinic any cat/kitten which requires veterinary treatment;
* To return to the RSPCA ACT Veterinary Clinic any cat/kitten which dies in my foster care;
* To abide by the decisions of the RSPCA ACT Veterinary Clinic, Director of Animal Welfare or the Animal Care Manager:
* To use an approved carrier to transport my foster cats / kittens to and from the RSPCA;
* That I will not give the care of my foster cats/kittens to anyone else at any time if I am unable to care for them but to return them to the RSPCA;
* To clean and disinfect all supplies used by my foster cats/kittens before using them with a new group of fosters;
* To clean out and disinfect my designated cats/kittens space before introducing a new group of fosters (this is extremely important to keep your fosters healthy).

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the importance of the above rules. I agree to all parts of the RSPCA ACT Foster Agreement. I have also read and agree to follow the rules set out in the Foster Carer Facebook Page Guidelines. Should I have questions, I will contact the RSPCA ACT for clarification.

I understand and agree that I will return the animal(s) on the scheduled date or on demand whichever is sooner. I understand that any and all placements will only be made through RSPCA ACT Adoption Centre and are subject to the same guidelines as any other adoption.

If I am unable to comply with this agreement, I understand that it may lead to a termination of my fostering with the RSPCA ACT.

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| **Foster Carer Signature** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Animal Care Manager/Director of Animal Welfare** |  | **Date** |  |