



WASHINGTON AREA
HUMANE SOCIETY

Foster Manual

Emergency Protocols

Non-Emergencies		Emergencies	
Monitor the foster. If foster worsens, call Foster Team using the appropriate number from the business hours list.		Requires Immediate Veterinary Attention: <i>Business Hours:</i> <i>Come straight to the shelter.</i> <i>After Hours: 724-747-4579</i>	
Non-Emergency Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runny discharge from the eyes or nose • Lack of appetite • Lethargy (lack of energy) • Diarrhea lasting more than 3 or 4 feedings • Vomiting • Coughing and sneezing • Lack of bowel movement for more than 24-36 hours or straining in the litter box • Swollen eyes or eyes held closed • Lack of weight gain 		Emergency Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous diarrhea longer than 24-36 hours. Blood in diarrhea. • Frequent vomiting longer than 12 hours • Loss of appetite • Bleeding of any kind (from nose, in urine or stool) • Any trauma (hit by car, dropped, unconscious, etc.) • Difficulty breathing • Seizing • A kitten who doesn't respond or has not eaten for more than a day 	
Non-Emergency Business Hours			
Sunday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Veterinary Tech	724.470.9712
Monday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Veterinary Tech	724.470.9712
Tuesday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Veterinary Tech	724.470.9712
Wednesday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Veterinary Tech	724.470.9712
Thursday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Veterinary Tech	724.470.9712
Friday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Veterinary Tech	724.470.9712
Saturday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Veterinary Tech	724.470.9712

Emergency Care

If you have questions about the health of your foster animal or if an emergency situation should arise during non-emergency business hours (listed on page 1), please call appropriate phone number. If you do not speak to the Foster Coordinator or a Veterinary Technician, please come directly to the shelter. Our hours of operation are Sunday through Saturday from 8:30am-5pm.

If your foster animal has an emergency that occurs outside of the normal business hours, please call the emergency after-hours phone number at **724-747-4579**. (Before calling, please refer to the list of emergencies & non-emergencies on page 1.) The Foster Coordinator will contact the veterinarian, or the Foster Coordinator on-call for a treatment plan. Should after-hours treatment be needed, the Foster Coordinator will instruct the foster family on the appropriate steps to take. Washington Area Humane Society must approve any and all treatments for foster pets.

- If Washington Area Humane Society has not approved any or all treatments to foster pets, the foster parent will be responsible for ALL costs.
- If the foster parent takes a foster pet to any other veterinary or emergency clinic other than the one designated by the WAHS, the foster parent will be responsible for ALL costs.
- The Washington Area Humane Society has a policy that we will not reimburse individuals for vet bills for foster animals when taken for veterinary care outside of that which is provided by Washington Area Humane Society

*Please note: As a foster parent for the WAHS, you are not to under any circumstances re-home our animal or place the animal under the care of anyone else or in anyone else's household. If any emergency occurs and you need to place your foster animal in care, please contact WAHS Foster Coordinator or emergency after-hours phone number for placement.