



Connecticut Humane Society Foster Care After-Hours Emergency Agreement

Volunteer Responsibilities:

1. Foster care volunteers may only use the emergency clinics listed on the back of this form.
2. Foster care volunteers may only use the emergency clinic **when CHS is not open** or, with permission, when there is no vet on duty. CHS available for foster emergencies from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM daily. Please specify it is an emergency when you call. CHS is closed for most major holidays.
3. Foster care volunteers may only use the emergency clinic for true, life-threatening emergencies. Volunteers are required to **call ahead** to the emergency clinic so that the doctor or receptionist can assess the severity of the illness or injury over the phone. Volunteers must not “walk-in” without calling ahead.
4. Volunteers **must present a “Foster Receipt”** on arrival at the hospital to prove that the animal is indeed a CHS foster animal, along with the **medical record** for the foster pet. Receipts and medical records will be provided via email when you pick up an animal at CHS for fostering.
5. Volunteers must **bring a copy of this agreement** with them to the hospital.
6. Services for the pet must be entered into the Connecticut Humane Society’s account. Do not set up an account under your own name. The clinic will bill CHS directly for services. Volunteers do not need to pay at the time of the visit.
7. Volunteers do not have the authority to authorize any treatments. The veterinarian must act objectively and according to the signed agreement with CHS that is on file.
8. Foster Volunteers are responsible for notifying a CHS staff person following a trip to the emergency clinic, and for transferring the foster animal back to CHS the first thing in the morning following treatment at the emergency hospital. Please call the shelter in the morning and speak directly to a staff member.
9. Volunteers must not leave an animal hospitalized for more than one night without the express verbal consent of a CHS manager or your Foster Care Coordinator.
10. If you are unable to pick up a foster animal the morning following treatment at the clinic, you must speak directly to your Foster Care Coordinator to make arrangements for a staff member to pick up the foster pet.

In addition, the doctor has agreed to:

1. Refer to the signed agreement (found in the Connecticut Humane Society’s account/file).
2. Stabilize the foster animal but refrain from performing excessive surgery/treatments that can wait until the following day.
3. If the doctor deems it is necessary, they will have the authority to euthanize a foster animal, but the volunteer must transfer the body back to CHS the following morning for disposal.
4. The doctor will refrain from dispensing follow-up medications (i.e. Clavamox, etc.) that can be obtained by the volunteer at CHS for no cost.

***NOTE: If the emergency clinic staff is not aware of this agreement, please have them reference the Connecticut Humane Society account/file.**

***Please see reverse side for approved emergency clinics.**

Approved Emergency Clinics:

VCA-Veterinary Referral Center

123 West Cedar Street, Norwalk

203-854-9960

Hours: 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

Bolton Veterinary Hospital

222 Boston Turnpike, Bolton

(860) 646-6134

Hours: 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

Pieper Memorial Veterinary Center

730 Randolph Road, Middletown

(860) 347-VETS (8387)

Hours: 24-hours a day, 7 days a week

Pieper Memorial Vet Specialist

51 Boston Post Road, Madison

203-245-8511

Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 2Pm to 10PM

Saturday, Sunday 8AM to 8PM

CLOSED on Tuesday and Wednesday