

Volunteer Foster Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Place of work: _____ Work Phone: _____

Driver's License Number with State Issued: _____

What is your motivation for fostering an animal?

Have you ever given up a pet? If so, why?

Have you ever had a pet pass away? If so, how?

Have you ever had pets run away or disappear? Please explain.

If you are chosen as a foster family, where will the foster animal be kept during the day, during the night, and while you are away?

What do you plan to do with the animal while you are on vacation or during personal emergencies?

What type of accommodation do you live in? (ex: apartment, mobile home, etc.)

Do you rent or own your home? Rent Own

If you rent, please list your landlord and his/her phone number.

Are you afraid that you may have trouble returning the animal to the shelter after the allotted foster time is completed?

Do you have any concerns about fostering an animal?

The following questions will help us determine which of our animals would be a good fit to your family, home, and lifestyle.

Do you have any kind of veterinary/medical training? If so, please explain.

How many people currently live in your household? What are their ages?

Animals you currently have?

Age	Type/Breed	Male/Female	Altered?	Current on Vaccinations?
_____	_____	M / F	Y / N	Y / N
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Can you provide proof of vaccinations for all of your animals? Yes No

Name and number of the veterinarian you currently use?

Will the foster animal be kept separated or with your own animals?

Which do you prefer? Dogs Cats Both

- If you answered Dogs please continue with questions 1 through 9.
- If you answered Cats please skip to question 10.
- If you answered Both please answer all the following questions.

1. Do you have a fenced in yard? Yes No

If yes, what type of fence is it and how high?

2. How do you plan to attend to the dog's exercise needs?

3. Will you attempt to houstrain the animal if it is not already houstrained? Yes No

4. Can you and/or will you be willing to provide obedience training? Yes No

5. How much time do you anticipate spending with the dog daily?

6. Would you be willing to provide the shelter staff with pictures and information about the dog that would help the dog to be adopted?

7. Would you be willing to talk with potential adopters to tell them about the dog?

8. Would you be willing to transport the dog to and promote them at any of our adoption events?

9. Tell us a little bit about your background/experience with dogs.

10. Tell us a little bit about your background/experience with cats.

**What type of foster home would you be willing to provide?
Please check all that may apply.**

_____ Serial Short Term: This involves an animal that needs to learn either some manners and/or how to become a proper member of a household. This foster lasts for two (2) weeks during which the animal learns how to function in a household and (hopefully) also learns some manners when dealing with people and/or other animals.

_____ Long Term: This involves animals owned by the Humane Society for more than one year. They are fostered for a period NOT to exceed six months. They are typically fairly well-behaved and socialized.

_____ Medical Care: This involves animals with medical problems in need of a stress-free environment until the medical problem is alleviated. This may or may not include treating the animal with prescribed medicines at your own home.

_____ Mothers with Nursing Babies: These animals are kept until the babies are weaned from the mother, at which point all the animals are returned to the shelter and put up for adoption.

_____ Bottle-Fed Babies: This involves either puppies or kittens that are still nursing but either don't have a mother or the mother isn't able to provide the proper care for them. This is a very involved commitment that requires constant feeding and attention every couple hours. The animals are kept until they are old enough to be weaned, at which time all animals are returned to the shelter.

_____ Behavior Problems: This involves an animal that has a behavioral problem anywhere from being scared of human or animal contact to being overly dominant with either people or other animals. This requires a commitment from the foster parent to help that animal overcome their issue as best as they can. These animals will stay in foster until their problem has lessened or until the allotted foster time is up. This is typically a long foster period.

_____ Emergency Stand-by Fostering: These are short-term foster homes for Humane Society animals to make room for animals that are set to be euthanized by City Animal Welfare. These foster homes last until the next available space comes open at the shelter.

Signed Agreement Terms

1. All pets MUST be returned by the date set on the day fostering begins. If the animal is not returned or other adoption agreements arranged by said date, then the foster family will be sent an invoice for the full adoption price of the animal.
2. Each person fostering an animal is required to bring the animal back one time each month to the Humane Society on scheduled vet days so that the Humane Society's veterinarian can see each animal and to participate in a heartworm/shot regimen provided by the Humane Society.
3. Each person fostering an animal is required to provide the Humane Society a copy of any medical records pertaining to the fostered animal if the animal has received any form of medical attention or treatment NOT administered by the Humane Society veterinarian. The person must also agree to notify the Humane Society within 2 days of mild medical problems (including behavioral disorders).
4. Each person fostering an animal must provide shelter from all elements of either, proper food and water, and provide attention to any special needs the pet may or may not have. If at any time the Humane Society feels that the animal is not being given the proper care it deserves, a representative of the organization can reclaim possession of the animal immediately.
5. A person fostering an animal from the Humane Society must follow ALL city ordinances and laws that provide for the welfare of the fostered animals. If these laws and ordinances are not followed, it will be the person fostering the animal's duty to pay all fines and fees associated with the animals.
6. The same person may foster a maximum of 3 animals at one time.
7. The Humane Society agrees to provide food and veterinary care expenses for the animals placed through their foster program. Any expenses accumulated by the person fostering an animal will not be reimbursed unless prior arrangements have been made with the Shelter Director.
8. The Humane Society reserves the right to inspect the premises where the fostered animal is housed. If the person fostering the animal does not cooperate with this type of evaluation and recommendations given to them at said time, then the animal will be taken back into the possession of the Humane Society immediately.
9. The person fostering the animal must give a two-week notice BEFORE returning the animal.
10. The Humane Society MUST be notified immediately in case of medical emergency, loss of animal (running away), animal biting, etc...
11. The person fostering the animal also agrees to keep the animals properly groomed and exercised.
12. The person agrees to file a monthly report with the Humane Society or in the case of a short-term turn over, file a report for the animal's length of stay.
13. The person agrees to keep a rabies tag on the dog or cat at all times.

The Humane Society reserves the right to alter or change these policies and procedures as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Signature of Volunteer Foster: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Shelter Director: _____ Date: _____

Name of Animal Fostered: _____

Date Animal was Fostered: _____ Scheduled Return Date: _____