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Foster Care Application

What type of animal(s) would you like to foster?

Dogs

- Underage
- Medical (recovering from illness or injury)
- Nursing Mothers
- Behavioral (behavior modification and training)

Cats

- Underage
- Medical(recovering from illness or injury)
- Nursing Mother

Do you have previous fostering experience? If so please explain (breed, species, and circumstances.)

Number of children at Home _____ and their ages _____

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Do you rent or own your home? If you rent, does your lease allow animals?

If you rent or reside in another person's home, your landlord/home owner must be contacted prior to fostering an animal.

Please list below any pets currently residing in your household:

Breed	Sex	Age	Spayed or Neutered
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Your pets must be current on all vaccinations

You must be able to isolate the foster animals from your pets for a minimum of 7 days

I _____ Promise that the information provided in this document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Approved _____ Declined _____ Reason _____

Fostering Animals in need

Temporary Shelter Can Save a Pet's Life

Are you thinking about adopting a pet, but not sure if you are ready for a long-term commitment? Why not consider becoming a foster? By providing foster care to these animals that are too young to go up for adoption, injured or sick animals or those with behavior issues until they are ready to be adopted is a fantastic way to help us save lives! You would be giving them a second chance in life. All you need to give is love, time and a nurturing environment.

Why an animal might need to be fostered.

- Are too young to be adopted;
- Are having a difficult time adjusting to the shelter environment;
- Need to be moved out of the shelter due to overcrowding.

How does fostering help through a shelter?

- Fostering prevents the euthanasia of adoptable pets.
- Fostering provides comfort and safety to animals that have endured hardship while waiting for their “forever homes.”
- Fostering allows these pets, who in most cases have been in cages at the shelter for months, time to ‘debrief’ and become socialized in the home/family setting.
- Fostering enables The Humane Society. to learn the individual personalities of the pet, thereby helping to ensure a wonderful match with the new adopter.
- Fostering provides lessons in compassion and generosity to children.

Homes are Needed

There's a desperate need for more volunteers to provide temporary care for abandoned animals. At The Humane Society of the White Mountains, the process includes filling out an application, meeting with foster coordinator and letting us know what kind of pet you would like to foster. Once the applicant has been approved, the foster coordinator tries to pair the new foster parent with an animal that may be in need of fostering.

Getting Attached

Volunteers often worry about the emotional toll of fostering animals. That's the sign of good ownership. Fosters should take comfort in knowing that for each pet they foster and the pet finds a good home, the door is opened for another. Although you can't predict how attached you may become, there is always the option of adopting the foster pet, and the foster coordinator will provide you with the proper application for adopting the animal. So, yes, you're going to get attached and that's ok. Just remember, there's nothing but upside to a fostering a pet and it finding a permanent home.

Reap the Rewards

While fostering has the same responsibilities as owning a pet (walking, cleaning, feeding), it offers slightly different rewards. Providing temporary care for an animal can be a test drive to see if the pet's personality is one you could live with long term. Typically, veterinary care and other health expenses are covered, so no expenses are incurred. The shelter will provide the food and toys if requested by the foster parent.

Perhaps one of the most gratifying aspects of fostering a pet is watching it blossom under your loving care, knowing that you've given it the second chance at life that it deserved. And there's nothing like getting sloppy kisses from a grateful rescue animal.

To become a foster parent for a needy animal, please fill out our application and bring it into the shelter to meet the coordinator and foster a pet in need today.