



Animal Foster Application “A Short Time in Your Home, Forever in Your Heart”

Foster homes provide a warm, safe, healthy, loving environment for animals in need. Foster parents prepare the animal for life in a "real" home and socialization in the world. Some shelter animals have never had that experience. Animals typically placed in foster care are those who are too young to be adopted, unsocialized, having a difficult time adjusting to a shelter environment, in need of medical care that can be better treated in a foster home, or in need of a place to stay when the shelter becomes overcrowded.

Name:	Date:
Street Address:	City: Zip:
Home Phone: ()	Cell Phone: ()
How many members are in your Household?	How many are children?
What are their ages?	Do they support your participation in the Foster Program? Yes No
Are any members of your household allergic to animals? Yes____No____ If yes, please explain:	Are any members of your household afraid of animals? Yes____No____ If yes, please explain:

REFERENCES

Name	Organization	Relationship	Phone Number

Please describe your previous or present volunteer experience:

Why do you want to be involved in the Foster Program?

Please list animals currently living at the foster location.

Species	Breed	Age	List current vaccines and any health issues.

Please describe the area of your household where the foster animal(s) will be kept.	Do you have an area where the foster animal(s) can be isolated from your own pets if necessary? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please describe the isolation area.
Is there someone home during the day (Note: not a requirement) Yes _____ No _____	Do you have access to a car for transportation of the foster animal to and from the shelter? Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate which animals(s) you would be most interested in fostering.

<input type="checkbox"/> Mildly sick or injured animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Shy cats
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing mother cat and kittens	<input type="checkbox"/> Shy dogs
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing mother dog and puppies	<input type="checkbox"/> Cats not doing well in the shelter environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Orphaned kittens	<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs not doing well in the shelter environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Orphaned puppies	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs in need of special training	

Size Preference: Small (25 lbs and under) Med (50 lbs and under) Lrg (over 50 lbs)

Please indicate the amount of time you can commit to fostering animal(s).

2 weeks
 4 weeks
 6 weeks
 More than 6 weeks
 Would like to do so on a regular basis, especially as needed during the busy season (spring and summer)

Would you be interested in fostering an animal on a long term basis? Yes _____ No _____ Possibly _____

Fluvanna SPCA Animal Fostering Policy

*All foster applications require approval from the shelter manager and may include a home inspection by a foster program volunteer. None of the members of the foster home can have a conviction of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment. Foster animals shall be examined by a veterinary technician or shelter manager prior to placement in the foster home, and the expected date of return must be documented on the animal record along with the foster name. The foster parent shall be given supplies needed prior to taking the animal(s) home and given specific instructions for the care of the animal(s). All costs incurred in the feeding and housing of the animal(s) during the foster period shall be the responsibility of the foster parent unless prior arrangements have been made with the shelter. Medical care administered by a veterinarian must be preapproved by the shelter manager **prior to the visit**, and will be provided at no cost to the foster parent. All unapproved veterinary costs shall be the responsibility of the foster parent.*

Foster animals are the property of the Fluvanna SPCA and must be returned to the shelter at the designated time for final disposition. No animal shall be kept by a foster parent or given to another individual without going through the normal adoption process. Foster parents shall have first choice to adopt any foster animal in their care. Foster parents electing to adopt an animal in their care shall pay all applicable fees associated with a normal adoption. Foster animals must be surrendered to the shelter when requested regardless of the dates set for fostering. If foster parents are going on vacation, permission to board the animals elsewhere must be obtained prior to leaving the animal in the care of others. A week's notice is necessary in order for the shelter to arrange for a visit to the boarding facility if needed. Boarding fees will be the responsibility of the foster parents. Animals can be returned to the shelter during vacation time with advance notice in order to make space.

Any loss or death of a fostered animal must be reported immediately to the shelter manager.

_____	_____
Foster Parent Signature	Date

_____	_____
_____ Approved	_____ Not Approved
_____	_____
Shelter Manager Signature	Date

