



**Position:** Foster Parent

**Importance:** Foster parents help save and enrich lives- they are of the highest importance!

**Time Commitment:** The average stay in a foster home is 2-6 weeks- but length of stay varies as every animal and situation is different. Some animals may require just a few days of fostering, while others may need a few months.

**Responsibilities:**

- Provide a loving environment in your home
- Provide food, shelter, exercise, basic training, and attention to your foster animal
- Monitor health and contact the shelter if needed
- Administer medication if necessary
- Transport the animal to the vet or shelter if needed
- Report any bites or aggressive behavior to the shelter immediately

**Qualifications:**

- Adequate facilities in your home and all residents agreement to foster
- Willingness to commit time, patience, energy, and love to your foster animal
- Some animal handling and experience with newborns
- Some medical knowledge

*This is by no means an exhaustive list of all the effort or responsibilities needed to be a foster parent!*

*Thank you for your hard work, love, and patience!*



Thank you for opening your heart and home to one of our animals in need! You are giving young, sick, injured, abused, and under socialized animals a chance to heal and grow before finding their forever homes. Your work not only helps the animal in your care, but it opens up more room at the shelter to serve many more animals.

### How the Program Works

As a foster parent, you will receive communication about animals needing foster homes. If you are willing and able to foster an animal, we will make arrangements for you to pick up the animal and all needed supplies from the shelter. We will provide all the supplies and medical treatments needed, as well as be available for any questions or concerns that you have. **YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO FOSTER.**

### Reasons to Foster

Fostering is a wonderful experience for you and your family- you can feel good knowing that you helped save an animal's life! Fostering is also a great way to teach kids the value of community service, responsibility, and caring for others.

### Dogs needing foster homes

- Nursing mother with puppies
- Abused dog that needs tender loving care
- Injured dog or one recovering from surgery
- A dog in need of socialization
- Puppies that are too young to be adopted

### Cats needing foster homes

- Nursing mother with kittens
- Kittens needing socialization
- Injured cats or one recovering from surgery
- Sick cats needing a stress free environment to recuperate
- Un-weaned kittens without a mother (bottle babies)
- Kittens that are too young or immature to be adopted