

# FOSTER PARENT APPLICATION

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We understand that this application is lengthy, but please fill it out in its entirety. Becoming a foster parent is vital in saving animals' lives and ensuring that our foster animals end up in wonderful permanent adoptive homes. Some animals require a lot of help in making this life-changing transition, and we need to make sure that our fosters are willing and able to assist in this endeavor.

Please use care in completing this form as it will help AC&C determine your ability to provide foster care to one of our animals. You may be asked to submit additional references or participate in additional interviews, all of which are a part of the screening process.

Please complete and return the Foster Parent Application – it may be emailed directly to Maggie O'Neill at [moneill@nycacc.org](mailto:moneill@nycacc.org) (fastest way to have your application processed) or mailed/faxed. If mailed/faxed, please send to:  
Animal Care and Control of New York City  
C/O: Sarah Brown, Animal Care Foster Rescue  
11 Park Place, Suite 805  
New York, NY 10007  
Or fax to: 212-442-2066

## Personal Information

Name:

Address:

How long have you been at your current address? Do you rent or own?

If you live in an apartment or other leased residence, you hereby represent that your lease in no way prohibits your ability to foster animals in your home.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

What is your landlords' name and telephone number?

What outdoor access exists in your dwelling? Are these points of access secured to avoid injury or escape by a foster animal? (i.e. screens on windows, space in railings on balconies, etc.)

What is the age and number of individuals living in your household?

Phone (Cell/Home):

Email Address:

Emergency Contact (Name, Relationship, Phone):

Are you over 18 years of age?

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? If so, please describe.

## Employment Information

Occupation/Employer:

Length of Employment:

Work Address/Phone:

Do you work from home/in an office, part time/full time?

If you work in an office, how many hours each day would your foster animal be unattended?

What level of education have you completed? What was your area of study?

## Animal Information

What experience do you have with animals (fostering, rescuing, volunteering, behavioral modification, training, medical, etc.)?

Have you had any experience with AC&C (fostering, volunteering, rescuing, etc.?)

AC&C is an open admissions shelter that unfortunately does have the need to euthanize animals for health, safety and space. Do you think this would affect your performance?

Why do you want to foster for AC&C?

What, if any, pets do you currently have in your household (please include type of animal, age and any other pertinent information)?

Do you certify that your pets have been spayed and/or neutered, and are up to date on all vaccines?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Do you certify that if you have a cat(s) that they have tested negative for Feline Leukemia and AIDS?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## Foster Information

Can you provide basic care items such as food, formula and litter?

Can you provide transportation to and from AC&C to pick up/drop off your foster animal and for appointments?

Are you willing and able to give medications needed by mouth? By injection?

Are you willing and able to foster dogs, cats or both?

Are you willing and able to foster sick animals? (If an animal is sick when it goes into foster, AC&C will provide medication for you to give. It is always possible an animal appears to be healthy and will become sick once in foster, in which case the animal needs to be brought back to AC&C for diagnosis and medication.)

Are you willing and able to foster disabled animals (i.e. blind, deaf, lame, etc.)?

Are you willing and able to foster bottle babies? (These animals require round-the-clock care and feedings ever 2-3hrs.)

Are you willing and able to foster senior or geriatric animals?

Are you willing and able to foster nursing mothers and kittens/puppies?

Are you willing and able to foster animals with behavioral issues (i.e. animal cruelty cases)?

Are you willing and able to foster paired animals (i.e. animals that arrived together, should be fostered and adopted together?)

Are you willing and able to foster more than one animal at a time? If so, how many?

# References

Veterinarian Name & Practice:

Veterinarian's Address & Phone:

Personal References:

Name:

Daytime telephone:

Relationship:

Evening telephone:

Name:

Daytime telephone:

Relationship:

Evening telephone:

# Foster Parent Agreement

**As a Volunteer for Animal Care and Control of New York City (“AC&C”) you will be required to abide by the terms of this Foster Parent Agreement, as well as the terms of the Foster Parent Application.**

*If accepted as an AC&C Volunteer and in consideration of becoming such a Volunteer, my signature below indicates that I understand and agree to the following:*

1. Foster Parent Volunteers must abide by all AC&C policies and procedures including those specific to foster parents.
2. As a Foster Parent Volunteer, I will provide, all at my own expense, time, proper and sufficient food and water, shelter, kind treatment and proper veterinary medical care for the animal(s) at all times, I understand that I shall not leave the animal(s) unsupervised outside, and shall comply with all city, state and federal laws relating to animals. I also understand that I shall provide the above-described services without monetary compensation from the AC&C.
3. I fully understand that the AC&C makes no guarantees whatsoever as to the health, temperament, mental disposition and training of the animal(s).
4. AC&C will be allowed to reasonably inspect the premises in which the animal(s) will be maintained or are maintained, from time to time, for the purpose of determining the suitability of those premises for the care and maintenance of the animal(s).
5. This Foster Parent Agreement, the Foster Parent Application, and the Volunteer Statement of Understanding, Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Assumption of Risk Agreement, contain the full and complete understanding between the Foster Parent Volunteer and AC&C of NYC and supersede all prior agreements and understanding pertaining hereto and cannot be modified except by a writing signed by each party. Those agreements shall each be governed by the laws of the State of New York.
6. If I fail to abide by the terms of this Agreement or otherwise fail to satisfy AC&C’s Requirements, as determined by AC&C in its sole discretion, I will be terminated from the Animal Care Foster Rescue, and all AC&C animals will be returned to AC&C within 24 hrs. If animals are not returned within 24 hrs, AC&C reserves the right to remove the animals from the foster parent property. A penalty of \$500 per day per animal will be assessed until the animal has been returned to AC&C.
7. I understand that while I am fostering an animal(s) through the Animal Care Foster Rescue, the foster animal(s) is only temporarily in my care and remains the property of the AC&C. I agree that I will not relinquish custody of the foster animal and understand and agree that I will not relinquish custody of the foster animal to anyone without working with, and receiving the approval of, AC&C.
8. The purpose of this foster relationship is to provide care for the foster animal and to assist AC&C in finding the animal a permanent home. Any and all adoptions of foster animal(s) will be made through AC&C and are subject to the same guidelines as any other adoption.
9. Foster Parent Volunteers are encouraged to assist in the placement process of their foster animal(s) but cannot make any decisions regarding the final placement of the animal(s) without permission from a Care Center Supervisor or a member of the Animal Care Foster Rescue team.
10. I agree to surrender the foster animal(s) to when a permanent adoptive home is found, if I can no longer care for the animal or immediately upon request.
11. I agree that I will not place the foster animal(s) in a dangerous situation (e.g. riding in an open pick-up truck or left unattended in a car). I agree dogs will not be used as guard dogs and cats will not be used as mousers.
12. I agree that I will keep the foster animal(s) in the house as a loved family member.
13. I agree that I will keep all foster cats and kittens indoors at ALL times.
14. I agree that I will keep all foster dogs and puppies in a secure area, and that I will not allow the dogs and puppies off-leash except in a secure fenced in area of my property. I agree to provide adequate exercise and socialization for the foster animals.
15. I agree that I will not use chains or other devices to tether the animal as a means of confinement.
16. I agree that I assure that the foster animal(s) will always wears the collar and ID tags supplied by AC&C. I will always check to ensure that the collar fits comfortably around the foster animal’s neck.
17. I agree to feed, water, groom, exercise, and socialize the foster animal(s) as appropriate. I agree to never hit, kick or abuse the animal in any way.
18. The Animal Care Foster Rescue allows the AC&C to give the animal a chance it would not normally get. As with all animals, we do our best to find each foster animal a good home, however, we are not always successful. The AC&C cannot guarantee all fostered animals will be placed for adoption.
19. The AC&C will provide phone numbers of staff members to call in the event of an emergency.
20. Foster animals may go to a foster volunteer’s personal vet at the cost of the foster parent. AC&C works with Vets that are familiar with shelter medicine. If the foster animal needs medical care of any kind, I have the option to contact the designated AC&C staff member immediately and to follow their instructions.
21. Foster Parent Volunteers must dispense all medication as directed by the AC&C staff.

All of the information I have provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I understand that falsifying information on this agreement or non-compliance with any of its terms at any time during the foster process may disqualify me for eligibility as a Foster Parent Volunteer.

**I hereby understand and agree to all of the foregoing terms:**

*Signature of applicant*

*Date*

Required information:

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Animal Care and Control of New York City

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www.nycacc.org

## **ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL OF NEW YORK CITY VOLUNTEER STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

**Please read carefully before signing.**

**By signing this document, you will waive certain legal right, including the right to sue.**

To: Animal Care & Control of New York City and its officers, directors, agents, employees and/ or representative (collectively, AC&C):

1. I AGREE TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER in connection with the Animal Care Foster Rescue pursuant to the terms and conditions of AC&C Foster Parent Agreement. I understand that my service as a volunteer will involve the handling of animals. Although reasonable precautions have been taken to ensure that all of the animals are friendly, tame and healthy, scratches, bites or other injuries, including rabies, are possible. THEREBY FREELY AND COLUNTARILY AGREE TO ASUME AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, INCLUDING RABIES, IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION AS A VOLUNTEER IN THE AC&C FORSTER CARE PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND THAT RABIES CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS AND COULD RESULT IN SERVERE INJUSRY OR DEATH.
2. I HEREBY WAIVE ANY CLAIMS AGAINST AC&C AND RELEASE AC&C FROM ANY AND ALL LEGAL LIABILITY to me and my family members for my death or any loss, damage, injury (including rabies) or expense to me or my family members, or to my property, as a result of my participations as volunteer in the Animal Care Foster Rescue, due to any cause whatsoever (including any and all claims based on negligence or any other legal theory), accepting for myself the full responsibility for any and all such losses, damages, injuries or expenses which may result.
3. In the event of my death or incapacity, this Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives.
4. In entering into this Agreement and agreeing to volunteer, I am not relying upon any oral or written representations of AC&C.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE AC&C of NYC.**

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Volunteer Name (Please Print)

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Signature of Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent / Guardian Name (Please Print)\*

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Signature of Parent / Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*If Volunteer is under the age of 21