

Foster Care

Objective

Foster care volunteers provide homes, care and a nurturing environment for our animals. Often times, these animals need time to grow, heal and learn to socialize in a safe and caring environment.

Supervisor

Foster Coordinator

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide a warm, clean, safe environment
- Administer any veterinarian prescribed medications for animal(s)
- Monitor the animal's health and safety – identify any issues and alert supervisor(s)
- Provide proper food, water, equipment, exercise and shelter for the animal(s)
- Provide socialization and training for the animal(s)
- Clean and disinfect toys and bedding
- Transport all foster animals to/from AC&C for required vaccinations, exams and spay/neuter surgeries upon request from supervisor – if it is possible to arrange for transport assistance, be available for pick up and drop off
- Update supervisor(s) on a consistent basis and respond to emails and/or calls within 24hrs
- Return all foster animals to AC&C as requested
- Abide by all AC&C volunteer and foster policies and procedures

Requirements

- Provide written proof of spay/neuter for all owned pets
- Review and sign all required applications, contracts and/or waivers

Training and Support

- Attend a Foster or Volunteer Orientation
- Foster Care Class – 1 hour, recorded webinar
- Dog Fosterers must complete mandatory dog training recorded webinars
 - Dog Body Language & Behavior – 1 hour
 - Defensive Handling Techniques for Dogs – 33 minutes
 - General Medical Training – 2 hour 17 minutes
- Cat Fosterers must complete mandatory cat training recorded webinars
 - Cat Body Language & Behavior – 1 hour
 - General Medical Training – 2 hour 17 minutes
- Rabbit Fosterers must complete mandatory rabbit training recorded webinar
 - Rabbit Training – 45 minute
- Recommended - Adoption Counseling, Power of a Picture Training & Outreach Training (optional recorded webinars, about 1 hour each)
- Read and understand all policies and procedures, adoption paperwork and contractual agreements

Location

Within your home & to and from AC&C shelter locations as required by foster animal(s) and program needs

Time Commitment Required

- Varies, depending on AC&C and foster animal(s) needs