



Foster Family Volunteer Job Description

Time Commitment:

The animal(s) would be cared for in the volunteer's home. An animal placed in your care is likely to be with you for a couple of weeks up to a month, and maybe as long as three months, depending on the age, situation, and needs of the animal. Puppies or kittens going into foster care would stay until they are roughly 8 weeks of age, so length of stay would depend upon their age when they enter the shelter.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Providing food and water, a litter box and litter if they have a cat or kitten in their care, and other needed supplies. The shelter would provide medical exams, vaccinations, medications, and the spay/neuter surgery.
- Administering medications if necessary.
- Providing a safe, secure, clean environment for the foster animal(s)
- Picking up after the animal(s).
- Socializing.
- Documenting any health concerns so that they can be discussed with the medical staff, and notifying the medical staff of such concerns.
- Fosters must keep the foster animal(s) in their home for the time period agreed upon with the staff in charge of foster care.
- If an emergency comes up, or the foster volunteer will be leaving town, they must contact the shelter to coordinate other foster arrangements.

Training Requirements: Initial foster training with potential additional trainings dependent on experience.

Time Commitment: Depending on age of animal, typically 3-4 hours per day.