



Foster Care Information & Application

This is all about the foster pet and what fostering is all about!

- **Have you been thinking about adding another pet but just aren't sure if you're ready?**
- **Is a life-long commitment just not possible for you right now?**
- **Do you want to get involved with pet rescue but don't know where to start?**

**Second Chance Animal Shelter
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Fostering a pet by opening your home and heart to a pet in need is a great experience. By giving a temporary home to a homeless dog or cat you shelter to an animal that would otherwise go without. You are helping to save lives. Foster care consists of providing a safe, loving, temporary home for a dog until a permanent adoptive home can be found. We do our best to screen for health and temperament before allowing a pet to enter our program. We can rescue more pets with foster homes!

If all this sounds good, then fostering a pet might be just the thing for you!

Second Chance Animal Shelter needs loving homes to care for some of our homeless pets while we search for their permanent homes. By fostering a pet, you have the opportunity to make a huge difference in the life of that animal and eventually its new family. Fostering can be hard work, but it is also extremely gratifying! It can help you focus on what's really important in life. This pet will provide you with love, joy, and the satisfaction of having a saved a life.

Which pets need foster homes?

- A dog or cat has been in the shelter for a long time and needs a “break”.
 - For whatever reason, some pets are overlooked by potential homes and the longer they sit in a cage here, the more likely they are to become bored, depressed, lose weight, etc. We like to get these pets out to foster homes to help them as well as to gain more information about their personality. This is also a great opportunity to get a head start on basic training (for dogs) and socialization. You may be asked to bring the dog into the shelter for public hours on occasion or to an adoption event. Arrangements can usually be made that fit your schedule.
 - A pup, kitten or litter of pups or kittens, which are too young or just would do better in a home.
 - These little ones usually require a little extra work since the puppies may not be housebroken. The kittens are full of energy and may have a higher activity level than an older cat. Depending on their age, they may not have received their first set of vaccines and testing.
- A dog or cat that is sick or injured.
 - These pets will need treatment if they are ill or on bed rest/limited activity when they are injured. Whether sick or injured, there is generally a set time period where the dog goes into foster care until they are cleared medically by our vet. Then they are placed up for adoption. We have found that these pets heal much faster if placed in a home environment.

Here is how our foster program works:

- We provide all foster homes with food, crates and any necessary medicine or medical care, and guidance.
- We recommend crate training as well as using a positive reinforcement training method for dogs.
- All pets that are in foster care remain the property of the shelter until adopted.
- The time frame for a foster depends on the pet and can range from a few days to months. We try our best to give you an estimated time frame when you begin the foster.

If this sounds like a program that you are interested in, please complete a foster application. You are welcome to submit applications in person, email or fax [770-459-3209](tel:770-459-3209). For further information, please contact: Second Chance Animal Shelter at 770-355-8112.

FOSTER HOME RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide temporary home for this pet.
- Be patient. Understand that all dogs are rescued dogs and their behavior can be unpredictable. Be prepared for some adjustment in the beginning. It can be stressful for both you and the dog to be in a new situation. Cats will need time to explore their environment and feel safe and comfortable in their new home.
- Be willing to foster your pet from rescue to adoption. The amount of time needed to find a permanent home for a pet can vary from days to months.
- If you are working full time, provide a safe place for the dogs to be while you are gone. We highly recommend crate training to keep both the dog and your home safe and secure. We will provide a crate if requested.
- Foster homes sign a foster care agreement and agree to abide by these policies. Notify Second Chance immediately in the event the dog or cat is sick or lost (your foster agreement includes the names and numbers of your contacts). You may be asked to bring the pet to the shelter or a designated vet for treatment.
- In the event that an animal is seriously ill or a dog shows serious temperament issues, the staff will make decisions on how best to handle the situation.
- Treat the dog as a member of your family.
- We welcome foster homes that work to find permanent homes for our pets. However, requirements must be met by all adopters. An adoption application must be filled out and approved to finalize all adoption. In the event that a foster home decides to adopt, a screening process is used to finalize the arrangements and adoption donations are paid to Second Chance Animals Shelter to help cover costs so that we can assist the next homeless pet.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING FOSTERING A PET FOR SECOND CHANCE!



Foster Home Application

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone

(Home): _____ (Cell): _____

(Work): _____

Email:

Pet(s) you are interested in: _____

Family Information:

This information is important to us to try and ensure the foster pet is suitable match for your family/home.

Adults: _____ Children: _____

Age(s) of Children: _____

Dogs: _____ Cats: _____

Other types of pets: _____

Do you have other children or pets that regularly come to your home?

Yes No

Please explain: _____

What type of residence to you have? _____

Do you: own lease rent

If you rent, do you have landlord's permission to foster a pet? Yes No

Name & Telephone of landlord: _____

Do you have a fence yard? Yes No

Fostering Information:

Do you have any special requirements/circumstances that we should be aware of? (health, schedules, etc) _____

Do you have time limit on how long you can foster a particular pet? Yes No

If so, how long: _____

Are there any times of the year that you could not foster? Yes No

If so, when? _____

Would you be willing to bring the pet to an adoption event? Yes No

Would you be agreeable to a home visit by one of our volunteers? Yes No

What type of pets do you want to foster? Dogs Cats Both Other

If you are interested in fostering dogs – please fill out the following:

Are there any breeds that you particularly want to foster? _____

Are there any breeds that you do not want to foster? _____

How long will the dog be left alone during the day? _____

Where will the dog be when you are not there? _____

If necessary, would you be able to check on the dog during the work day?

Yes No

How do you plan on exercising the dog? (ie: leash walk, fenced yard)

Do you have any experience with dog training? Circle all that apply.

House Training Crate Training Obedience Training

Behavioral

Would you be willing to take the dog to obedience training if needed? Yes No

If a foster dog and your pets were not getting along, what would you do?

Please note that all pets that you currently have in the home must be up to date on their vaccinations and be spayed or neutered to be considered for fostering. If there is a medical reason why this is not done, please specify reason:

Please list the name of your veterinarian and their phone number:

Please read and certify the following:

By signing this form, I certify that all the information in the application is true, and I understand that false information may void this application. I agree that upon fostering a pet from Second Chance Animal Shelter, I will agree and abide by their foster agreement and shelter policies.

Signature

Date