

What is Foster Care?

FOSTER CARE PROVIDES:

- Temporary homes for animals not yet ready for adoption
 - Socialization for scared animals
- Rest and rehabilitation time for animals recovering from surgery
- A quiet place for a mother to care for her puppies or kittens

TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT:

Please call 402-905-3464 or email fostercare@nehumanesociety.org



I promise
I won't
stay long!

*“Animals are such agreeable friends –
they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.”*

– George Eliot, Mr. Gilfil's Love Story, Scenes of Clerical Life (1857)

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

Foster care is a program, sponsored by the Nebraska Humane Society, in which people volunteer their time and their homes to care for animals that are not ready for adoption.

WHAT KIND OF ANIMALS GO INTO FOSTER CARE?

Animals entering foster care include animals that need: weight-gain; socialization; behavior modifications (manners, obedience, etc); a home to recover from a complicated surgery; a quiet home to nurse babies; treatment for a medical condition; and many other reasons.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF FOSTER PARENTS?

Foster parents must complete an application and allow the Foster Care Coordinator to visit their home before fostering any animals. Then, they are responsible for caring for the animal, bringing them into the shelter for vaccines and returning the animal to the shelter. Other duties may be required; however, they will be discussed with the Foster Care Coordinator and the foster family prior to the animal leaving the shelter.

WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF FOSTER PARENTS?

Little to none! The Nebraska Humane Society provides food, bowls, bedding, litter box, litter, etc. Some foster families, however, choose to pay for some of these expenses. Gas money, time and care are all that is required for foster families to provide.

HOW LONG DO ANIMALS STAY IN FOSTER CARE?

The time varies greatly! No one is required to care for an animal any longer than they feel comfortable. Typically, the average stay is 3-8 weeks.

WHO DECIDES WHICH ANIMALS GO INTO FOSTER CARE?

Any number of people in the shelter can request that an animal be placed in foster care. However, all animals going into foster care must be approved by the Shelter Veterinarian and the Foster Care Coordinators.

ARE THE ANIMALS VACCINATED?

All the animals going into foster care receive vaccines appropriate for their age and Pyrantel dewormer. Dogs receive the Distemper Combo and the Bordatella vaccine against Kennel Cough. Cats also receive the Distemper Combo. Please see the Foster Care Coordinator if you wish to find out what the “combo vaccines include and at what age they are administered.

WHAT TESTS ARE DONE ON THE ANIMALS PRIOR TO LEAVING THE SHELTER?

We run a fecal test on all animals before leaving the shelter. Dogs over 6 months of age are tested for Heartworm, and cats over 4 weeks of age are tested for Feline Leukemia. Adult dogs and older puppies are temperament tested.

Fostering hope ... one heartbeat at a time

FOSTER CARE WISH LIST

Unable to foster, but still want to help?
Because the Nebraska Humane Society
provides foster families with all the supplies
needed to care for foster animals, donation
of the following items is always helpful:

- Kitten food, canned and dry
- Cat litter of any kind
- Litter pans and scoops
- Puppy food
- Puppy pads
- Sandwich-size freezer bags
- Kitten/puppy toys
- Crates



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Hey! Can we
stay with you
for awhile?



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