



FAQ'S OF FOSTERING FOR RESCUE VILLAGE

What kind of training do I need to be a foster caregiver?

You will need to complete our online foster sign-up which can be found directly on our website. Other training will be provided to you on a case by case basis for your foster animal. You will also receive a copy of our foster care manual after you complete the sign-up which tells you all you need to know about fostering!

I work, can I still foster?

Yes! And we would love to have you! A reasonable amount of time to be away from an adult animal or a litter of kittens on a regular basis is 8 hours. Young puppies, ideally, should be let outside at 4 hour intervals. If you have a busy schedule animals that need special attention or a lot of constant care, such as bottle babies that need fed every two hours, may not be the best fit for you.

What supplies are needed to foster, and what will it cost me?

Rescue Village provides basic care supplies for foster animals. Supplies differ depending on the animal that you foster. We will provide all supplies needed to care for your foster animal including medical, behavior, and grooming care and support.

What animals need foster care?

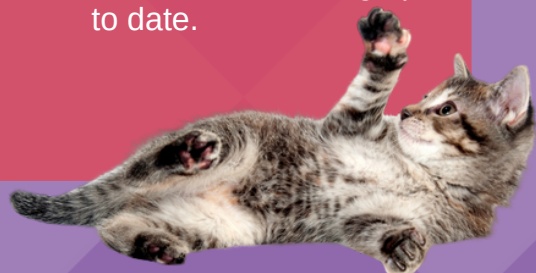
We use foster care for any of our animals. We will use foster care for animals awaiting adoption, those too young or small and need to grow before being ready for adoption, animals recovering from illness or other medical procedures or care, puppies who need time to grow bigger or older, animals who arrive from transports and so much more!

Can I foster if I have pets of my own?

Of course! While Rescue Village provides veterinary care for animals before they are sent into foster homes, we usually do not have any prior medical history on the animals. We also recommend that your resident animals be current on all vaccinations including bordatella for dogs. Introductions to resident pets take place at your own choice and liability.

Do I provide medical care for my foster animal?

No. Rescue Village provides ALL medical care for your foster animals. You may have to bring your foster back to the shelter every couple of weeks to keep their vaccines and deworming up to date.



Can I foster if I have children?

Yes! Fostering can be a very rewarding experience for families with children. It teaches children about the selfless nature of being a foster volunteer, how to responsibly care for an animal, and how to help homeless animals even if you can't adopt them. As a general rule, children under 16 should not be left unsupervised with foster animals, especially adult dogs.

How long will I have my foster animal?

It depends on what you are fostering. Most animals need between 1-4 weeks of foster care. However bottle baby kittens, moms with litters, and heartworm treatment dogs may need foster care for at least 8 weeks.

What if my foster gets sick?

All fosters are provided a foster care guide with guidance on what to do if your foster animal shows signs of illness or injury. If necessary, we will have you bring the foster animal to the shelter for any medical treatment that may be needed. We also provide an after-hours emergency instructions for fosters.

What if I cannot foster at the time of need?

That's ok! There will always be another chance to foster down the line. Our foster program uses email when animals are in need of foster care. Just respond to the emails when you are able to foster.

What if I have a foster animal and cannot continue to foster?

That's ok! We ask that you email the Human & Animal Services Manager and try to give us at least 24-48 hours notice. We will then line up another foster home.

Can I adopt my foster animal?

Yes. As a foster home, you get first choice on adopting your foster animal. But remember, if you adopt your foster animal, will you be able to provide foster for more animals that will need you?

To complete our foster sign-up form please visit:

www.rescuevillage.org/foster

If you have additional questions, please contact our Human & Animal Services Manager at (440) 338-4819 ext.14 or by email kzlangford@rescuevillage.org

