

Ross County Humane Society
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FOSTER PET PROGRAM POLICY

POLICY:

Ross County Humane Society's Foster Pet Program provides temporary care for adoptable animals that cannot be easily provided for at the shelter. Animals are fostered with screened volunteers who can offer the animals a temporary home. The goal of the Foster Program is to ultimately find a permanent home for the animal. A home visit is required.

FOSTER CAREGIVER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Foster caregiver volunteers will provide the following:

1. Clean, safe home environment in which to care for the animal, prevent injury and spread of disease including: water, shelter, flea control, litter, exercise, socialization, and training.
 - a. Special considerations for fostering dogs: Foster caregivers must have a securely fenced yard or dog run with some form of shelter (no exceptions). Additionally, a place should be provided in the home where the dog is welcome as they are social animals who crave interaction with people.
 - b. Special considerations for fostering cats: All cats fostered from the RCHS must be kept indoors at all times to prevent injury and the spread of disease.
2. Veterinary Care. Foster caregivers are expected to use any healthcare services offered by the RCHS. Medications will be provided at no cost.
 - a. If the animal needs spayed/neutered, this will be provided by the RCHS. Foster caregiver will make necessary appointments with local Veterinary Clinic and provide transportation to and from such surgery.
 - b. In case of a medical emergency, contact RCHS stating your emergency. They will advise you as to what procedure is necessary. If the medical emergency arises outside of the shelter hours, you may seek emergency veterinarian care to be paid by the RCHS.
3. Finding a home for the foster animal:
 - a. RCHS encourages foster caregivers to market their animals whenever possible. If no adoptive home is found for the animal, it must be returned to the RCHS after the term of foster has expired.

ROSS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Ross County Humane Society is responsible for determining which animals are available for the foster pet program. RCHS will provide the following:

1. Animal will be given an examination by a local veterinarian and all shots up to date before the animal is released to a foster caregiver.
2. In addition to veterinary care, RCHS will provide all food and monthly heartworm prevention.
3. Animal's picture will appear on the RCHS website until such time as an adoptive home has been found.
4. Animal will be required to participate in any Adoption Days held at the RCHS.

FOSTER AGREEMENT AND REQUIREMENTS:

Potential foster caregivers will complete a written application form.

At the time of fostering, foster caregivers will sign a written Foster Pet Agreement for each animal or litter. This agreement includes a promise by the foster caregiver to provide humane care and treatment, appropriate socialization, any medical services necessary, compliance with all laws and ordinances, make no claim against RCHS and/or the rightful owner for any expenses including upkeep incurred while the animal is in custody; not attempt to hold RCHS responsible for any illness or damage which the animal may do to any person or property, and return the animal to RCHS if requested. If the foster caregiver wishes to discontinue the foster relationship, the foster animal must be returned to RCHS. The Foster Pet Agreement includes, date, name of foster caregiver, address, phone, animal numbers, animal descriptions and impound date. The foster pet agreement will be signed by the foster caregiver and a representative of the RCHS at time of picking up the foster animal(s).

ADOPTION OF FOSTER ANIMALS

Foster caregivers may personally adopt the animal they are fostering. They will go through RCHS adoption procedures and payment of adoption fees.

While attempting to find a permanent home for the foster animal, foster caregivers may interview potential adopters to facilitate that process. Potential adopters must fill out RCHS adoption forms and fulfill adoption criteria. All adoption fees will be paid to RCHS.

FOSTER PERIOD

The foster period shall be for no more than 90 days. If the foster caregiver needs more time to develop and/or train the animal, the caregiver must make additional arrangements with RCHS.

I have received a copy of this document and read it. I agree to the policies and procedures outlined above and will abide by them.

_____ Date _____
Foster Caregiver

_____ Date _____
Ross County Humane Society Representative