

Why Become an Animal Foster Parent?

There are many wonderful reasons to become a foster parent to a rescue dog or cat in need:

- This rescue is run solely by foster care support. The more fosters the more animals we can save.
- Privilege of offering a needy animal a safe, comforting and supportive environment while he/she waits to be adopted.
- Help socializing a rescue pet enhances their adoption potential.
- Help to reduce the animal's stress, which improves adoptability.
- Allows the volunteer to enjoy the benefits of pet ownership if you are unable to keep a pet full time due to lifestyle or other restrictions.
- Enjoy the joys of helping a pet in need.

TIPS FOR FIRST TIME FOSTERS

1. Get your home ready to receive your new friend by blocking hiding spots, removing hazards, and having a safe place where animal can isolate either gated play pin area, spare bathroom or crate are good options.
2. Always remember that your goal is to help the foster pet grow healthy and find their fur-ever home. You must be ready to let him or her go and not get too attached to your foster baby.
3. Keep your foster pet in isolated area away from any other pets for 24 hours or longer until your foster has become more comfortable and can then be introduced to other pets.
4. If a foster is a puppy or kitten, it is essential to keep track of feeding schedule, weight gain and water intake and stool. Puppies and kittens should gain up to 10% of their body weight daily.
5. It is critical to spend around 1-2 hours a day socializing and exercising your foster as this is an integral part of your foster pet's health and will help them have a better chance of adoption.
6. Notify the rescue via text at (916) 582-2771 of any changes in foster pet's health. Some changes could include weight loss, soft stool, or vomiting. If the symptoms are persistent or alarming, please call Rescue Director Barbara Reagan immediately and/or seek approved emergency medical treatment as directed.

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Thanks for helping with the Transition in finding **Furever Homes!**

OUR FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

NorCal Freedom for Paws Foster Care Program provides temporary housing and care for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens who aren't quite ready for adoption or are up for adoption but need a safe stable environment to stay in until they are moved to their fur-ever homes. We need loving homes like yours to continue to help all the rescue animals who are in need in our community.

WHAT KIND OF ANIMALS NEED FOSTER CARE?

- Dogs and Cats
- Puppies and kittens under two months old
- Mothers and nursing litters
- Dogs and cats with medical conditions or injuries
- Special needs fosters

CAN I BECOME A FOSTER IF I HAVE A PET OF MY OWN?

Yes, we welcome pet owners as foster volunteers. It is good to keep pets apart for first 24 hours while your foster eases into its new temporary home. Please keep in mind that it is always a health risk when exposing your pets to other animals, in any setting. However, your risk is minimal if your pets are vaccinated and in good health.

HOW LONG DO ANIMALS NEED TO STAY IN FOSTER CARE?

The typical foster care is two weeks to two months depending on the need of the individual animals in your care. The time frame of each foster situation will be discussed with you ahead of time. A time commitment is important to follow as our shelter runs completely on foster volunteers and finding another foster to take over care can be challenging.

WHAT EXPENSES ARE INVOLVED WITH FOSTER CARE?

Foster families provide housing. The rescue will provide all the food and approved medical care, vaccinations and medications for animals in foster homes. This may require foster to drive foster animal to scheduled medical visits for spay/neuter surgery.

Complete Application

If you are interested in become a foster, please complete our Foster Application found on our website and email to norcalpaws@gmail.com.

Contact Us

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