

Document Submission Information

Please give us your name, email and contact number so we may contact you if needed regarding the document you are submitting.

Thank You.

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FOSTER HOME PROGRAM

To become a foster home or to participate in our Foster-To Adopt program, you are required to complete this foster home application and return to the shelter in person, mail, e-mail or fax. The application is available on-line at <http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/animal> and click on "Pet Fostering".

WHAT IS FOSTERING?

Fostering a pet means that you provide temporary care for a homeless pet by taking it into your home and out of the shelter. The program is designed to help the homeless pets find forever, loving homes. The foster home programs saves lives in many ways. Our shelter has too many pets and therefore too many noises, smells, and stimulation to provide nurturing environment. You have connections for forever homes that we do not. Some of the shelter pets may need training, medications, nutrition, exercise, etc. prior to finding a forever home.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO FOSTER A PET?

Foster homes will need to provide two to three excellent photographs of their foster pet and a narrative describing the pet's personality. This information should be sent in as soon as possible to docanimalfostercare@huntsvilleal.gov. You will have a lot of questions to ask as you foster your first pet. Ask away. Love the pet, and return to the shelter with the pet as directed by the shelter staff for healthcare, vaccinations, etc. Official adoptions must be completed at the shelter and by the shelter staff. In most situations, your foster pet will have to be spayed or neutered prior to any official adoption.

WHAT IF I WANT TO ADOPT MY FOSTER PET?

We allow qualified individuals to participate in the Foster-To-Adopt program. During this period you have 14 days to determine if a particular shelter pet will fit into your family. It is a wonderful program that has allowed many dogs and cats to find their forever home. The pet must be legally adopted or returned to the shelter based on a signed agreement between you and the shelter.

WHAT IF MY FOSTER ANIMAL/ANIMALS NEED MEDICAL CARE?

Medical treatment for sick foster animals while in your care will be provided during business hours, Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm, and Sat 9am to 3pm. The shelter is closed Sundays and holidays. If you feel the animal needs medical attention, bring the animal to the shelter immediately before closing time. Please be aware if you take the fostered animal to the Animal Emergency Clinic (AEC), you may be responsible for the outstanding fees. In cases where the animal may need to be humanely put to sleep, take the pet to the AEC, 256.533.7600, and be sure to take your 'Foster Agreement' form. **Please Note: Huntsville Animal Services will not treat your personal animals.**

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE MY HOME?

It is recommended to quarantine all foster animals away from personal pets during the first week of fostering to prevent the spread of any contagious diseases. The most commonly seen problem is an upper respiratory infection that may spread from dog to dog or cat to cat. Although most vaccinated pets will not develop significant clinical signs, they may still develop a cough, running eye(s), or runny nose. We recommend using a crate or an exercise pen for any puppies or dogs and a spare bathroom or bedroom for a cat as a quarantine area. Use a safe room for your foster pet to monitor their health and to develop a good relationship between human and pet family members. For more information, please email docanimalfostercare@huntsvilleal.gov or call 256.883.3782

FOSTER HOME APPLICATION

Application Date: First Name: Last Name: MI:

Address: City: Zip:

Home Phone: Cell: E-Mail: REQUIRED

Age: DOB: Driver's License # Driver's License State:

Foster Volunteers must be 21 years or older. Verification is required.

1. Have you considered that serving as a foster caregiver carries with it certain time requirements and responsibilities: Yes No

Comments:

2. Are the other members of your household aware that you have applied to be a foster home?
 Yes No Live Alone

3. On average how many hours/day will the pet be alone?

4. Is anyone in your household allergic to animals? Yes No

5. If your household includes children, are you willing to closely monitor the safety of your children around the new pets, especially during feeding, and with toys, etc.? Yes No

6. Do you have any objections to have an authorized volunteer or shelter employee check your property? Yes No

If you have objections why:

6b. If you rent, does your Landlord approve? Yes No

Landlord's Name: Landlord's Phone #:

7. Which pet are you interested in fostering? Please provide the Pet's shelter identification Number.

8. If you don't have a specific pet in mind what animal(s) would you like to foster? Check as many as Apply:

Cat Kitten Puppy Mom and Kittens Small dog under 25 Pounds

Med Dog 25-50 pounds Large Dog over 50 pounds

9. Do you currently have pets? Yes No If yes, are you willing to closely monitor the new pet when in contact with your personal pets? Large dog should be monitored for aggression especially toward small dogs and cats.

It is a general recommendation to isolate the foster pet from your personal pets for a minimum of 7-10 days as shelter pets have been exposed to respiratory virus.

10. If you own a non-sterilized pet, why have you elected to not have your pet sterilized?
11. Foster animals (puppies, dogs, kittens or mother cats with kittens) must be housed indoors, preferably in a safe room closed off from the rest of the house.
12. At night, where will the pet sleep?
13. When outdoors, how will you contain/control the dog? Fenced Yard On a leash
Other explain:
14. If your foster pet becomes seriously ill or injured, you must return the animal during business hours to Huntsville Animal Services to evaluate medical treatment or possible euthanasia. If you have a medical emergency after the shelter is closed, and you choose to take the animal to an emergency clinic you will be responsible for any and all medical expenses.
Comments:
15. Any additional comments you wish to make that have not been addressed
16. Please list the name, address, and phone number of your veterinarian, or at least one person that can verify your experience with animals.

Name	Address	Phone Number
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Huntsville Animal Services will not be financially responsible for any costs incurred by the foster care volunteer directly related to the foster animal over and above those covered through Huntsville Animal services. This is to include, but not limited to: special food, emergency medical bills and/or damages caused by the animals to property or persons, or medical bills for owned animals. Huntsville Animal Services reserves the right to decide the final disposition of all foster pets. This may include denying an adoption, and/or euthanasia.

I certify that all statements and answers to questions on this application are true.

Signature:

Date: