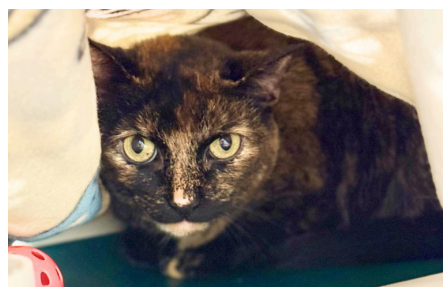
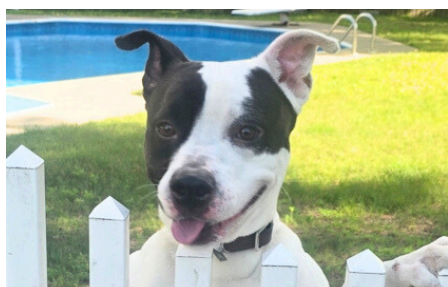


# FOSTER FAQS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
INTEREST IN BECOMING A  
FOSTER HOME FOR PETS  
IN NEED AWAITING  
ADOPTION!



## Help save a life without making a lifelong commitment!

Animals arrive at the APF as just a stop along their way to their new lives in an adoptive home. Many benefit from leaving the shelter environment and recovering from stress, anxiety, fear, or medical complications in the comfort of a foster home. That's where you come in!

### FOSTER REQUIRMENTS



- Primary foster must be 18 years old at min
- Agree to follow all policies and procedures
- Have all personal pets UTD on vaccines
- Have access to email for communications
- Provide foster transport to and from APF

## ANIMALS IN NEED

- ✓ Neonate kittens/puppies
- ✓ Healthy and/or ill puppies/kittens
- ✓ Healthy and/or ill adult cats
- ✓ Healthy and/or ill adult dogs
- ✓ Healthy and/or ill senior cats and dogs
- ✓ Small animals

### HOW TO GET STARTED!

Submit an foster application on our website or email us with questions at [calomiris@animalprotective.org](mailto:calomiris@animalprotective.org)!

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## 1. How long are pets in foster care?

Every situation is different! Our foster needs range from a single day to an indefinite commitment until your foster is adopted. When you submit the foster application, please be sure to mention any time restrictions you may have for fostering.



## 2. How much time daily do I dedicate to my foster pets?

Foster pets will need the same time commitment an owned pet would need, if not more attention due to medical needs. You should plan to spend several hours daily socializing with your foster pet.

## 3. Are there any risks involved with fostering pets?

Fostering is a very rewarding experience but does have some potential risks, such as:

- Your pets may be exposed to an illness from your foster pet. To help lower the risk of this happening we ask that you plan to house your foster pets separately from your other pets.
- Members of your home could be exposed to a disease or parasite (we do not, as a practice, send animals with known diseases transmittable to humans to foster).
- Foster families may be injured by a foster pet. To help lower this risk we will provide you with extensive behavioral information and advice on safe animal handling.
- Foster pets may destroy personal items. We suggest starting your foster pet in a small, animal proofed area of the home until they learn the environment and routine.
- Foster families may become emotionally attached to their foster pets, making it difficult if/when that foster pet has an un-treatable illness requiring euthanasia.

## 4. How will my foster pet receive veterinary care?

APF will provide all medical care for pets in our foster program. Should your foster pet have an after hours medical emergency, you will have access to a 24/7 online veterinary triage service.

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## 5. Can foster families adopt?

If your family would be a good fit to adopt your foster pet, you are absolutely welcome to do so. However, there are always more animals in need of foster homes who would benefit from your time and care should you choose to continue as a foster with us!



## 6. I submitted my foster application, how soon will an animal come home?

We work hard to properly match pets in need of foster placement with foster families able to provide them the care they need. After you submit an application to become a foster home, you will be invited to attend additional training specific to the animals you are interested in fostering. We offer Neonate Care Skills, Basic and Advanced Cat Skills, and Basic and Advanced Dog Skills courses to help set you and your future foster pets up for success!

## 7. Where do foster supplies come from?

The APF is happy to provide all of the basic supplies needed to care for your foster pets. This includes litter boxes, litter, food, walking gear (dogs only), carriers for transport, and toys. Of course, we welcome our foster families to feel free to spoil their foster pets with any additional supplies!

## 8. How often will fosters be expected to come to the APF?

We ask that our foster volunteers plan to come back to the APF to bring their foster pets for meet and greets with potential adopters, medical check ups, behavioral check ups, and to replenish care supplies as needed.