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FOSTER HOME PROGRAM - FAQs

Welcome from the Brookings Regional Humane Society! We are delighted that you are interested in providing a foster home for a homeless animal. It is because of people like you, who open your hearts and homes, that we are able to save the lives of these animals.

What is a foster home for animals?

A foster home for animals works very much like a foster home for children. It consists of an individual or family providing a temporary home for animals before they are adopted into permanent homes. The foster home provides a safe haven for stray or abandoned animals. It provides a time for evaluating the animal to see what kind of permanent home will be the most suitable, and to evaluate the animal's temperament and over-all health. The foster home provides love, security, a good diet, regular exercise and some basic training at a very stressful time in the animal's life.

Will I be able to select the kind of animal I want to foster?

Yes, you can specify if you want to foster a dog, cat, bird, or exotic animal.

How long will the animal remain in my home?

The amount of time the animal remains in your care varies with the animal. We try to find permanent homes as quickly as possible. We will ask you to bring your animal in on Saturdays, and sometimes for meet and greet appointments during the week (we do our best to work around your schedule).

What qualifications do I need to be a foster home?

The main quality you need is a love of animals and a desire to help them. When you apply to become a foster home, we will ask you some questions about your living situation, such as whether you live in the city or county, the ages of your children, the other pets in your household, where the animal will spend most of its time (indoors or out), your views on discipline and training, and your prior experience with animals. The purpose of these questions is not to pry but to make sure that the foster placement is a good one for the animals and for the family.

What does it cost to be a foster home?

The Brookings Regional Humane Society does not charge a fee to foster homes. We try to make the foster home placement as easy as possible for you financially. Your foster animal will have received a basic medical checkup and vaccinations before being placed into a foster home. We will provide pet food to you free of charge if you like. If for any reason your foster animal becomes sick, especially during the weekend, we ask that you contact the BRHS. If it is an emergency situation and you are not able to reach BRHS, please call one of the emergency numbers we gave you.

Will my name, address, and telephone number be given out to the public while I am fostering an animal?

NO, we will protect your privacy in every way while we locate a permanent home for your animal.

Is it hard to be a foster home?

Being homeless is stressful for animals, just as it is for humans. Most animals will need your love and patience as they adapt to you and your household. Some will need obedience and housetraining. Also, while you may come to love your foster animal, you must always be aware that you will have to give it up when it finds a permanent home. Many families report that giving up the animal is the toughest, but most rewarding, part of the job.

What if I have questions or concerns with my foster animal while under my care, whom would I contact?

We give you all of our emergency numbers before taking an animal home. If you have questions or concerns about anything regarding the care of the animal you are fostering, we encourage you to give any one of us a call at any time.

Once again, we would like to welcome you to the Brookings Regional Humane Society Foster Home Program! We are truly delighted that you are interested in providing a foster home for one of our homeless animals. If you would like to participate in the foster home program, please fill out one of our Foster Home Applications or contact the Brookings Regional Humane Society at 697-7387 for more information.