



**Title: Foster Parent**

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**Primary Responsibility:**

Provide temporary care and shelter in the volunteer's home to potentially adoptable animals.

**Important and Essential Duties:**

- To feed, socialize, groom, train, and medicate animals sheltered at the foster parent's home.
- To ensure the safety of all foster animals under the foster parent's care.
- To report behavioral observations to the Shelter to facilitate appropriate adoption placement.
- To isolate foster pets from household pets.
- To ensure that own pets are current on vaccinations.
- To observe and report and problems to the Shelter.
- To comply with the rules, regulations, and philosophies of the Shelter.

**Teams with:**

- Kennel Manager and staff and/or Volunteer Supervisor.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Basic knowledge of animal husbandry.
- Knows or learns animal behavior, especially as it applies to socialization.
- Knows or learns animal Breeds and descriptors.
- Ability to pay attention to detail and remember information.

**Requirements:**

- **Application** -- Must complete and submit foster parent application.
- **Orientation** – Must attend a volunteer orientation to become familiar with shelter services, policies, and procedures.
- **Home** – Must comply with PACFA standards and have yearly inspection.
- **Offsite**—Must be willing to promote animal and appear at offsite events to help get animal adopted.

**Time and Place:**

Foster parent's home. Requires transportation of foster animals to and from the Shelter. Some travel may be necessary to restock supplies and/or medications.

**Benefits:**

- Rewarding experience saving animals. Primary consideration in adoption of foster animals. Opportunity to work with animal care professionals and animal lovers. Learn new skills.