



# FOSTER QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you fostered animals before?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide details. \_\_\_\_\_

What type of animal are you willing to foster? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to foster pregnant or injured animals?  Yes  No

Are you willing to foster a mother cat/dog and their litter?  Yes  No

Are you willing to transport your foster pet to/from vet and shelter?  Yes  No

What type of residence do you have?

Home  Apt/Condo  Mobile Home  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you:

Rent  Own  Lease  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe where the pet(s) will be kept when you are:

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Not Home \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other pets?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe (type, name, sex, age, breed, spayed/neutered):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. We will keep it on file and contact you when a shelter pet is in need of foster. Please call the Human Society at 824-7235 if you have any questions.



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## TO QUALIFY YOU MUST MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS:

- must be 18 years of age or older
- must have the consent of other adults in your home
- if you don't own your home, must have consent of the landlord
- you must love animals, have patience and be reliable
- you must have a solid knowledge of the type of animal you are fostering
- your pets must have current vaccinations and be sterilized
- you must have a secure outside area to work with and play with foster dogs
- you must agree to keep foster cats indoors at all times
- you must accept that the HSMC is not responsible for damage, injury or illness to any animal, human or property caused by a foster animal in your care
- you must understand that the Craig Animal Shelter is the legal custodian of the animal
- you must agree to return the animal to the Craig Animal Shelter when requested
- you must be willing to make the animal available to potential adopters, either at the Shelter or at your residence
- you must be willing to allow onsite review of your home during fostering
- you must complete this questionnaire

## FAQs:

**HOW LONG WILL MY COMMITMENT BE?** Generally, we ask for a minimum of two weeks. However, if you take a shelter pet home and it is apparent that they are not compatible with your home environment or there are issues you are not willing to take on, you may return it to the shelter. Beyond the two week minimum, the length of stay is up to you. If you are leaving town, you may arrange for in-home care (at the expense of the HSMC) or return the pet to the shelter.

**DO I HAVE ANY INPUT AS TO WHAT PET I WILL BE FOSTERING?** Yes, as we would like the home, people and the pet to be compatible and this takes your input. However, often times we are looking for a foster home for a specific pet or pets; for example a mama cat and her litter.

**WHAT CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE WHICH ANIMALS GO TO FOSTER CARE?** Depending on the level of knowledge and experience with a type of animal (dog or cat), a person can be matched with a suitable foster pet. Foster care is most desirable for animals that have been in the shelter longer than a month; sick or injured animals; mothers and their litters; and animals that are highly affected by the shelter environment – either emotionally or physically. In general a dog with behavioral issues would not be fostered unless the foster family was an experienced dog owner or someone with professional training.

**WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT CAN I EXPECT FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY OR ANIMAL SHELTER?** The animal shelter is responsible for the spay/neuter/vaccination/testing of the shelter pets. The Humane Society will cover additional medical expenses if required. We prefer that a foster family pay for food and litter, but are happy to cover this if it is requested. In addition, crates and bedding can be provided for both dogs and cats.

**WILL I RECEIVE HELP ADDRESSING BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS?** If a dog has behavioral problems, please contact the foster care representative to seek resolution. Arrangements can be made to work with a professional, or the dog could be returned to the shelter.

**HOW WILL ADOPTERS KNOW THAT I HAVE AN ANIMAL IN FOSTER CARE?** Pets in foster care are still listed on Petfinder.com and in the weekly 'Adopt a Pet Page' in the Craig Daily Press. On Petfinder, the pet description will include the fact that they are in foster care and give instructions on how to meet the animal. You can choose to list your contact information on Petfinder, or the shelter and the HSMC phone numbers can be listed as a 'go between'.

**WILL I BE ABLE TO SHOW MY FOSTER ANIMAL TO POTENTIAL ADOPTERS?** Yes, this is actually preferable to you returning the animal to the shelter every time a potential adopter would like to meet the pet. In addition, you will gain a bit of insight about the interaction and suitability of the adopter. However, final decisions on adoptions are at the discretion of the shelter staff.