

FOSTER



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Every day Caloosa Humane Society is asked to help animals in need. Most of these animals are able to be received and placed for adoption immediately. However, for many this is not the case. Sometimes we are asked to take in a litter of puppies or kittens, abandoned without a mother and too young to survive on their own. Other times it's an adult who's been found injured and needs a safe place to heal. Either way, these animals need the extra tender loving care that only a home environment can provide. That is where our true heroes, our volunteer foster families, step in. Every time one of our amazing foster families opens their hearts and home to one of these special animals, they are giving them the chance no one else would, the chance to become someone's lifetime companion.

There are a number of things you should consider and discuss with the rest of your family prior to fostering.

Will you have time to spend with your foster animals? Most of the animals needing foster care will be in great need of quality time and handling; you should spend at least one to two hours a day with your foster animal. Animals recovering from illnesses, injuries or surgeries will require medication, physical therapy, and/or rehabilitation. You will also need to pay attention for signs of illness or worsening of symptoms.

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Do you own animals? Keep your foster animals isolated from your pet(s) for the first 10 days. We do our best to inform you of any known or potential problems, but the majority of these animals come from unknown backgrounds. Keeping your foster animals in a separate room that has no carpet works best. All resident pets should be current on vaccinations.

Do you have time to clean up after your foster animals? Young animals are usually busy doing one of four things: eating, sleeping, playing, and peeing/pooping. They are messy! You will need to keep their environment clean, which could require several cleanings a day.

Will you be emotionally prepared to return the animals back to CHS after the foster period? For some, this is the hardest thing to do. It's easy to become very attached to your foster animals. Be prepared for some tears, but know that your effort has made this animal more suitable for adoption into a forever home.

Think you are ready to be a foster family?

Caloosa Humane Society provides our foster families with all the supplies they need, such as food, litter, beds, crates, toys, treats, etc. We also provide all medical care for the foster pet. All we ask the foster families to provide is time and love. Anywhere from two to eight weeks can truly save a life.

Take the next step and apply to be a foster family!

Please fill out the application and our Foster Care Coordinator will contact you soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our shelter at (863)675-0997 or info@caloosahumanesociety.org