



FOSTER HOME CARE APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, ST, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Name and Clinic Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, ST, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the animals currently in your household:

Name & Breed	Gender	Age	Sterilized?	Vaccinated?	Licensed?

If you answered no to any of the above questions please list why: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one I/We: Own Rent Live with Parents House Apartment/Condo Other \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, please provide Landlord's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the boxes for the types of animals you are willing to foster:

- Underage kittens (one to eight weeks of age) without mother
- Mother cat with nursing kittens (one to eight weeks of age)
- Underage puppies (one to eight weeks of age) without mother
- Mother dog with nursing puppies (one to eight weeks of age)
- Dogs with behavior issues that make them unfit for adoptions
- Dog medical foster. This includes dogs confiscated for abuse and neglect, injured, sick, or any type of medical condition which would benefit from a foster environment
- Cat medical foster. This includes cats confiscated for abuse and neglect, injured, sick, or any type of medical condition which would benefit from a foster environment
- Dogs or cats who have been at the shelter long term that would benefit from foster to relieve kennel stress





Please describe any special training you have received and/or experience with fostering animals.

---

---

If you are requesting the following types of fosters please provide the following information and experience:

Underage animals - Are you willing to accept bottle babies/experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Litter of animals – How many animals in a litter will you consider? \_\_\_\_\_

Medical fosters – Do you have any special skills or training? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience medicating animals? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Behavior issues – Do you have any training or certifications? \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

---

How long are you willing to foster an animal in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day will your foster animal spend alone? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of confinement will you provide? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? If so, what type and how high? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your foster be kept when you are not home? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you quarantine or isolate new fosters, if necessary? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people and ages of all household residents: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our foster program? \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_





## **FOSTER CARE GUIDELINES AND AGREEMENT**

Domestic Animal Services recognizes the value of animals and the people who want to care for them. DAS wants to provide caregivers a quality relationship with DAS and we want to promote good relationships between people and animals, in view of this, please keep the items below in mind:

1. As a foster caregiver, you are required to comply with all animal related laws and ordinances in Collier County. This means that your pets must have up-to-date rabies vaccinations and county licenses.
2. You will need to communicate with our organization on a weekly basis, via e-mail, phone or in person, particularly with regard to the temperament and medical condition of the foster animal in your care. In the event of ANY incident, you must contact DAS immediately at: 239-252-7387
3. Since you are providing foster care for a DAS animal, you are required to become a volunteer of DAS and complete the necessary volunteer application and attend a volunteer orientation.
4. If you wish to adopt any of your foster animals, you will need to complete DAS adoption application, sign an adoption contract and pay the adoption fee.
5. Veterinary care can only be provided by the veterinarian on staff at DAS. If you believe that your foster animal requires emergency care, you must contact DAS immediately at 239-252-7387 for further instructions. If the need arises after hours, you must call 239-252-9300 and ask to speak to an on-duty Animal Control Officer for further instructions. Please be prepared to state what is wrong with the animal.
6. Because the animals come from various sources, an animal may have a medical or behavioral condition that doesn't show itself until after it has entered the foster care home. In some cases, the condition(s) may require that the foster animal be removed from the foster care program entirely. If such a situation arises, you are required to return the animal to DAS within 24 hours of being requested to do so.
7. Cats in the foster care program cannot roam outdoors. They may however, have access to a fully screened porch or another screened structure, provided that such enclosures do not allow them to roam freely or escape. Cats will need a quiet space of their own for a period of time. Cats also must be transported, regardless of destination, in a secured carrier.



8. Dogs cannot roam free outdoors. They may however, have access to a backyard that is securely fenced with fencing that the dogs cannot climb over or dig under. When outside of the home or a fenced yard, all foster dogs must be on leashes.
9. Animals should follow the diet provided by DAS to avoid gastric or intestinal upsets which could be mistaken for illness. DAS will provide all needed food for your foster animal. It is the responsibility of the foster care giver to get food supplies from DAS as needed. DAS will not deliver food supplies to foster care homes. Do not give your foster animal “people food” and “table scraps.”
10. You may be required to quarantine your foster animal for up to 14 days from your pets and/or family members. If you have animals of your own, make the introductions slowly. Ideally, the new animal should have a place of its own for at least 2 days.
11. Try to have toys appropriate to the animal’s age. Avoid toys that might be eaten and cause choking or gastrointestinal problems. Catnip toys are often good choices for cats. Do not let dogs chew rawhides, hooves, pigs’ ears or greenies while unattended due to choking hazard.
12. ALWAYS keep kitchen and garbage products, pool cleaning supplies, anti-freeze, windshield wiper fluid and rat or mouse poisonings or any other potentially dangerous household cleaners out of reach of your foster care animal.
13. Always be sure to supervise children and animals when they are together!
14. You are required to give the animals under your care fresh food and water on a regular basis, adequate shelter and supervised interactions. A DAS staff member will visit your home prior to placing a foster care animal in your charge and may periodically make a pre-arranged visit during your time spent caring for the foster animal.
15. Injuries and or bites may happen however diligent a caregiver may be. ANY injury or bites must be immediately reported to DAS so further investigation may be completed.

Foster care can be a very rewarding experience and can save the lives of many animals who would otherwise not find homes. It is important to recognize when you need a break from the job. DAS will have other projects and events that you can help with should you need a bit of “down time.” Please do not hesitate to ask for some time off from fostering.

Thank you for your willingness to help and to open up your heart and your home to the shelter animals!





**FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT**

I have read the above guidelines and hereby agree to comply with them, both in letter and spirit.

Further, I understand that I am assuming the responsibility for the care of the animals placed with me and will not hold Domestic Animal Services liable for any injuries or incidents that may occur while the animal is under my care. I also acknowledge that, when providing foster care for Domestic Animal Services, I am acting as a volunteer for the organization. Further, I fully understand and agree to assume all risks involved in any and all duties that I perform for Domestic Animal Services in my volunteer capacity. I agree to hold Domestic Animal Services harmless for any injury(s) which I might sustain during the course of my volunteer duties as foster caregiver. This waiver does include myself, all of my family members and descendants forever from seeking any legal action whatsoever against Domestic Animal Services or their representatives'.

I understand that the foster care guidelines and agreement does not transfer ownership of the animal(s) to me and that the ownership of the animal(s) under my care remains with Domestic Animal Services. I also understand that this is a voluntary relationship and that either party may chose to end the foster care relationship. However, under no circumstances, will I abandon or neglect the animal(s) under my care. I will immediately return them to Domestic Animal Services prior to ending this relationship.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, ST, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to the Foster Volunteer Facebook page? Yes No

*Please return completed application to:  
Collier County DAS Attn: Volunteer Coordinator, 7610 Davis Blvd., Naples, FL 34104*

**FOR CCDAS OFFICE USE ONLY**

Chameleon Checked: Yes No      Property Appraiser Website Checked: Yes No  
Animals at home licensed/vaccinated: Yes No      Home Check Performed: Yes No  
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved: Yes No By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Memo in Chameleon: Yes No

