



FOSTER HOME CARE APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Work Phone: _____
 City, ST, ZIP: _____ Cell Phone: _____

*****Foster Parent must be at least 18 years of age. By completing this Application, the Applicant certifies that he or she is at least 18 years old.**

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 you live with your parents, please provide your parent's name and phone number: _____

Please select the boxes for the types of animals you are willing to foster (mark all that apply):

- 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
- Foster to adopt – one-time foster
- One-time foster for found underage animal(s)





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: _____

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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. As a foster caregiver, you will be required to transport your foster(s) to DAS for booster vaccinations and monthly preventatives as scheduled with the foster coordinator. For medical fosters, you may be expected to transport your foster to various veterinary and specialist appointments, as needed. When you pick up your foster(s), DAS will make every attempt to provide you with your vaccination booster schedule to ensure your fosters are fully protected when they return to DAS for adoption.
4. If you wish to adopt any of your foster animals, you will need to complete a DAS adoption application, return the animal for spay/neuter and age appropriate vaccinations, 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 the Animal Services Program Coordinator for direction. 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. Collier County is not responsible for any injury or damage to people or privately-owned pets as a result of your participation as a foster caregiver.
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. We recommend that you 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. Collier County is not responsible for any illness your personal pet(s) may contract because the animals were not properly quarantined for 14 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 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 may 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. Collier County is not responsible for any injury or damage as a result of your participation as a foster care giver. Should there be a behavior issue with the animal, please report it immediately.

Foster care can be a very rewarding experience and can save the lives of many animals who would otherwise not find homes. 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 not an agent or volunteer for Collier County. I agree to hold Domestic Animal Services harmless for any injury(s) which I might sustain during the course of my duties as foster caregiver.

I confirm that I am willingly offering to foster and that I do not expect any goods or services in return, including an adoption fee reduction or waiver should I decide to adopt my foster animal.

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 choose 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.

I recognize that by interacting with animals there are risks of injury, including but not limited to physical harm caused by animals. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and executors, I hereby assume any and all risks which might be associated with animal interaction. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless, Collier County, including all DAS staff, volunteers, and affiliates, against any and all claims for damages resulting from my interaction with animals and fostering of an animal, incurred either by me or as a result of injury to a third party.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed: _____

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: Animal Services Program Coordinator, 7610 Davis Blvd., Naples, FL 34104*

Or email to: DL-DAS-Outreach@colliercountyfl.gov

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Chameleon Checked: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Property Appraiser Website Checked: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Animals at home licensed/vaccinated: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Memo in Chameleon: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Notes: _____	
Approved: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	By: _____ Date: _____

