



County of San Diego
Department of Animal Services

Foster Caregiver Application

If you would like to become a foster caregiver, please fill out this Application and Foster Care Profile, read the protocol on fostering and sign the form. All foster parents must be 18 years of age or older.

SHELTER FOSTER LOCATION

Please select the shelter location you wish to foster for:

- 2481 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011 (MS: N-147)
 5821 Sweetwater Road, Bonita, CA 91902 (MS: S-154)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant Name (Last, First): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return application by mail to the corresponding shelter above, or via email at: dasinfo@sdcounty.ca.gov (Attention: Foster Coordinator) (preferred method)

Foster Caregiver Program: QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How did you find out about our Foster Program?
2. Please tell us briefly why you would like to become a foster volunteer:
3. Do you have experience as an animal foster caregiver? What questions do you have about fostering, if any?
4. Have you had prior experience at an animal shelter or in a related field?
5. When will you be ready to begin fostering?

Foster Caregiver Program: FOSTER CARE PROFILE

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

1. Living Accommodations: Home Apt Other _____
2. People living in the home: Adults _____ Ages (6-18): _____ Ages (under six): _____
3. Any known allergies? No Yes: _____
4. Describe area where animal(s) will be cared for:
- _____

5. Does your lease allow pets? Yes No

ANIMAL CARE INFORMATION

6. Do you have other pets now? Yes No
7. If yes, how many? _____

Breed	Sex	Age	Are they spayed or neutered?		If you have dogs, are they licensed?
			Yes	No	

8. Any behavioral concerns or contagious or chronic illnesses? Yes No
If yes, please explain:
- _____
- _____

9. Are your pets up to date on vaccinations? Yes No

10. How many weeks can you foster an animal? _____

11. What are the care arrangements when you are not at home?
- _____
- _____



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FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

This agreement is made between the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services and _____ (hereinafter called "The Foster Caregiver").

The parties agree that:

- a) The Foster Caregiver shall provide the foster animal(s) with good care and grooming, clean and secure shelter, and access to appropriate food and water. The Foster Caregiver will also administer medication when recommended by the Staff Veterinarian.
- b) The animal(s) shall remain the sole property of the Department of Animal Services.
- c) The animal(s) shall be returned to the Department of Animal Services upon request by the Department of Animal Services, or if the Foster Care Parent is no longer able to adequately care for the animal(s).
- d) The Foster Caregiver will notify the Department of Animal Services in the event any change occurs in the above listed address or telephone number of the Foster Care Parent.
- e) Agents of the Department of Animal Services will be allowed to inspect the premises in which the animal(s) will be maintained for the purpose of determining the suitability of those premises for the care and maintenance of the animal(s) for the duration of this agreement.
- f) The Foster Caregiver understands and acknowledges that s/he does not have any right or authority to keep the foster animal(s) or to place foster animal(s) in other homes or places with other individuals unless permission is given in writing by the Department of Animal Services foster program personnel. All foster animals must be returned to the Department of Animal Services, alive or deceased.
- g) The Foster Caregiver understands that the DAS will supply the food, medication, veterinary care etc that is required. If the animal becomes sick, the Foster Parent must notify the Department of Animal Services immediately. If the Foster Parent takes the animal to a private veterinarian without permission of the Department, the Foster Parent shall pay for all costs incurred with that visit.
- h) The Foster Caregiver will contact the Department immediately if the animal becomes ill. The Foster Caregiver will be required to bring the animal to the shelter immediately for shelter staff to treat—or an Animal Control Officer may be dispatched to come to the Foster Caregiver's home to pick the animal up. The staff will determine at that time if the animal will be treated or euthanized if the animal is in irremediable suffering.
- i) The Foster Caregiver and its agents, heirs, and associates, agree to defend, indemnify and hold the Department of Animal Services, from any direct or remote and consequential damages arising out of this foster care arrangement.
- j) All foster placements are subject to approval and are at the sole discretion of the Department of Animal Services.

Foster Caregiver: Executed this _____ day of _____, _____

Signature: _____