

Voice For The Animals Foundation



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*Creating respect and empathy for animals
through education, rescue, legislation, and advocacy.*

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Save a Life! Become a Foster Parent

Who Should Foster?

Anyone willing to make the commitment to directly save a life is an ideal foster parent. Fostering is great for people who want to help, but prefer to do it at home around their own schedule. For example, a mother with a litter is ideal for a person with a busy lifestyle. The "momma cat" does most of the work. You simply provide a clean home, safe environment, food/water, and TLC. Note: Kittens without a mom are suitable for someone who is able to feed and tend to them every three to four hours - until they are old enough to be left alone for longer periods of time.

What to Expect?

Being a foster parent can provide you with a feeling of satisfaction, knowing that you've directly saved a life by giving an animal a second chance. Not only are newborns in need of fostering, but we also have many animals that have been abused or neglected and need some extra love and attention in a foster home. These animals need socialization and a loving, safe environment in which to recuperate. Fostering animals requires a lot of TLC. You may be asked to provide minor medical care, such as administering antibiotics or treating ear mites. If you have any concerns, medical or otherwise, you should always call VFTA immediately.

Any Expenses?

VFTA can provide the supplies necessary to care for a foster animal, however, any of the materials that you can provide will help offset costs and will go to saving more animals.

How Long is the Commitment?

The length of fostering time varies with each case. Animals can be in your home from a week to a month or more depending on the animal's health and circumstance as well as your desire and ability to continue fostering. The length of stay can be approximated prior to a fostering commitment to allow for personal plans.

Will My Pets Be Affected?

By giving them reassurance, most have no trouble adjusting to new animals in the house. Foster animals should not come in contact with your pets and we recommend restricting your fostering activities to a separate room or area of the house. VFTA is unable to treat personal pets if they become ill.

How do I Become a Foster Parent?

Please complete and return the attached forms to:

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or FAX them to (310) 822-9180

If you have any questions, please call (310) 392-5153. (Application on following pages.)

FOSTER VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

When filling out this application: Please print clearly and remember to include your information in full. The e-mail address you check daily is necessary because most communications are done through e-mail. Applications with P.O. Boxes will not be accepted into the program. The Application and Profile must be completed by an adult.

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

E-MAIL: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE _____

WORK PHONE: _____ May we call you at work? yes no

EMPLOYER: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

What is the best way to contact you? e-mail phone mail

*Please be aware that **e-mail** is our primary source of communication. It is faster, easier, and all the savings on cost go directly back to the care of our animals.*

How did you find out about our Foster Program? _____

Please tell us briefly why you would like to become a VFTA Foster Volunteer. _____

Have you ever adopted an animal from VFTA? yes no _____

Have you ever surrendered an animal to an Animal Shelter? _____

What (if any) companion animals do you have now? _____

Are they spayed and/or neutered? yes no If not, please explain. _____

Have you ever cared for puppies or kittens before? yes no

Have you ever given medication to sick animals before? yes no (Note: If you have never given medication to an animal, you will be matched with one that does not require medication.)

Unless you permanently adopt the foster animal(s), do you feel emotionally capable of "letting go" when the animal(s) is/are ready for adoption? _____

We try to foster the healthiest animals, but due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a remote chance a foster animal may die in your care. How would you feel about this? _____

Do you have any prior experience as a volunteer? If yes, for what organization(s)? _____

Are you able to perform the essential functions of Fostering, either with or without reasonable accommodation? (i.e., due to any physical, medical, or psychological limitations or disabilities). If no, please explain the functions that cannot be performed. _____

(Note: We comply with the ADA and consider reasonable accommodation measures that may be necessary for eligible applicants to perform essential functions.)

Are there any restrictions such as work/school schedule that may affect your availability to foster? _____

When will you be ready to begin fostering? _____

If a foster needed immediate medical attention, are you able to provide the necessary transportation? _____

FOSTER CARE PROFILE

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Household Information

Living Accommodations: Rent Own Home Other _____

Does your lease or Landlord allow pets? yes no

Can you keep your fosters separate from your own pets? yes no

Describe primary area where animal(s) will be cared for: _____

Will the animal(s) be allowed outside? yes no

Do you have a fenced yard? yes no Fence height? _____ What is it made of? _____

Do you have other pets now? yes no How many? _____ Breed(s): _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Are they neutered or spayed? yes no

Any behavioral concerns or chronic illnesses? yes no If yes, please explain: _____

When were they last vaccinated? _____

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

Time you are away from home? Home all day Out part-time Away 7-10 hours a day

Who will care for the foster when you are not at home? _____

Do any of the members of your household have allergies to pets? yes no If yes, how will you cope with them? _____

What Kind of animal(s) would you like to foster? (*Check all that apply.*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Injured or ill adult cats | <input type="checkbox"/> Injured or ill adult dogs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kittens who need bottle-feeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppies who need bottle-feeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kittens eating on their own | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppies eating on their own |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother with kittens | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother with puppies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat for socialization | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog for socialization (Sm., Med., Lg.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

In anticipation that you will be accepted into the Voice For The Animals Foster Volunteer Program, please read and sign the agreement below:

APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT

In signing this application, I understand and agree to the following:

I understand that if I am injured while acting as an unpaid member of the volunteer staff, that I am not covered by California State Workers' Compensation Law.

To the best of my ability, I agree to care for the foster animal as if it were my own; to provide love, food, exercise, medical attention (if needed) and companionship. If for any reason, I am unable to care for the foster animal or the foster animal is incompatible in my home, I agree to return the animal to Voice For The Animals. I will not sell the foster animal. I will not give away or seek to adopt out the foster animal.

I agree that the foster animal is the property of Voice For The Animals Foundation and that I do not have the right to permanently keep the animal unless an authorized staff member of Voice For The Animals Foundation approves me for adoption of the animal.

If Voice For The Animals approves me for adoption of the animal, I agree to pay the full adoption fee with no discounts for fostering the animal or for expenses paid by me on behalf of the animal during the foster period.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN TO:

Please FAX application to **310-822-9180** or E-mail to **volunteer@vftafoundation.org**
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