

Foster Application

1. We will be collecting the applications, please ensure all pages are completed and signed.
2. Please review and sign the release and policies 1-8.
3. You will receive a copy of FAPL Foster Agreement before you leave.
4. You will be receiving a phone call within the next week to review the application and answer any questions that may have come up since the orientation. If you do not receive a call within a week, please follow-up.
5. A Foster Case Manager will leave a voice message if no one answers, please respond as soon as possible. Please text, or call if things have changed in regards to your desire to foster. We will make two attempts to reach you to review the application.



FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Welcome

Goal of today:

- To inform you about the Foster Care Program of Friendship Animal Protective League (FAPL)
- To distribute and collect Foster Care Applications

What You Can Expect Today

- Complete Foster Care Application
- Foster care requirements, responsibilities, and policies
- General foster care information
- Questions

Administrative Staff

Greg Willey - Executive Director



Foster Care Coordinator & Case Managers

Helena Prosowski - Foster Coordinator

Kelly Shaker - Cat Case Manager

Maureen Jordan - Dog Case Manager

Kim Krock - Orientation Facilitator

Email questions or concerns: volunteer@friendshipapl.org

General Shelter Information

- Adoption Assistance
- Cat Care
- Cat Socialization
- Dog Kennel Care
- Dog Walking
- Foster Care
- Events
- Fundraising
- Pat-a-Pet
- Social media, Gift Shop
- Shelter Maintenance
- **Animal care is 365 days a year**

SHELTER HOURS

Sunday	11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11:00 am - 6:30 pm
Wednesday	11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday	11:00 am - 6:30 pm
Friday	11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday	11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Foster Care

Who needs foster care?

1. Grow, gain, socialize
2. Sick and injured animals
3. Special needs animals
(surgery recovery, seizures, blind)
4. Stressed, fearful or show signs of behavioral changes
5. Hospice care



Foster Care Requirements

What are the requirements to become a FAPL foster care volunteer?

- Complete a foster care application.
- If you rent, we need a landlord's approval.
- Respond to a follow up phone call from FAPL representative.
- Have adequate space and time to care for foster animals.
- Comply with FAPL's philosophies and policies.
- Promptly respond and/or communicate with FAPL staff, volunteer coordinator and case managers.

Foster Care Responsibilities

What are the responsibilities of a FAPL foster care volunteer?

- Provide a safe and secure home for the animal(s). This may include isolation from family pets.
- Ensure that all family pets are healthy, current with vaccinations and have been spayed or neutered. FAPL cannot provide medical care to your family pet.
- Provide food*, water, socialization/TLC, training, exercise and administer medicine* when necessary.
- Return the animal(s) to FAPL as scheduled or requested.
- Immediately report signs of illness or injury to the staff, foster coordinator or case manager.

*food and medicine are provided by the shelter

FAPL Foster Care Policies

- The animal remains the property of FAPL and must be returned as scheduled or upon request.
- The animal may not be transferred to another person's care without approval from the staff or the foster coordinator.
- In the event that the foster animal becomes ill or injured, contact foster coordinator to seek direction.
- Staff cannot treat your family pet, if it is exposed to a disease from the foster animal.
- Should you, family, or friends, decide to adopt your foster(s), adoptions can be arranged through your case manager.

FAQ

Q - Can I foster if I own a pet?

A - Yes; as long as your pet(s) is vaccinated, spayed/neutered, friendly

Q - How long will I have the foster pet in my home?

A - It depends on the needs of the foster pet and your family.

Kittens usually 4-5 weeks.

Puppies usually 3 weeks.

Q - Do I need to buy food or supplies?

A - No; food, medicine and reasonable supplies are provided by the shelter. Please ask the staff or foster coordinator before giving medicine or treatments.

Q - May I foster for another rescue group and FAPL?

A - It can become confusing, so it is best to foster for one group.

Common Illnesses

- Diarrhea, vomiting and dehydration.
- Parasites: roundworms, hookworms are Zoonotic; Fleas, Coccidia, Giardia, heartworm. **Please check for fleas & ticks BEFORE taking the foster pet home. Kittens and puppies cannot be treated with chemicals.** We suggest bathing with original Dawn dish soap and rinse. Bath again once a week for three weeks.
- Parvo virus is most common in puppies ages 6 weeks to 6 months. It is recommended that when potty training puppies, try to contain them to one area of the yard. This reduces exposure from other animals feces & isolates contamination.
- Kennel cough (virus).
- Feline upper respiratory tract infection. There are many causes (bacterial, fungal, viral).
- Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV). It impairs the cat's immune system and is most common in kittens less than four months old.

Tips For Fostering Dogs & Puppies

1. Beware of dangers in the home:
 - plants in house and yard
 - Xylitol (sugar additive found in some peanuts butters)
 - Foods such as grapes are dangerous - Google the food before you feed it to them.
2. Setting up play yard for puppies put pee pads in the back, find a setup that works for you. Please ensure all equipment is returned clean, contact the case manager when ready.
3. It's okay to allow a puppy to cry, if you respond to whining they will not learn to self soothe.
4. Ensure cleaning products are safe (vinegar/water spray bottle, Lysol daily cleaner).
5. Double collar/leash dogs for walks, or ensure collar is tight, leash is secure.
6. Alert approaching people you are walking a foster.

Tips for Fostering Cats and Kittens

1. Create the right environment. A separate space from family pets and that has been eliminated of potential dangers to kittens - items they could swallow, items that could fall on them and/or items they can hide, get trapped or fall in.
2. Provide them with toys (scratching posts, balls, boxes, interactive toys). Play is essential to socialization and focuses energy on items meant for them.
3. Clean room/area daily.

Thank you for coming!

And being willing to open your hearts and homes to provide comfort and care until the precious pet(s) are ready for adoption.

But before you go...

Turn in the application making sure you have signed the application.
Take a copy of the Foster Agreement with you.

