

Western Fremont County Humane Society

Thank you for your interest in our foster program! Without people like you, we could not save the lives of animals. Fostering is an emotional commitment, but it is also very rewarding. Fostering will be of no cost to you as Western Fremont County Humane Society will provide all necessary food, crates, toys and veterinary care. All we ask is that you provide a safe, loving and stable environment for the animal to reside while he/she waits for a forever home.

Information on Fostering:

Foster families provide temporary animal housing for a number of reasons: some animals are too young to be in a boarding facility, some animals need to work on their human interactions and manners, some need a quiet place to recover from treatments, the biggest reason is because we want the animals in need of foster care to be provided with a loving and caring environment. As you can imagine many of our fosters come from unknown backgrounds.

Fostering provides a taste of the “good life” for so many animals, that may have never known what a loving home is, preparing them to transition to their forever homes. Foster homes allow us to care for many more animals than our facility can hold, giving us the chance to save more lives.

Your duties as a foster include:

- Sharing your home and your heart with one (or more) of our cats or dogs.
- Teaching your foster how to live in a home environment, which includes basic obedience skills.
- Taking your foster to vet appointments, which will be covered by WFCHS.
- Giving your foster any medications that might be prescribed to them.
- Taking your foster to any events to be socialized.
- If possible sending us adorable photos of your foster and bio updates.
- As the foster animal is still WFCHS responsibility we do follow up on occasions with visits to the home.

Other foster tidbits:

How long does foster care last? Foster care can last from a couple days up to a year or more.

How do you decide who goes to foster? Choosing who goes to foster care depends on a lot of variables. There are people who foster our medical cases who need some extra TLC. There are people who love to foster puppies and kittens. There are people who love to foster senior dogs and cats. There are AMAZING fosters that step up and make sure the lives we save never see the inside of boarding and take them straight from the shelter. We do watch for signs of our boarding dogs becoming stressed, if we start seeing signs we try to get them into foster.

Can I say no if I don't feel the suggested foster is the right fit?

ABSOLUTELY! We would never ask you to foster an animal that you didn't feel comfortable with. In an effort to find the right fit we do a meet and greet and do intros with your current pets and family members.

What if I take in a foster and it just doesn't work out? It happens, and that is fine. We will try to make alternate arrangements in a timely manner. If it is just a matter of training we will provide some training for you. Should one foster not work out don't get discouraged; fostering for any length of time helps.

Who pays for the vet care and supplies? We pay for the vet care, but there are certain vets that we use. We will also provide you with any supplies needed. Anything you provide can be considered a donation to the rescue. We suggest that your own pets are up to date on vaccinations, which would be at your own expense.

What if I fall in love? Well, then, you just became one of us! Our crew is full of foster fails. Generally the fosterers get first dibs on adopting our fur babies. Just don't foster fail too many times, we still need you.
