

Animal Refuge League
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FOSTER HOME APPLICATION – PAST PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Animal Refuge League foster home! This questionnaire will help us understand your household and fostering preferences so that we can make appropriate decisions regarding placement.

Date: _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

E-mail address: _____ Do you routinely check e-mail? _____

Do You: Own? _____ Rent? _____

Landlord's Name & Phone _____

Have you fostered animals for the Animal Refuge League in the past? _____ When? _____

How did you hear about the PAST Program? _____

Please list the people that live in your home (including self):

Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Who will be the primary caregiver for the foster animals? _____

Does anyone in your home have allergies that may be triggered by multiple cats in your home? _____

If yes, how will this be accommodated? _____

Is everyone in your family in favor of fostering animals in your home? _____

If no, how do you plan to accommodate their preferences? _____
Do you travel regularly? _____ If so, please share your plans for foster animals to be cared for in your absence _____

Please list animals that live in the home:

Name	Breed	Age	Altered?	Temperament
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Who is your veterinarian? _____ May we contact him/her? _____

If veterinary records are under a maiden name or different name, please include on the line below.

Do any of the animals in your household need medical care or have medical conditions? (Due for vaccines, yearly exam, on medications or special diet, Feline AIDS, FIP, Feline Leukemia positive, etc.) _____

If dogs in the home, please describe their tolerance of other dogs/cats: _____

If cats in the home, describe their tolerance of dogs/cats: _____

When are you available for transporting the fostered animal(s) to veterinary appointments?
(Please circle) Weekdays Saturday

Please describe the area in which you plan to keep the foster animal(s):

Would you describe your household as:
(Please circle) Quiet Busy Noisy Chaotic Other: _____
Is your home quiet enough for cats/kittens that are especially shy or timid? _____

Our program encompasses a variety of animals from domestic violence situations. We try to accommodate your fostering preference, but please understand we need to place animals that are in the greatest need. Do you have a strong preference for the type of foster situation you take on? If so, why?

Most foster assignments will be 4 weeks depending on the situation of the owner. An extension may be granted if everyone is in agreement. With this in mind, are there times of the year when you are unavailable to foster?

Please tell us about any questions or concerns you have, or any specifics that we should know about your household, goals, or interests regarding the PAST Program.

Becoming a foster family brings both joy and heartache. Joy in knowing you have given an animal and her family a second chance at a happy life, and heartache in knowing that not all animals will return to their families. For those that become the property at the end of the foster assignment, the Animal Refuge League foster staff must, in some cases, make decisions about humanely ending the life of an animal when they fail to thrive or have health or behavior issues beyond the scope of our financial resources. We try to be very respectful of the attachment foster families make to the animals in their care, and understand that a strong bond forms quickly. Do you feel that you and/or your family are willing and able to abide by and support decisions regarding quality of life made by the foster care staff?

For the safety of everyone involved in this program, strict confidentiality is of the utmost importance. Do you feel this would pose an issue for you or your family in any way? _____

Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a staff member before committing to fostering?

In the past we have been able to accommodate some animals being returned early, but have found this impacts their health and surgery schedule. We **require** foster families to adhere to their assignment schedule unless an emergency prevents this from happening.

Zoonotic Diseases

Zoonotic diseases are those that can be passed from other species to humans. Examples are ringworm, tapeworm, roundworms and rabies. We impress upon all fosters during orientation that safe handling techniques and hygiene are important elements of sharing our homes with pets. Washing hands after handling and monitoring the health and behavior of the animals in your care is critical. Please understand that most young cats and kittens arriving into a shelter have had no previous veterinary care and may expose your companion animals and/or you to disease. While the occurrence of disease transmission is rare, please understand that the Animal Refuge League cannot assume financial, medical, or veterinary responsibility for any transmissions that may occur to yourself, your family or companion animals.

Anyone who is pregnant or may become pregnant or has a compromised immune system should consult their physician before welcoming a foster pet into their home.

Please sign below acknowledging you have read and understand the possible risks of fostering animals in your home.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Foster Home Profile

*****Office Use Only*****

Landlord Approval _____

Assessor Checked _____

Veterinary Reference _____

In Computer? _____ Why? _____

Approved _____ Declined _____ Pending _____

Foster Coordinator Notes:

Foster Care Staff

Signature _____

Attended Orientation on which date? _____

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