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IS FOSTERING RIGHT FOR ME?

- **Does my schedule permit me to spend quality time with my foster animals?**
 - In addition to the minimum 3-4 hours a day spent socializing your fosters; you are required to feed, clean-up after, and monitor your fosters for changes in appearance, health and energy levels throughout the day.
- **Do all members of my household want to foster?**
 - Bringing fosters into your home requires a big commitment from every member of your family. To set the animals up for success, make sure that all family members are onboard.
- **Am I willing to keep my fosters separate from my own animals?**
 - To prevent the spread of disease, it is very important that your foster pets do not have contact with your resident animals. Resident cat(s) must not be allowed outdoors.
- **What will be my financial responsibility?**
 - PHS will supply you with basic food and supplies such as bowls, litter, litterbox, blankets, and toys. PHS will also provide basic medical care at no cost to you.
- **Will I be able to follow necessary cleaning protocols?**
 - In addition to daily cleaning duties such as litter box, housebreaking, and washing bowls and bedding, you must also follow strict sanitation protocols in between foster groups.
- **What would I do if my foster pets cause damage to my house?**
 - Part of your job will be to teach your foster pets how to be a well-behaved house pet. In the process, some of your personal belongings may get damaged. PHS will not be held responsible for any damage caused by your foster animals.
- **Am I able to return to the shelter for regular veterinary appointments?**
 - Young animals require booster vaccines at least once every 2 -3 weeks. These are provided by PHS. In addition, you will be required to bring your foster pets to the shelter clinic for any health issues that arise during normal business hours.
- **In cases of emergency, can I take my foster pet to an emergency vet?**
 - In the event of an emergency you will contact the foster coordinator or RVT on call. If deemed an emergency you can take the animal to Eagle Rock Emergency Pet Clinic.
- **Will I be able to return my foster animals to PHS once the foster period ends?**
 - This can be difficult once a bond is formed between you and your fosters. Try to keep in mind that you will save more lives by keeping an open space in your house for new fosters.
- **Will I be able to emotionally cope with the death of one my fosters?**
 - Unfortunately, not all foster animals survive, especially the very young. While this is one of the hardest things about fostering, it is something you need to be emotionally prepared for.
- **Do I accept that PHS is an open-door shelter and cannot guarantee the adoption of all foster animals?**
 - While we will do our absolute best to place all animals into loving homes, this is not always possible. In some cases, your foster animals may have to be euthanized for health, behavior or space once returned to the shelter.



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FOSTER CARE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Supports: Foster Care Coordinator

Time Commitment: Flexible—You will log 4-5 hours each day a foster animal is in your care.

Training:
Foster Care Information Session
PHS Foster Handbook
Foster Care Training Session

Transport Requirements: Any Foster Care volunteer (or the member of a Foster Care family) responsible for driving animals to and from the shelter must provide the following documentation:

- Copy of driver's license
- Proof of current auto insurance
- Signed Pasadena Humane Society Volunteer Driver Pledge Card

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age. Volunteers age 15-17 may be eligible, but at least one parent would need to attend the relevant foster training sessions.
- Must submit a separate Foster Care Application and be approved to foster by the Foster Care Coordinator.
- Must be able to have animals where you live.