



## **Humane Society of East Texas Foster Home Agreement**

Fostering an animal can be an extremely rewarding experience. The success of our foster home program is a great benefit-both to our adoption rate and to the emotional health of our shelter employees. Additionally, the animal that you foster is usually a more socialized, adoptable animal. In the interest of our animals, the following rules serve as a safety net for both the foster family and the fostered animals.

Humane Society of East Texas reserves the right to review animals for foster care and appoint foster caregivers from a pre-approved list. Requirements for foster homes will be set by HSOET and can be amended at any time.

Humane Society of East Texas's staff will inform you of any medical treatment required, the expected length of the foster care period, the objectives of the care, and any other expectations. As a HSOET foster home, you will be expected to keep the animal secure, return it to HSSC when requested, and to direct any potential adopters to HSOET in order to complete the adoption process.

Foster caregivers should understand the risks of contagious or communicable conditions. These risks will be explained when you are contacted to foster. All personal animals in your home should be kept current on their immunizations, and in most cases, you are encouraged to keep foster animals isolated at all times. Written material will be available to assist you, and the shelter staff can answer any questions that might arise.

Humane Society of East Texas will retain ownership of all animals in foster care and will make all decisions regarding their placement. Input from the foster caregiver is very valuable to the adoption process, but the final decision as to the adoptive home must rest with the trained adoption counselors. The adoption staff will handle all adoptions unless the foster caregiver has received training as an adoption counselor. In that case, the senior staff adoption counselor will give the final approval on the adoption.

Humane Society of East Texas foster animals must be examined by the HSOET Shelter Manager or a Senior Animal Technician prior to being displayed for adoption. After health clearance, the animal may be integrated into the system in one of two ways:

- Foster animals can participate in mobile adoption locations; or
- Foster animals may be returned to the shelter where they will be placed up for adoption as soon as space becomes available. If you wish, you will be contacted if the animal should require foster care in the future.

Any problems encountered during the course of the foster period should be directed to Shelter Manager.

As stated previously, foster parenting can be very fulfilling for you, as well as for the animal that you foster. We ask you to realize, however, that sometimes all of our efforts fail, and a foster animal must be euthanized. This is rare and would not be done without the consent of all parties involved. However, the difficulty of such a decision must be considered when deciding to become a foster parent.



Humane Society of East Texas  
FOSTER CARE APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment:  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vet's Name and Phone #:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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List all family members currently residing in your home.

Name	Age	Allergies
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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List all animals currently living with you. Include species/breed, sex, age, whether spayed or neutered and last vaccination date.

Breed	M/F	Age	SN	Vaccination Date
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Describe where you will be keeping the foster animals, including how you would separate them from your own animals.

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Do you:

Rent an apt.     Rent a house     Own a house/condo  
 Live w/parents

Do you work outside the home?    Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If so, how many hours per day will your foster animal be alone?

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Describe the experience and skills that you feel will make you a good foster parent.

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Do you feel emotionally capable of letting go of the animals you will be caring for, regardless of the outcome?

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### Foster Care Preferences

<u>Cats</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-2 Weeks (bottle-fed)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 Weeks (some bottle-feeding)
<input type="checkbox"/> Weaned 6-8 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/> Upper respiratory infection
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing mother w/kittens
<input type="checkbox"/> Injury recovery
<input type="checkbox"/> Socialization
<input type="checkbox"/> Time out

<u>Dogs</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-2 Weeks (bottle-fed)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 Weeks (some bottle-feeding)
<input type="checkbox"/> Weaned 6-8 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/> URI/Kennel cough
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing mother w/puppies
<input type="checkbox"/> Injury recovery
<input type="checkbox"/> Socialization
<input type="checkbox"/> Time out

I have read and fully understand Humane Society of East Texas's Foster Home Agreement and agree to comply with the statement described therein. I also waive Humane Society of East Texas or any and all liability for injuries and/or damages while performing foster care services.

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Signature

Date