



FOSTER APPLICATION

The purpose of the Central Nebraska Humane Society is to promote the adoption of rescued, abandoned, abused or neglected animals into safe, lifelong homes.

Foster volunteers provide temporary care for one or more shelter pets in their own homes. There are many reasons that an animal may need to be in a foster placement - the animal may not be ready for adoption due to abuse or neglect, it may be too young to be at the Shelter, it may be recovering from an illness or surgery, or the animal may just need a short respite from the Shelter.

Fosters must be 19 years or older. Fosters are required to fill out an application and go to volunteer training. Fosters must provide proof that all other animals in the home are licensed, current on vaccinations, and spayed or neutered. Foster families are limited to four dogs and/or cats including personal pets (mothers & their litters count as one). As a part of the foster process, a copy of your state or government issued ID with your completed forms will be requested. Prior to allowing you to foster or while the foster animal is in your home, CNHS may visit your home from time to time to check on the animal's progress and address any concerns. We reserve the right to refuse foster to anyone.

Foster animals may destroy carpeting, drapes, clothing, and other valuable items. Preparing your home and the area the foster animal(s) will stay in can prevent most accidents, but not all of them. CNHS is not responsible for damages done to your home or property by CNHS foster animals.

As a foster parent you are responsible for monitoring the activity for your foster animal. Any unusual behavior is to be reported to the Shelter Manager or Executive Director. Some animals may have behavioral issues at first and part of fostering is to work together to get through the unexpected/unwanted behavior issues and rehabilitate them to be adoptable and socially adapted pets. You will be required to fill out surveys or questionnaires about the animal(s) in your care.

As a foster parent, you agree to abide by the Shelter Manager's or Executive Director's requests and instructions for the foster animal. You also understand that if any condition arises that might require medical attention, you need to contact CNHS's medical staff for direction. No vet expenses will be reimbursed without prior arrangements/agreements from the Executive Director.

The animal is to stay in your care until adopted, moved to another foster home, or returned back to the Shelter. Should you go on vacation or out of town at any point while fostering any animals from CNHS, they will need to be brought back to the Shelter for care for the duration that you are away. The animal may not travel out of Hall County without prior written permission from the Shelter Manager or Executive Director.

You also agree to work with CNHS to bring the foster animal to adoption events or to the shelter for Meet & Greets. Arrangements can also be discussed with the Shelter Manager/Executive Director and yourself to assist with transporting your foster animal to such events.

All foster animals remain the possession of CNHS until formally adopted. If you decided during fostering that you would like to adopt the animal(s), you must contact CNHS immediately to complete the adoption process and pay adoption fees. Under no circumstances may you give the animal away to anyone for free or let the animal go. You may not place any foster animal into another home without prior consent by CNHS Shelter Manager or Executive Director. If adoption interest is shown, you must refer the person(s) to CNHS, so that the adoption process may be completed by CNHS staff.

Under no circumstance, shall a foster cat(s) be allowed to roam outdoors or leave the security of your home. Foster dog(s) must be on a leash or enclosed within a fence adequate for the animal or in a home at all times. Cats are to be transported to and from events, vet appointments or to the shelter in a pet carrier. Foster dog(s) are to be transported in a carrier or on a leash. If you do not have one, CNHS will provide a pet carrier to use from the duration in which the animal is fostered.

If you do not return the animal to Central Nebraska Humane Society as instructed during fostering, CNHS may file a civil suit against you for the return of the animal or other legal remedies available to it.

Please fully answer the questions in this application. If a question does not apply to you, please write N/A in the response area.



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BASIC INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Current Employer: _____ Phone Number: _____

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY AND HOME:

How many people live in your home? _____ How many children? _____ Ages? _____

Do you rent or own your home? _____

Landlord's name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Is your primary residence a house, apartment, or townhouse? _____

If you rent, does your landlord allow animals? _____ Do you have a HOA? _____

Do you have any breed/weight restrictions? _____

If yes, what are they? _____

Does your home have a dog door? _____ Is your yard fenced? _____

If fenced, what type of fencing? _____ How tall is the fence? _____

Anyone in the home allergic to animals? _____

Are steps or preventatives being taken to manage such? _____

Is everyone with in your house in agreement of fostering a pet? _____



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LIST ALL PETS CURRENTLY LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Species(i.e. cat, dog) and Breed (i.e. Lab, Tabby)	Pet's gender	Spayed or Neutered?	Pet's Age	Where does pet spend the majority of his/her time?	How long have you owned this pet?

Please give a brief description of any personality traits of pets mentioned above? _____

VETERINARIAN:

Veterinarian's Name/Clinic: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____



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FOSTER PET CARE

How would you describe your experience with dogs and cats?

First time owner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

What's the longest amount of time in which your foster will be left alone each day?

Where will your foster be kept during the day? (kennel, inside, outside, free roam)

Who will ultimately be responsible for the foster animal? _____

If you have children, please explain their experience with cats or dogs.

How often and in what manner do you plan to exercise your foster dog? (Ex: walks, jogs, yard play, etc)

Have you ever obedience trained your dogs? _____

Please explain (obedience classes, personal trainer, videos/books, other):

Many rescue animals often come with behaviors, some simple, some problematic. How willing/prepared are you to deal with behaviors such as accidents, barking, anxiety, destruction, getting on furniture, aggression (food, animal, or fear, and running?

What will be your plan of action should your foster escape your yard or care?



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FOSTER PREFERENCES

I am willing to foster (check all that apply):

_____ Cats

_____ Dogs

_____ Kittens

_____ Puppies

_____ Special Needs Cats

_____ Special Needs Dogs

_____ Cats Recovering from surgery/need medical care

_____ Dogs recovering from surgery/need medical care

_____ Pregnant Cats or Nursing Mothers

_____ Pregnant Dogs or Nursing Mothers

_____ Cats otherwise needing a respite from the Shelter

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_____ Temporary foster of cat(s) due to an emergency situation, like a large intake

_____ Temporary foster of dog(s) due to an emergency situation, like a large intake

Breed/Size Preferences: _____

Age/Gender Preferences: _____

Any additional requests or notes of experience with animals: _____

I agree to release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Central Nebraska Humane Society, its agents, officers, directors, and employees from any damage or injury caused by the foster animal in my care.

I recognize that in handling foster animal(s) there is a risk of injury including but not limited to physical harm caused by a foster animal. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors, I release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Central Nebraska Humane Society, its agents, officers, directors, and employees from any and all claims, causes of actions or demands, or any nature of cause connected with my fostering of a CNHS animal.

Foster Applicant

Date

Shelter Manager/Executive Director

Date