



Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center

Is Fostering at the 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.
- **What will be my financial responsibility?**
 - RCAC will supply you with the basic animal care supplies such as food, bowls, litter, litter box, blankets, and toys. In addition, we will provide all 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, 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 as a foster parent is to teach your foster pets how to be a well-behaved house pet. In the process, if accessible to the pet, it is possible that some of your personal belongings may get damaged. RCAC will not be held responsible for any damage caused by your foster animals.
- **Am I able to return to the Center for regular veterinary appointments?**
 - Underage kittens and puppies require booster vaccines and wellness checks every other week. In addition, you will be required to bring your foster pets to the Center for any health issues that arise during normal business hours.
- **In case of a medical emergency, can I take my fosters to an emergency vet?**
 - In case of an emergency during business hours, call the Animal Center at (909) 466-7387, press #2076 or #2092. Staff will determine if the animal needs to come in for treatment.
 - In case of an emergency after business hours, pets can be taken to Inland Valley Emergency Pet Hospital for care.
- **Will I have to return my foster animals to RCAC 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 of my fosters?**
 - Unfortunately, not all fosters 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 RCAC is an open admission municipal shelter and they can not guarantee the adoption of all foster animals?**
 - While we do our absolute best to place all animals into loving homes, this is not always possible. In some cases, it may be possible that your foster animals may have to be euthanized for health or behavior reasons once returned to the Center.