

What is Fostering?

Whiskers & Tails does not have a physical shelter and depends on foster homes to care for our animals. When you foster, you agree to provide a temporary home to a homeless pet, either for a predetermined period or until they are adopted. Foster care gives the pet an opportunity to live a more comfortable life while awaiting permanent placement.

Whiskers & Tails Foundation provides our foster caregivers the food and supplies they need to care for their animals. We also cover all the animal's medical expenses, including medication. Volunteers can help with transportation needs when available.

Foster Requirements

- Willingness to provide the time and personal commitment necessary to be a foster parent.
- Submit an application and agree to a home visit to introduce the dog to your home and check fencing and gate latches.
- Basic knowledge of animal care and training is a plus.
- A six-foot fenced yard is required to be a foster home for our dogs.
- We require that foster dogs live inside your house or have doggie door access to the yard.
- Some availability on weekends so potential adopters can meet the dog/cat.

Foster Responsibilities

- Provide basic TLC for the animal including food, water, exercise, basic grooming and a safe and healthy environment for the animal.
- Work with the pet on socialization, housebreaking, and basic obedience.
- Transport your foster pet to our local veterinary office if needed.
- Bring your foster pet to adoption events. We encourage you to stay with your foster pet throughout the day to provide details and answer questions from prospective adopters, but we understand that this isn't always possible.
- Review adoption applications and raise questions or concerns presented in the application. Foster parents have the best knowledge about the pets in their care and are encouraged to help find the best fit for their forever homes. Fosters have first rights to adopt their foster dog.

Fostering a pet can be an emotional experience that is not for everyone. But if you believe you have room in your heart to help an animal find a loving home; this may be the most rewarding experience you will ever have.

Whiskers & Tails Foundation is always looking for foster home for our animals. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact us at www.whiskerstails.org.

Dog & Puppy Foster Application

This application must be completely filled out in order to foster

Date: _____

Your Name: _____ Age: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ How long at current address? _____

Your occupation: _____ How long? _____

Name of spouse, significant other, or roommate: _____ Occupation of this person: _____

What type of home do you have? House ___ Apartment ___ Condo ___ Dormitory ___ Other: _____

Do you: Own ___ Rent ___ If you rent, Landlord's name: _____ phone number: _____

How many dogs are you allowed in your home according to your rental agreements, ordinance, or neighborhood covenant? _____

Is your yard fenced? Front: Yes ___ No ___ Back: Yes ___ No ___

Type of fence? Wood ___ Brick ___ Chain link ___ other: _____

Height of fence at the lowest point? Front: _____ Back: _____

Do you have a pool? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, is there a fence around it? Yes ___ No ___ how high? _____

How many adults (over 21) live at this residence? _____

How many children (under 21) live at this residence? _____

Names and ages of all children: _____

If no children, do children visit? Yes ___ No ___ what are their ages? _____

Is anyone allergic to pets? Yes ___ No ___ Allergic to cats, or long haired dogs that shed? Yes ___ No ___

Is anyone home during the day? Yes ___ No ___ How many days a week do you work? _____

How many hours will the dog be left alone? 1-4 ___ 4-6 ___ 6-8 ___ 8-12 ___ >12 ___

Where will your foster dog spend most of his day? % Indoors _____ % Outdoors _____

% Crate _____ % Dog run _____ other: _____

Do you have a dog door? Yes ___ No ___ If no, will you install one? Yes ___ No ___

What kind of outside shelter do you have for your pet? _____

Where will your foster dog sleep? (Be specific) _____

Do you have a dog now? Yes No How Many? _____ Breed(s): _____

Age: _____ Has this pet graduated from obedience class? Yes ___ No ___

What other pets do you have? _____

Are they spayed or neutered? Yes ___ No ___ if no, explain _____

As an adult have you ever had a dog before? Yes ___ No ___ For how long: _____

If you no longer have your dog, what happened? _____

Have you fostered for another group or shelter? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, please specify the group(s): _____

How long are you willing to foster a dog? _____

Are you willing to transport your foster dog to and from Vet's and Adoption Events? Yes ___ No ___

What circumstances would cause you to return a foster dog? _____

What training or experience do you have that would make you a good foster? _____

Vets name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Personal Reference Name _____ Phone number _____

How do you know this person? _____