

**Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care
Foster Home Agreement**

Please mail completed form to:

Foster Coordinator
Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care
3200 Carr Street
Houston, TX 77026

Or fax completed form to the Foster Coordinator at 713-238-2189

Fostering an animal can be an extremely rewarding experience for both you and the animal you foster. The success of our foster program is a great boon both to our adoption program and to the emotional health of our employees. The animals you foster end up more socialized and adoptable after fostering.

Foster caregivers should understand the risks of contagious and communicable conditions. These risks will be explained on the occasion of your first fostering. All your personal pets must be current on their vaccinations, and in some cases, you will be encouraged to minimize contact between your pets and foster animals. If you have any questions, contact BARC clinic staff at 713-238-9600 ext. 353.

The following policies serve as a safety net for both the fostering family and the fostered pets:

- Foster parents must have a Foster Care Application on file at BARC.
- A home visit may be conducted prior to fostering.
- Foster animals must be housed in a climate-controlled area that is comfortable and stress-free.
- Foster pets are to be kept in the home of the foster parent on record; any situation necessitating removal or transfer of the pet must be communicated to BARC.
- Foster pets may not be transported outside the Houston area without the permission of the Adoption Program Vets or Foster Coordinator.
- BARC retains guardianship and control of all animals in foster care. The shelter staff will make all decisions regarding their placement. Foster animals are not to be given away or kept. Any adoption of a foster animal must go through the regular adoption process with all paperwork completed correctly.
- BARC reserves the right to review animals for foster care and appoint foster caregivers from a pre-approved list. Requirements for foster homes are established by BARC and are subject to change at any time.
- The final decision as to the adoptive home rests solely with BARC staff or their appointees.
- Foster parents must get approval from the Adoption Program veterinarians and Foster Home coordinator before an animal is placed in foster care.

- No foster home may have more than 3 foster pets – from any foster care program – at any given time except in the case of a mother with nursing babies, then the limit will be one mom and one litter. Exceptions can be made only by the Adoption Program Veterinarians or the Foster Home Coordinator.
- BARC staff will inform the foster family of medical treatment required, expected length of care required, the care objectives and any other expectations when the foster pet is picked up.
- If you have a foster pet requiring veterinary attention, please call the shelter during regular business hours (713-238-9600, x353). After hours, call the Adoption Program Veterinarian (713-777-8631). BARC cannot reimburse for medical expenses incurred at another facility/vet.
- Any problems encountered during the fostering period should be discussed with the Foster Care Coordinator, the BARC clinic staff, and the Adoption Program Veterinarians.
- All foster pets must be re-examined before they go to an adoption site. After the health clearance, the pet will be put in the adoption program. Please note any helpful tips you have – in writing – for counselors so that a good match will be made on placement.
- As a foster family, you are expected to keep the pet securely confined and return the pet to BARC when requested.
- Every effort will be made to adopt foster pets. If the pet begins to exhibit aggressive or undesirable behavior, has a chronic debilitating or painful conditions, or is terminally ill, euthanasia may have to be considered. This is rare, but the ultimate decision is reserved for the Adoption Program Veterinarians.

I have read and fully understand the BARC Foster Home Agreement. I agree to comply with the statements therein.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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FOSTER CARE APPLICATION

Date:

Name:

Address:

Home phone:

Work phone:

email address:

Veterinarian name and phone:

List all family members currently residing with you

Name:

Age:

Allergies:

List all animals currently living with you

Breed/species

M/F

Age

Spayed/Neutered?

Vacc. Date

Describe where you will be keeping the foster pets, including how you will separate them from your own pets:

Do you rent an apt. rent a house own a house live w/ parents

If you work outside home, how many hours per day will your fosters be alone?

Foster care preferences

Feline

- 0 – 2 weeks (bottle feed)
- 3 – 6 weeks (some bottle feeding)
- 6 – 8 weeks, weaned
- upper respiratory infection
- nursing mom w/kittens
- injury recovery
- socialization

Canine

- 0 – 2 weeks (bottle feed)
- 3 – 6 weeks (some bottle feeding)
- 6 – 8 weeks, weaned
- URI/kennel cough
- nursing mom w/puppies
- injury recovery
- socialization