



FOSTERING

The role of a volunteer is a crucial one and can make a huge difference to the rehabilitation of an animal and increases the chances of them finding their forever home.

We aim to rehome our animals as quickly as possible, but this isn't always possible and some of our rescues can spend long periods of time with us, due to a variety of factors, some animals don't cope well in a rescue environment and need one to one care this is where foster carers come in!

What does the role involve and what can i expect?

All fosters are responsible for the well being of the animal in their care, and are the crucial part of rehabilitating the animal.

These animals may have come from difficult backgrounds, been mistreated, behavioural issues or be extremely nervous, a foster needs to be prepared for these potential circumstances, not all animals that come to us have a difficult past, and they have only

come to us due to their owners not being able to care for them anymore, we need all fosters to be aware from the get go that we can't predict how any of our animals may behave or react when with you, but we do build a picture of all our animals before fostering out so we can prepare you as best we can and will always be at hand for help and advice.

What fostering can do for you?

It's rewarding to know that you played a key part in helping a rescued animal recover from a life of suffering and start a new life. You'll get to meet and care for animals with unique personalities and see them rehomed to a new family.

you will be able to give an animal that may have not been given the love it deserves a chance to know how it feels to have a loving home and give it the best chance of being successfully rehomed.

Fostering also gives people who would normally be unable to take in an animal long-term, due to other commitments, an alternative.

FAQ'S

Do i need to have experience with animals to foster? - you will need to have some experience of the animal you are fostering, as your confidence with the animal will help successfully build the animals confidence, and you will know what to look out for should the animal become unwell.

Can i have other pets in the household? - Yes you can if you are confident that your resident pet will be happy with another animal around and we will only foster out animals that are happy to mix with other pets already in the household.

How long will i have the foster animal for? - We are never able to give a timescale on how long you will have the animal, it could be weeks or months, so please keep this in mind when considering fostering.

Will i have to provide food?- We will provide the food, but of course you are welcome to supply the food if you feel you would like to provide this as this also helps us with costs as we are a non- profit organisation and this would greatly help us.

What about housing and equipment? - With cats we will be able to provide litter trays, bowls and carry cages for you.

For rabbits and guinea pigs we can provide bowls, carry cages, hay and bedding but you will **NEED** to already have suitable housing for them, such as an outdoor shed, wendy house or large run where they can shelter away from the weather and predators, a rabbit needs a space of at least 3m x 2m and 1m high as they need space to be able to exercise. We are happy for our rabbits to be housed indoors but you will need to have the space required for this.

For cats you will need to have a spare room they can go to where they can hide and settle into before introducing them to the rest of the house.

What if the animal gets sick?- We will cover the costs of the vet visit, you will need to be prepared to take the animal to and from the vet's as you would your own pet, If the illness is something that becomes complex and needs monitoring we will of course have the animal returned to the shelter.

Will the animal be checked before coming to my household?- Yes we will always make sure the animal is checked by a vet and is healthy before going to a foster home.

What process is carried out for fostering? - Once we receive your application we will ask to do a video call with you to make sure you have suitable housing and premises for the animal and go through some important information with you. If we are satisfied you are a suitable foster you can then come to collect them and enjoy rehabilitating your new guest!

