



Foster Job Description

Behavior Foster Volunteer

Position Description:

Our behavior foster volunteers will work alongside our foster team and wellness team to provide behavior support to animals in need. In most cases, the time commitment is longer, averaging 4-6 weeks. Behavior fosters provide critical support to pets that often have a harder time getting adopted due to their behavior concerns. Often just having a calm environment and a more consistent routine helps our pets to overcome these issues and become wonderful adoption candidates.

The most common behavior concerns are:

- Under socialized cats/kittens
- Under socialized dogs
- Pets experiencing severe kennel stress that need a safe space to decompress
- Dogs that need more consistent training on leash behavior, jumpy/mouthy behavior, fearfulness, reactivity, etc.

Our wellness team can provide our behavior fosters with ongoing support via phone, email, and one-on-one appointments when needed. Basic animal handling skills will be required. Some behavior dogs will require a more experienced dog handler or someone familiar with a particular breed/behavior issue.

Meeting the PRC Mission:

Volunteers in this role help support the PRC mission, goals, and strategic initiatives by providing the one-on-one care that our behavior cases need to become the wonderful adoptable pets we know they can be!

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Meet Mission & Vision of PRC.
- Comply with all PRC policies and procedures, including a high standard of dependability for promptness and attendance.
- Provide a safe and comfortable home for the pet to live in.
- Feed, socialize, groom, train, and provide medication as directed by PRC staff.
- Bring to PRC for all scheduled medical appointments.
- Promote your foster pet for adoption on social media, neighborhood sites, etc.
- Provide PRC with regular updates and photos to help promote our pets for adoption.
- Provide positive reinforcement techniques.
- Provide positive human interaction – petting, brushing, love.

- Observe animal's health and behavior and communicate any changes or concerns to the foster team.
- Report on animal's condition to Foster Staff.
- Monitor and respond to emails and communication from Foster Staff in a prompt manner.

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Able to provide a safe, loving and stable environment.
- Ability to provide care to an animal.
- Ability to separate foster pets from other animals as needed.
- Able to transport the animal to and from the shelter as needed.
- Willing and able to administer medications and treatments as directed by PRC foster team and medical staff.
- Self-motivated and able to make appropriate judgment calls.
- Willing to maintain communication with the Foster Staff and ask questions when needed.
- Possesses good communication skills.
- Basic knowledge of computers including e-mail, printing, and video communication.
- Basic animal handling experience required. Advanced animal handling recommended.

Expected Hours of Service:

This position is an off-site/remote position. Hours will be based on type of animal, age, and training required.

Reports to:

Foster Coordinators, Wellness Team

Benefits:

- Remote and in your own home
- Assisting in keeping pets out of the shelter's population
- Helping to find pets a new forever home.
- Time commitment is flexible to your schedule.
- Helping dogs and cats overcome behavior issues.