The Inside Scoop on Fostering for the Humane Society of Lincoln County

Step 1 -Fill out Application to become a Foster!

- Apply Here

Step 2 - Find a foster pet you want to bring home. (You will need to create an account on Trello to view our available foster pets.)

- Trello Board
- Click here for more info on how to use Trello
- Join our FB Group, we will be posting foster updates there (and more)!

Step 2 (A) – Some pets require a bit more than others. For those pets we ask that you complete training via short online self-paced classes. Pets that require this will have special tags that are explained in detail above with how to use Trello.

- Adult Cats (about 30 minutes)
- Kittens (about 2 hours)
- Adult Dogs (about 40 minutes)
- Puppies (about 1.5 hours)
- *Bottle Babies (Coming Soon)*

Step 3 - Email or call to set up bringing your foster pet home.

There will be many different pets listed with various needs and from a lot of different situations. Including pets currently under the care of the Humane Society of Lincoln County (HSLC) as well as pets in homes that are currently waiting for a possible foster before we can commit to caring for them. These are called "Courtesy Posts". Pets listed under a "Courtesy Post" have not yet had an intake exam or behavior test. That means if you are interested in fostering them, we may learn more at their intake appointment that we aren't aware of, like an unknown health or behavior issue. We may not be able to accept them at all if they are not adoptable. Since the circumstances may change in these ways throughout this process we ask for your flexibility and understanding.

Fayettevillecritter@gmail.com or RiniFLCAS@gmail.com or (931)433-3726
Check out any supplies you may need to care for them in your home.

Step 4 - Bring your foster home!

- You will sign some paperwork with each foster`s information, and you will take home any info we have for you about this pet. (Special diet, needed meds, special training, medical history etc.)
- Be prepared to bring them in for any medical treatments etc. You will get an auto generated email sent to you from our system when they are due for medical work. It is your responsibility as the foster to respond with when you will be available to bring them in.
- If there are any medical or behavioral changes, please reach out to us ASAP. We will cover medical care, but it must be processed through us. We can NOT reimburse or cover medical costs that we didn't give prior approval on.
- Take photos of your foster and upload them to their Trello card or email them to us.
- Within the first week fill out their behavior form.
  - Cats
  - Dogs

Step 5 - Help advertise your foster pet in person, at events, and on social media. Tell people about them, and answer questions possible adopters may have. We aim for a general timeline of 48rs to get back to adopters.

- Here are some Social Media Guidelines as well as a few logos you can use on posts.
- While it's not required, we do encourage you to attend adoption events at least once every two months, depending on your foster pet's socialization.
- Adoption events will be listed on Trello under "News and Events", on our FB Group, and you will get an email about them. If you are bringing your foster to an event, please sign up on the event announcement or via email so we can plan accordingly.
- If you need a vacation, please give us at least a week's notice to move your foster into another home.

Step 6 - Bring your foster to "Meet & Greets" with possible adopters.

Say goodbye when they get adopted, knowing you helped save them!

Questions

How much will this cost?

Fostering for the Humane Society of Lincoln County will take time, patience, love, and effort. However, it should not cost you money! All vetting and pet supplies will be supplied by us. It is important that you reach out when you need something (whether it be pet food, toys, other supplies, or a vet visit) so we can organize that for you. We are NOT able to reimburse for anything you do spend on a foster pet.

How do I get in contact if I have questions or concerns?

If you ever have questions or need help along the way, don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to support you.

FB Foster Group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/1486856768548046

Email- FosterHSLC@Gmail.com

Phone Number - (931)433-3726

Where do I see pets that need a foster home?

Go to our Trello board to see what pets are currently available.

https://trello.com/invite/b/PKAL4pJ8/ATTIe719c751c9584ca3d5a10611096f0a87FBF96F44/fosters-needed

(You need to create an account, but don't worry, it's quick and easy! All you will need is your email address and to create a password.)

You don't have to, but if you would like to download the app, it may make using the software easier.

- Google Play
  https://play.google.com/store/apps/detailsid=com.trello&pcampaignid=web_share

- Apple Store
  https://apps.apple.com/us/app/trello-organize-anything/id461504587

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Who can I foster?

You can get started right away as a foster with no training for –

- Older litters of kittens and puppies.
- Some adult cats
- Outdoor only dogs (if you do not have any children or other pets)
- As a relief foster for some pets (babysitting while their regular foster can't)

To qualify for more foster opportunities, you can take any of these quick classes. We list what pets require what classes on our Trello board.

We have 5 classes you can take online at your own pace to get you started as a foster parent, based on what kind of pet you would like to foster:

Adult Cats *(about 30 minutes*) https://forms.gle/89ShTHAKufN6dsTm6
Kittens (*about 2 hours*) https://forms.gle/ZtNqK8GHML79zU6SA
Adult Dogs (*about 40 minutes*) https://forms.gle/AMzwUqYxfQRCNZk66
Puppies (*about 1.5 hours)* https://forms.gle/GMWXmzzXRHc48q6F9
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Thanks again for your kindness and generosity!

Warm paws,

Humane Society of Lincoln County