

# Fostering FAQ

## How can I communicate with the Maria Meows Foster Community?

- Join our [Discord Communication Server](https://discord.gg/zeRG6uD2DJ) by clicking <https://discord.gg/zeRG6uD2DJ>.
- You can also **contact Maria** (maria@mariasmeows.org, 908-327-7444) anytime.

## How does Discord work?

Discord is organized by text channels. We organize posts in the applicable channel. For example:

- Post your name, photo and intro in our **# intros** channel so we can get to know each other.
- Post photos, video and descriptions of your fosters in the **# cat-intros** channel. This is where we introduce our fosters and provide the photos, video and personality description necessary to promote them on Petfinder.
- Ask for supplies in the **# fosters** channel.
- Fenella (fenella@mariasmeows.org, 908-797-8081) would be happy to walk you through how to use Discord if you are unfamiliar.

## Where can I find Foster Resources?

Click here for our [Foster Resources](https://tinyurl.com/MMFosterGuidelines) (<https://tinyurl.com/MMFosterGuidelines>)

## What is my responsibility as a foster?

- You must provide good quality photos, videos and personality descriptions of your fosters in the Discord **#cat-intros** channel. This is essential for us to get them adopted.
- You must allow potential adopters to visit the foster in your home.
- You must play with your foster, socialize your foster, love on your foster and generally help your foster feel like part of your family.

- You must agree to keep your foster inside and to follow all of our [Foster Guidelines](https://tinyurl.com/MMFosterGuidelines) (<https://tinyurl.com/MMFosterGuidelines>) at all times.

### **How long does fostering last?**

Fostering usually lasts between one and four months, but the length of time a kitty is in foster will vary.

### **How much does fostering cost?**

Nothing! Maria Meows provides all supplies, including food, litter and more. When you need something, post your need in the Discord **# fosters** channel or coordinate by phone or text with Maria Powers.

### **Are expenditures reimbursed?**

Yes! But Maria must approve any and all expenditures prior to the money being spent for them to be reimbursed by the rescue. Please submit any approved expense receipts to [fenella@mariasmeows.org](mailto:fenella@mariasmeows.org) for reimbursement.

### **How are vet visits handled?**

Maria coordinates all vet visits and medications. Fosters cannot give medication or take kitties to the vet without Maria's direction.

### **What do I do in a medical emergency or if I have any issues?**

- If you think there is anything medically wrong with your kitty or you need support for any reason, contact Maria ASAP for assistance.
- Only in a life threatening emergency should you consider bringing a kitty to the vet without Maria's direction. Details and vet contact information is in our [Foster Guidelines](https://tinyurl.com/MMFosterGuidelines) (<https://tinyurl.com/MMFosterGuidelines>)

### **What if I notice behavioral issues?**

Contact Maria ASAP for assistance.

### **What if I want to adopt my foster or my friend or family member want to adopt them?**

All adopters must fill out our [adoption form](#), pay the [adoption fee](#), go through the interview process, be approved and sign an adoption contract to adopt.