

TOP 10 REASON TO FOSTER A PET

SOURCE:



1. Foster homes help adopters see pets at their best. Some animals can handle a shelter environment better than others. Many get overly excited or too anxious to let their true personality shine when they're in a kennel. In a foster home, pets can relax, so that potential adopters can get a good sense of how they'd be in a home.

2. Fostering pets is fun. Taking a walk in the park is fun, but it's a whole lot more fun strolling with a foster dog at your side. Playing with your foster cat is a great way to unwind and provide the attention she craves. And is there anything cuter than watching young kittens chase their tails (and anything else that moves)?

3. You can teach pets new skills in your home. Dogs and cats are enthusiastic students. Most of them want to learn new skill that can make it easier for them to find a home. That's what happened to Matilda after she spent some time in a foster home. When it was time for her to meet potential adopters, she impressed them with her knowledge of basic cues and found herself a new family.

4. You could be a pet matchmaker. Every time you take your foster dog on a walk, or out to a dog-friendly establishment, it's a chance to connect with potential adopters. For example, consider Lorenzo, a dog from the Best Friends Pet Adoption Center in New York City. He was out for a stroll with his foster mom in Central Park when a woman saw him walk by wearing an "Adopt Me" vest. At once, she knew she had found the dog she wanted to adopt (and did).

5. Put your Instagram account to good use to help animals. Many pets adopted from Best Friends adoption centers find homes after a foster parent shares a post on social media sites like Facebook and Instagram. Ringo, for example, found his new home after someone saw a photo of him on Instagram and couldn't wait to meet him.

6. You'll give them a chance to stretch their (four) legs. Just like us, cats and dogs need exercise to stay healthy and feel good. While shelters do their best to give animals adequate space to be active, there's often a whole lot more room to play in a home.

7. You'll be providing invaluable insight. It's difficult to know all the important things about a shelter animal, such as how they feel about other animals or kids. This kind of information is vital, says Rachel Fong, foster coordinator at the Best Friends Pet Adoption Center in Utah. "Foster volunteers help us at Best Friends to understand who that dog is as an individual so we can match the dog with the perfect forever home."

8. Fostering to know if you're ready to adopt. Adopting a pet is a big decision. If you're not sure you're ready to take that next step, fostering is a great way to test the waters. You'll gain experience caring for a pet, so that when it's time for you to adopt, you'll do so with confidence.

9. Fostering is a temporary commitment with permanent rewards. If you're unable to adopt a cat or dog right now but want to open your space (and heart) to a shelter animal, look no further than being a foster parent. Most shelters and rescue organizations offer a variety of foster opportunities that include taking care of a pet short-term or for the weekend.

10. You'll be saving more than one life. Every time a shelter animal is able to leave the shelter for a foster home, space is created for another deserving homeless pet who needs a second chance — until eventually, we Save Them All. 1. Foster homes help adopters see pets at their best. Some animals can handle a shelter environment better than others. Many get overly excited or too anxious to let their true personality shine when they're in a kennel. In a foster home, pets can relax, so that potential adopters can get a good sense of how they'd be in a home.

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DOGS ONLY

ALIVE Rescue Memphis

Online foster application:

www.aliverescuememphis.org/foster

Intake criteria: Dogs who are dog- and people-friendly

Companion Pet Rescue (Jackson, TN)

Email daniellehardee1@gmail.com to get foster application

Learn more: www.cprdogs.com

Foster parent requirements: Must send good photos to rescue and be able to meet at Cloverleaf Animal Hospital at 10am Tuesday once dog is adopted OR drive to Jackson, TN.

Intake criteria: Any breed of dog who is dog-friendly, kid-friendly, and "bomb-proof." Heartworm-positive ok. Puppies who have already had 2 vaccines 2 weeks apart.

Dogs 2nd Chance

Online foster application:

www.dogs2ndchance.org/foster-application-form

Intake criteria: Dogs and puppies

Dragon Dream Team Rescue

Email dragondreamteamrescue@gmail.com for foster application

Foster parent requirements: Must agree to foster for 2 months if dog is heartworm-positive.

Intake criteria: Dogs of any age.

PAWS New England

Website: www.pawsnewengland.com

Online foster application:

www.pawsnewengland.com/foster

Email: joanepawsne@gmail.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/PAWSNewEngland](https://www.facebook.com/PAWSNewEngland)
Intake criteria: All breeds. Surgical, medical, HW+ dogs accepted. No human or animal aggression accepted.

HappiDog Rescue

Email happidogrescue@gmail.com to get foster application

Phone: 901-359-1010

Facebook: HappiDog Animal Rescue

Intake criteria: Small to medium dogs of any age

Real Good Dog Rescue

Online foster application:

www.realgooddogrescue.com/foster

Intake criteria: Dogs under 50 lbs, especially shaggy dogs

Woof River Animal Rescue

Online foster application:

woofriveranimalrescue.wordpress.com/foster/

Facebook: Woof River Animal Rescue

Email completed applications to chanda.woofriver@gmail.com

Intake criteria: All types of dogs who are dog-friendly

BREED-SPECIFIC DOG RESCUES

Memphis Area Golden Retriever Rescue

Online foster application:

www.magrr.org/help/foster

Foster parent requirements: vet reference and home visit

Intake criteria: Golden Retrievers or Golden Retriever mixes

West Tennessee Border Collie Rescue

Online foster application:

www.bordercollierescuwesttn.org

Email: contact@bordercollierescuwesttn.org

Intake criteria: Border collies or close border collie mixes. Must be dog-friendly.

BOTH DOGS & CATS

Perfect Match Animal Rescue

Website: www.perfectmatchanimalrescue.org

Facebook: Perfect Match Animal Rescue & Adoptions

Foster parent requirements: Must be able to go to Oak Tree Animal Clinic in Olive Branch, MS, or Northgate Animal Hospital in Memphis for vet appointments.

Intake criteria: Dogs, puppies, cats, kittens

New Beginnings Animal Rescue

Email newbeginnings_animalrescue@yahoo.com for foster application and agreement

Intake criteria: Any type of dog. Cats, kittens.

CATS ONLY

Memphis Pets Alive!

Online foster application:

www.memphispetsalive.org/our-foster-program

Email: cats@memphispetsalive.org

Phone: 901-541-5415

Intake criteria: Cats and kittens (depending on current intake numbers and special needs)