

Foster Home Application



Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____

Alt. Phone numbers: _____

Email: _____

1. Do you currently have pets in the household? Yes No

If so, please list them below:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Breed: _____

2. Are your pets up to date on vaccinations? Yes No

3. Are they on heartworm prevention? Yes No

4. Who is your vet so we can call to verify?

5. Do you have children living at home or regularly visiting that the pet would interact with? Yes No

Ages of children: _____

6. Would you typically be able to bring a pet to the clinic within 24 hours of a request of a potential owner to meet him/her? Yes No

7. Are you most interested in the weekend foster program (one dog/puppy staying with you for one weekend for socialization) or a longer term foster pet?

Short-term (i.e. weekend) Long-term

8. Please circle what type pet you are interested in fostering:

bottle feeding puppies

bottle feeding kittens

mom and nursing kittens

mom and nursing puppies

litter of puppies (specify maximum number of pups): _____

healthy adult dog

healthy adult cat

dog/puppy with medical condition requiring meds/special care

- cat/kitten with medical condition requiring meds/special care

Foster Home Agreement

This agreement is to let you know what all CAH/CARE provides to you as a foster owner and what you agree to provide.

CARE will provide the following for the pet(s) you are fostering:



- Food / milk replacer / bottles – this is provided if you come to the clinic and pick up the food/milk replacer we provide. You are welcome to stop by anytime but it is best to let us know 1-2 days in advance so that we can be sure to have plenty in stock to give you. If you prefer to provide the food or milk replacer yourself, that is fine (it actually helps us to have more money in the fund to save more pets) but we cannot reimburse you.
- Medical care – Medical care is provided as Dr Jordan deems needed. We will always provide pain control/relief from suffering and we will treat as many injuries or illnesses as we practically can. However, since CARE is not for profit and has limited funds, there are limits to the extent of medical care that can be provided. For instance, CARE does not have the funds to provide for care at a specialty facility. If a pet develops a condition requiring more medical care than CARE can provide, euthanasia may be done to prevent suffering, even if treatment of the condition is possible. If a foster owner wishes to proceed with medical care above and beyond what CARE can provide (for instance surgery at a referral facility), the foster owner should express that desire to Dr Jordan and a discussion can be had on a case by case basis. The foster owner is not allowed to seek medical care at a facility other than Crossroads Animal Hospital unless prior arrangements and permission has been given by Dr Jordan. If a foster owner did seek medical care elsewhere without obtaining permission first, then there is no reimbursement for money spent on the foster pet's medical care. CAH is on call at all times for emergency care so simply call us at 864-972-9994 if there is a problem with a foster pet.
- Routine wellness care – Basic vaccinations, heartworm, and flea prevention is provided by CARE. Basic vaccinations include DHPP and Rabies for dogs, and RCP and Rabies for cats. If a foster family's lifestyle allows for exposure to other diseases, then we will consider on a case by case basis whether CARE will provide additional vaccines. For instance, if a foster family plans to allow the foster dog to swim in the lake, a leptospirosis vaccine may be needed.

Your Responsibilities as a Foster Owner

- You will need to provide food dishes, water dishes, litterboxes, leashes, collars, and a place to keep the pet (ie crate, kennel, fenced in yard, indoors, etc depending on the pet). In some instances CARE may have some donated supplies to loan to you, but we cannot guarantee that we will have donated supplies of these types.

- You will need to be able to bring the pet to the clinic for viewing by a potential adoptive owner within 24-48 hours of being informed that a potential owner would like to meet the pet. There is no reimbursement for money spent on gas to bring the pet to the clinic.
- You must be allowed to have the type of pet you are fostering in your house/apartment. We will not allow fostering if you are not allowed to have pets or have not paid the required fees to have pets.
- You must be willing to take the risk that the foster pet may damage your belongings or injury you or your other pets. We will disclose any known aggression towards people or pets but it is possible a pet could show aggression that we were unaware of. We unfortunately do not have funds in CARE to pay for treatment for another pet or person's care if damage is done by a foster pet. We also cannot replace any items that the foster pet damages. Please closely supervise foster pets to minimize the chance that they will chew up something. We do not recommend foster pets be with other pets without supervision and we recommend foster pets be crated if left alone in the house.
- Because we often have nowhere else for pets to go if you stop fostering, we ask that foster families commit to keeping the pet(s) for a specified amount of time. If an emergency arises that you can no longer keep the pet, please inform us immediately. For this pet, I will be able to keep him/her (check one):
 - until adopted for ____ weeks
 - until quarantine period is over (usually 2 weeks)
 - until litter is weaned (____ weeks from now)

Additional Information

- All adoption fees are set by CARE / CAH and all fees go into the adoption program. No money is paid to the foster family for keeping the pets. The adoption fees are non-negotiable. If the foster family wishes to adopt the pet they are fostering, they will need to pay the whole adoption fee, regardless of money they may have spent caring for the pet. If the foster family finds a potential home for a foster pet, the potential new owners should contact CAH/CARE and fill out an adoption application. Only after they are approved and pay the adoption fee can the potential new owner adopt the pet.
- CARE/CAH is not responsible for any damage to items owned by the foster family. Please be aware that foster pets may not be housebroken and may try to chew items in their reach. The foster family should closely supervise to prevent any damage. If damage does occur, however, CARE/CAH cannot provide any reimbursement.

Please sign below indicating you understand and agree to these terms:

Name

Date

Information for Foster Homes Taking Puppies/Dogs (especially those who have not yet finished quarantine)

- If a dog or puppy has come in as a stray or has come from the animal shelter, there is a good chance he or she has been exposed to parvovirus and / or bordetella (kennel cough). We vaccinate all the CARE dogs on intake for these viruses but the vaccine is not 100% protective, especially if the dog was already exposed. These are very common diseases in our area, so you need to know what to watch for.
- These puppies and dogs can spread parvo to your own dog(s) if your dog is a puppy < 5 months old (pups need to be at least 18 weeks old and have had a whole series of vaccine with the last vaccine at 15 weeks old or older in order to be protected) or an unvaccinated adult dog. The disease can spread on your hands even if the dogs never come in contact. For this reason we don't allow fostering of high risk pets (ie ones not yet finished with quarantine) if you have a puppy or unvaccinated adult dog in the household.
- These puppies and dogs can spread bordetella to your dogs if they are unvaccinated. This is a much less serious disease than parvovirus and is similar to a "cold" in most dogs. We highly recommend you vaccinate all your personal pets for kennel cough if you plan to foster.
- Know what to look for: parvo causes vomiting, not eating, and diarrhea. If a pet is acting normally and having mild diarrhea, it's probably just stress related and not a cause for major concern. Call and inform us but we will probably just advise you to watch and wait. If your foster dog vomits or won't eat, however, this is an emergency as it could indicate parvo. Please call us immediately at 864-972-9994 for advice.
- Kennel cough causes a dry hacking cough. If you notice this, call us the next business day for advice. Call immediately if the dog/puppy stops eating or acts like he feels badly.
- Also call immediately with any other symptoms of illness: diarrhea, vomiting, weakness, failure to eat within 12 hours, straining to urinate, coughing, eye injury, or anything else that appears abnormal to you. We would always rather be informed early (even if we advise just watching and waiting) than to

find out a foster pet has been sick for days. There is no charge to you for any medical care for CARE pets, so don't hesitate to call us.

Please initial that you understand the risk of infectious disease and that you understand the precautions to take and when to call us: _____

Information for Foster Homes Taking Cats/Kittens (especially those who have not yet finished quarantine)

- If a cat or kitten has come in as a stray or has come from the animal shelter, there is a good chance he or she has been exposed to upper respiratory viruses. We vaccinate all the CARE cats on intake for these viruses but the vaccine is not 100% protective, especially if the cat was already exposed. These are very common diseases in our area, so you need to know what to watch for.
- These cats can spread respiratory disease to your own cat(s) if your cat is a kitten < 5 months old (kittens need to be at least 18 weeks old and have had a whole series of vaccine with the last vaccine at 15 weeks old or older in order to be protected) or an unvaccinated adult cat. The disease can spread on your hands even if the cats never come in contact. For this reason we don't allow fostering of high risk pets (ie ones not yet finished with quarantine) if you have a kitten or unvaccinated cat in the household.
- Know what to look for: respiratory infections cause lethargy (not being active), sneezing, eye discharge, coughing, and a snotty nose. If a pet is acting normally and having mild sneezing with no nasal discharge, it's probably not a cause for major concern. Call and inform us and we may start medicine or we may advise you to watch and wait. If your foster cat has trouble breathing, a snotty nose, eye discharge, or does not feel well, please call us immediately at 864-972-9994 for advice.
- Also call immediately with any other symptoms of illness: diarrhea, vomiting, weakness, failure to eat within 12 hours, straining to urinate, or anything else that appears abnormal to you. We would always rather be informed early (even if we advise just watching and waiting) than to find out a foster pet has been sick for days. There is no charge to you for any medical care for CARE pets, so don't hesitate to call us.

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