

# HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY

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## FOSTER APPLICATION

Thank you for considering fostering an animal(s) from the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. We require that the following questions be answered as fully and honestly as possible so that we may be assured that the animal(s) you wish to foster is best suited for you.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cat / Dog Control/Kennel Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
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### FOSTER APPLICANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License/ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City / State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer HSOV make the recommendation of who we feel would fit into your household? YES or NO

Have you adopted an animal from a shelter or rescue in the past? YES or NO

If yes, please provide the name: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

\_\_\_ Own Home/Condo     \_\_\_ Rent Home/Condo/Apartment     \_\_\_ Live with family member

If renting, please provide name and contact information for your landlord: \_\_\_\_\_

Do children under 18 live with you or visit? YES (How old \_\_\_\_\_) or NO

Do you work outside the home? YES or NO If yes, how many hours will the pet be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the pet be kept while you are away from the home (work or vacation)? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the primary caretaker? \_\_\_\_\_

Rate your household activity level:     Quiet \_\_\_     Active \_\_\_     Hectic \_\_\_

**PET HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE**

What is your experience with pets:

\_\_\_ First Time Dog/Cat Foster      \_\_\_ Had Dog/Cat(s) in past      \_\_\_ Currently have Dog/Cat(s)

Please describe the pets you have had in the last 3 years:

Name of Dog/Cat	Age	Spayed or Neutered	Vet Name/Phone	Length of Ownership
_____	___	_____	_____	_____
_____	___	_____	_____	_____
_____	___	_____	_____	_____

**EXPECTATIONS (if fostering and plan to possibly adopt)**

Will the pet be: \_\_\_ Companion for self      \_\_\_ Companion for another animal      \_\_\_ Child's Pet  
\_\_\_ Gift (for whom? \_\_\_\_\_)      \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How will the pet obtain exercise?      \_\_\_ Walks      \_\_\_ Fenced Yard      \_\_\_ Run Loose  
\_\_\_ Stay inside      \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are your current pets good with other animals? \_\_\_ If not, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN**

I certify that all the information in this application is true and I understand that false information may void the application. I understand, if approved, I will be required to execute a Hold Harmless Foster Caregiver Agreement and failure to comply will result in my inability to adopt/foster from the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

HSOV Authorize Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have not received a call within 10 days, please call 740-373-5959 as we do not want to miss your application*

## **FOSTERING 101**

We would first like to take this opportunity to graciously thank you for considering fostering one of our animals in need. We have written this guide to hopefully answer any questions that you may have and to give you some guidance in the fostering program.

1. We ask that any animal that you own be current on their vaccinations and be spayed or neutered before we can safely place one of our animals in your home. This is very important as we do not want any accidental litters and at times you may be asked to foster one that is recuperating from surgery or ill and we want to insure that everyone stays healthy.
2. Please provide us with some information as to your animal experience and what your home situation is, for example; other pets, children, and work schedule so that we may assess what animal in need would be best suited for your family.
3. A foster's average stay is 3-4 weeks. There are some that are more difficult to place so their stay could be slightly longer. Our rescue coordinator works constantly to move these animals to safe places. When the shelter meets maximum capacity, the manager has no choice other than to euthanize to make room for the new animals that come in on a daily basis. By fostering, you not only save the life of the animal you are fostering, but you create a space to hold one more at the shelter.

### **WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. We ask that you provide a good quality food for your foster. We ask that you take them and care for them as your own. Please socialize, housetrain, and teach them manners to help prepare them for their new homes. Just wait to see how proud you will be when they begin to respond to all the love and kindness you show them.
2. You may be asked to take them to veterinary appointments. Those are usually set up by the shelter a few days in advance so that you may make arrangements to transport them there. If there is a scheduling conflict for you, we do have volunteers who may be able to assist. There is no cost to you for the appointment - it is billed to the HSOV.
3. We ask that you update the foster coordinator weekly by email, with photos if possible, and let her know how the foster is doing and what type of home you think the pet would do well in. For instance, whether the pet would like kids, other dogs/cats, if they are active or lazy, how do they sleep at night, how do they behave unattended, what is their bathroom break schedule, how do they handle crating, etc. All this information you provide is valuable to the shelter and rescues to locate potential adopters for hopefully their lifetime.

4. You may be asked to bring your foster to a “meet and greet” with a potential adopter. These meetings are scheduled so that it is convenient for everyone. You will have the opportunity to meet the potential adopter and share your experience with your foster and help determine if they are a good match.
5. Should you have any behavior or training issues, our coordinator and volunteers are more than happy to help you assess the behavior and offer advice/solutions. Please do not hesitate to ask for help as we want to ensure this foster program is enjoyable for you and your foster.
6. Yes, it is expected that you will fall in love with your new foster and this is okay as well! Just remember, your foster will soon find the forever family they have waited their whole lives for and another foster that needs the same temporary TLC is waiting for your home to open for them! You will find your heart has more love than you could ever imagine.
7. Your foster coordinator will work with you during your foster’s stay and will notify you when their lucky day arrives to be adopted or ride the transport van to their new home. That day you will be asked to delivery your foster to the shelter. Yes, of course it’s okay to shed tears, you will have the support of other fosters and volunteers to get you through. If you are ready your next foster will be waiting!

Should you have any further questions, we have an awesome team to help you every step of the way. Please feel free to contact any one of the names referenced below.

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