

## Oromocto & Area SPCA

### FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Due to physical and resource limitations it is not possible for us to care for all animals that come to us in need of care. The *Foster Care Program* was initiated to address this need. Foster care has become an important component of the services we provide. We anticipate that by selecting caring volunteers who have experience with animal care issues and through open communication we will be able to develop an effective network of knowledgeable foster care providers.

Fostering is the placement of special needs animals into temporary homes until they are ready to be adopted. This means:

- Healthy puppies or kittens too young for adoption
- Pregnant animals
- Young animals that have been separated from their mother and require bottle feeding
- A cat or dog with an injury or other minor medical problem
- An animal that has been seized by SPCA Inspectors and requires temporary housing pending the outcome of legal proceedings
- An otherwise adoptable animal that requires extra time for their appearance or physical condition to improve before being put up for adoption
- An animal which requires temporary housing due to a situation in which an individual has suddenly moved out of their home

Foster care providers must be in agreement with the programs, practices and principles of the Oromocto & Area SPCA and most importantly, they should have knowledge of, and experience in dealing with animal health issues. Although many caring individuals express an interest in becoming foster care providers, our responsibility to ensure the best possible care for our animals requires that we place them with people who have sufficient experience to recognize and respond appropriately to any health situations that may arise.

After completion of the Foster Care Application form, applicants will be asked to participate in a screening interview at their home during which their motivation, knowledge and ability to effectively meet the requirements of this vital role will be discussed. They will be asked about:

- Their experience with various animal care issues
- Their preferences regarding the type of situations they wish to assist us with
- The animals they presently care for in their home

- The physical arrangements in their home that will enable them to accommodate SPCA animals

If they are selected they will be asked to sign a liability waiver.

*Amended by the Board of Directors  
Oronoto & Area SPCA  
March 4, 2008*

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### FOSTER CARE GUIDELINES

Before a decision is made to enter an animal into the Foster Care Program the following must be done:

- Take the temperature

If the temperature is okay, then proceed to the next step:

- Examination of the animal

**IF the animal is 4 weeks of age or under they must be seen by Oromocto Vet Hospital before they go into Foster Care.**

If the temperament & examination are okay except for fleas and ear mites then this animal is a candidate for Foster Care:

- Contact suitable Foster Parent(s)
- Flea bath animal
- Clean ears as necessary (treat with tresaderm if necessary)
- Give worm medication (if applicable)
- Prepare necessary items for the care of this animal (litter pan, ear mite treatment, etc.)
- House animal and give food and water as needed.

**Please ensure that Foster Parent(s) have sufficient instruction to care for the animal properly (ear mite treatment, bathing, feeding, etc.)**

**No animal is to go directly to a Satellite Adoption location from Foster Care.**

They are to come back to the shelter to be checked. The animal may then be vaccinated and dewormed (if necessary) and after being watched for a few hours, either at the shelter or with Foster Parents (once instructed) for adverse reactions, they may proceed to Satellite Adoption.

- This check up is to ensure they are healthy, weight wise, ears, fleas, etc.
- If needed at this time they are bathed again before proceeding to Satellite Adoption, this may be done at the shelter or by Foster Parent(s).



**OROMOCTO & AREA SPCA  
FOSTER CARE  
APPLICATION**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

1) Please describe your reasons for wanting to be a Foster Care Volunteer with the SPCA.

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2) Are you 19 years of age or older: Yes  No

3) Do you rent or own your own home? Own  Rent   
If you rent, we require your landlord's consent for you to keep animals in your home.  
What is your landlord's name and telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

4) How many people are in your household? Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

5) Do any members of your household have allergies | or fears | towards animals? Please explain.

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6) Which member of your family would be involved in caring for fostered animal?

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7) Have you fostered animals for the Oromocto & Area SPCA in the past? Yes  No

8) What experience do you have in providing care to animals?

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9) What category of animals are you interested in fostering?

- Pregnant/nursing cat with kittens (8-12 weeks duration)
- Young kittens (2-4 week duration)
- Injured or sick cats (1-2 months)
- Pregnant/nursing dog with pups (8-12 weeks duration)
- Under age puppies (2-6 weeks duration)
- Injured or sick dog (1week to 2 months duration)
- Recuperating or healthy cat | dog | not yet available for adoption (1-4 weeks)
- Cat requiring temporary shelter because owner forced to leave home.
- Seized cat | dog | pending legal proceedings (1 week to 2 months)

10) Do you have experience wit the type of foster care that you have indicated an interest in providing? If so, do explain:

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11) Are there any animals in your home? Yes  No  If yes, please describe:

Type of animal	#1	#2	#3
Sex	_____	_____	_____
Spayed/Neutered	_____	_____	_____
Age	_____	_____	_____
Last vaccination date	_____	_____	_____
Last deworming date	_____	_____	_____
Feline leukemia test	_____	_____	_____

12) Who is your veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

13) Do you have an area in your home in which fostered animal can be kept isolated from your household pets? If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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14) Do you agree with the Oromocto & Area SPCA's early spay/neuter program?  
Yes  No

15) Do you work full-time  | part-time  | or are you at home during the day   
How many hours during the day will the animal be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

16) If you are interested in fostering dogs, do you have a secure, fenced yard?  
Yes  No

17) Where will the dog be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

18) Where will the dog be kept at night? \_\_\_\_\_

19) Are you willing/able to spend time training a dog? Yes  No   
a) to respond to basic obedience commands? Yes  No   
b) to eliminate behavioural problems such as jumping up, barking, leash pulling? Yes  No

20) How and where will you exercise the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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21) Do you have a car? Yes  No

22) Are you willing to bring the animal to a veterinarian or back to the shelter for periodic check-ups? Yes  No

23) Are you willing/able to take animal to an emergency veterinarian clinic at night if they become ill? Yes  No

24) Are you willing/able to administer medications if required? Yes  No

The Oromocto & Area SPCA runs a Foster Care Program for animals that are not immediately adoptable. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that animals for which I provide foster care are kept safe and secure and provided with requirements for their daily care and well being.

I fully understand that this animal (s) in my care on a temporary basis only, and belongs to the Oromocto & Area SPCA. I further understand that the purpose of this foster care arrangement is solely to provide care for this animal (s), and that any decision regarding the animals' health, treatment or final disposition must be made by or authorized by the Foster Care Coordinator/Shelter Designate of the Oromocto & Area SPCA. I also agree that when the animal (s) is/are ready to be made available for adoption, I will surrender it back to the Oromocto & Area SPCA.

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Foster Care Provider

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SPCA Representative

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Date

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Date



**OROMOCTO & AREA SPCA  
FOSTER CARE  
WAIVER**

I agree to care for the animal(s) described below on behalf of the Oromocto & Area SPCA under the Foster Care Program.

I understand:

- The shelter will provide food, dishes, leashes and any other necessary supplies and medications for the animal(s) in my care.
- That I must bring the animal(s) in for a check-up for vaccinations as required.
- That I am requested to keep fostered animal(s) in an area segregated from my own pets, and agree they will be supervised in the presence of people and children.
- That the animal(s) remain the property of the shelter and cannot be relocated, sold or given away, and I further agree to return the animal(s) to the shelter upon request.

Further, I understand that the Oromocto & Area SPCA is not obligated for any expense not agreed to in advance and I hold the shelter free from any liability for damage to persons or property, or for any illness or medical condition that I or my pets might contract from a fostered animal(s) while under my supervision.

Foster Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of fostered animal(s): (Shelter Log #, Species, Gender, Age, Color, etc.)

Reason animal(s) is/are being fostered: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date of animal(s) return for adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Foster Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Fostered

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shelter Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Returned to Shelter