



The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth Fostering Program

What is Foster Care?

The definition of foster care is “The act of caring for a pet in a warm, safe and loving temporary home until the pet is ready to find its forever home”

Animals in Foster Care

The animals in our foster care program are too young, too sick, recovering from surgery and/ or on a behaviour modification program. This is the reason why we need foster parents – to care for these homeless pets.

Healthy animals on the adoption floor are not candidates for foster care. These animals will be adopted out into forever homes.

The length of time in foster care varies from pet to pet. Young kittens and puppies may be in foster care for as long as 12 weeks, whereas a sick cat may be in care for a couple of weeks. We are looking for people committed to enriching these pets’ lives until they return to the Centre for adoption. Our busy season is usually March to November.

Being a foster caregiver is a rewarding experience, but it can also be challenging and frustrating at times. If you are looking for an experience that is truly rewarding, consider becoming a member of our Foster Care Team.

Foster Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers **MUST** be 18 years of age or older

Volunteers must reside in Waterloo Region

Volunteers with pets must show proof of spay/neuter, current vaccines and if they have a dog(s), a current license tag(s)

Volunteers, if renting, must show landlord consent for animals in the home

Volunteers must have a separate area for fosters

Volunteers must have the time to care for the animals

Volunteers must have access to transportation for vet appointments/ medical emergencies

Volunteers must also have a working email address

Download and complete the Foster Application

Volunteers must include 2 letters of reference

Send the completed application and required documentation to fostering@kwhumane.com or fax it to 519-745-3224

Please note: We must receive the application and required documentation before we can consider your application to foster. Only those suitable for the program will be contacted.