

SYDNEY & HOME

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Our Foster Care Program is one of our key projects - providing people with the opportunity to enjoy having a pet in their home without the long term responsibility or financial commitment. While they are in your care, you will get to experience the wonderful aspects of having a pet AND help provide a second chance to animals in need.

Who can foster?

We welcome families, couples, share houses, full time workers and international students. You can also have existing pets in the household.

How long would you need to foster for?

Time frames vary from 2 weeks to 2 months, depending on what is needed for the individual pet.

Puppies/mums and bubs generally stay with carers until the puppies are well enough to desex for adoption (8-10 weeks). Then they return to us to be de-sexed and made available for adoption.

Who needs fostering?

- Puppies that are under 8 weeks, are too young, underweight or unwell enough to be desexed.
- Puppies and dogs that need socialisation or training
- Mums and puppies, where the mum is still feeding
- Dogs that need medication, are recovering from illness or surgery

You can specify who you feel comfortable looking after- whether it be young or old, special needs or lower maintenance to suit your lifestyle

What do you need as a foster carer?

- A safe and secure home environment that can provide love, attention and regular handling
- Access for the dog to be indoors (at least when supervised)
- A willingness to learn new things and be hands-on.
- Own transport is necessary or the ability to bring in the pets for check-ups or if medical attention is needed.

What do we provide?

- Bowls, bedding, food, toys, harness, collar and leash, play pen or crate (when available)
- Telephone and email access to our vet, free vet care while in foster care
- Ongoing support and advice from our trained staff.

Is adopting your fosters an option?

Yes! When they are living with you, they become part of your family and you will get to know your foster pets in a way that no else will. We take this into consideration when they go up for adoption.

Interested? Email foster@sydneydogsandcatshome.org or call (02) 9587 9611

DOG FOSTER FORM

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Thank you for your interest in providing foster care for an animal in need! Whilst foster care is temporary, it is vitally important that the animal and carer are well suited. These questions will help us to match you with a suitable animal.

Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss

First name: _____

Date filled out form _____

Surname: _____

I am over 18: YES / NO

Str. number / name: _____ Mobile: _____

Suburb: _____ Email: _____

Tick if you do not wish to receive news from Sydney Dogs and Cats Home

1. I am a home owner - YES / NO - OR - I have permission from my rental agent /strata to have a pet YES

2. Home is:

- Apartment/Unit
- Townhouse
- House
- Farm/Acreage

3. Size of yard is:

- Indoors only
- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Acreage

4. Height of fences (& gates, pools etc):

- balcony
- 3 - 5 ft
- 5 ft
- 6 ft
- Over 6 ft

5. Fence material:

- Brick
- Colourbond
- Timber
- Chain-link / mesh
- Brushwood/bamboo
- Other _____
- Need to fix/improve

6. Living at my home:

- Adults - who? _____
- Children - ages? _____
- Other DOGS _____
- Other CATS _____
- Other animals _____

7. Have you had foster animals before

- No, but currently/ previously own dogs
- Sort of, have done pet sitting for friends/relatives pets in my house
- Yes, foster cared for another shelter/rescue organisation _____

8. Exercising your dog:

- Few times per week - how many _____
- 20- 30 minutes daily
- 40-60 minutes daily
- Over 60 minutes daily

9. Grooming your dog:

- Non-shedding / allergy
- Short hair or low maintenance brushing
- Long hair or high maintenance brushing
- Provide professional grooming every 6wks

10. Expectation of your new dog's manners:

- None
- Walks nicely on lead
- Good at café setting
- Good at dog park / very dog social
- Other? _____

11. Type of training you are willing to provide:

- At home training
- Group classes
- Private sessions with a trainer
- Whatever is needed
- Modifying/working on problem behaviours

12. What access will your dog have to your home?

- Indoors only
- Indoors when supervised. Otherwise outside
- Free to go indoors & outdoors

13. How often would your dog be alone?

- Full time work hours
- A number of hours per day - how many? _____
- A few (full) days per week - how many? _____
- Rarely

14. My household is best described as ... CALM & QUIET or AVERAGE or BUSY & LOUD or ACTIVE OUTDOORSY

15. Do you drive or have access to a car to bring the dog(s) in for vet appointments? YES / NO

Our vet schedules appointments between 10am-12pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday. If you are not able to make it back to the shelter during these time periods please discuss with staff prior to applying to foster care.

While your foster dog is in your care, we will still be searching for a suitable Forever Home. As such, we may need you to bring your foster dog back to the Shelter from time to time to meet potential adopters. Additionally, your foster animal may need to come back to the shelter for veterinary care.

16. Would you prefer to foster..?

- Puppies (0-10 weeks)
- Puppies (10wk - 6 mths)
- Dogs recovering from illness/injury
- Dogs requiring training
- Senior dogs/palliative care

18. What size dog would you like to foster?

- Small - under 10kg
- Medium - 10-20kg
- Large - 20kg+

19. Age of dog you are interested in fostering:

- Puppy (under 6mths)
- Puppy (up to a year)
- 1 to 4 years
- 4 to 8 years
- Over 8 years / senior

17. Do you have experience with..?

- Giving medication
- Isolating sick animals
- Obedience training
- Aggressive animals
- Isolating sick animals
- Deaf/blind animals
- Seniors/palliative care
- Socialising timid/fearful animals

20. How did you hear about fostering?

- SDCH website
- SDCH social media - facebook etc
- SDCH newsletter / emails
- Volunteering at SDCH
- Word of mouth
- Other _____