

Animal Care & Control Team *of Philadelphia*

The Feline Foster Care Program is one of the many life saving arms of the Animal Care and Control Team of Philadelphia. The primary reason for foster care is to provide a temporary home for a potentially adoptable animal whose current condition is not manageable in a shelter setting, or to relieve overcrowding in the shelter. Although previous fostering experience is not required, ideal foster care provider will have basic knowledge of animal care and training and be committed to finding their foster animal a safe and loving "forever home". As a foster care provider, you will provide the animals with care including, food, water, shelter, training, grooming and medical treatment when necessary.

Fostering a shelter animal is a wonderful and rewarding experience but can also be time consuming and hard work. Please seriously consider all of the aspects of the foster care program before deciding to apply to foster. **All first-time foster care providers must complete the following application.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones- Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address (please print clearly): _____

How long have you been at this address?: _____

Any addresses you have lived at in the past 3 years: _____

Have you fostered before? ___ No ___ Yes- for which organization? _____

If yes, what animals did you foster? What was the outcome? _____

How did you hear about ACCT's foster program? _____

What type of animals are you interested in fostering? (Please check all that apply)

	No!	Possibly...	Definitely!
Mama cat & kittens	_____	_____	_____
Kittens- bottle fed	_____	_____	_____
Kittens- past bottle feeding	_____	_____	_____
Injured cat	_____	_____	_____
Sick cat (URI, skin issues, etc)	_____	_____	_____
Under socialized cat (lots of TLC needed)	_____	_____	_____
Specific Cat Only: (ID#) _____			

What length of time can you commit to fostering (weeks, months, etc): _____

Your home: ___ Own ___ Rent ___ Other (please explain): _____

If you do not own your home, are you allowed to have animals where you live? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know

Please provide your landlord's name and phone number:

Are you planning on moving in the next 2-3 months? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you employed? ___ Yes (**if yes,** ___ Full time ___ Part time) ___ No

How much time will you devote to your foster animal's care and socialization each day: _____

Are you able to return to ACCT at least every 2-3 weeks for care and adoption paperwork? ___ Yes ___ No

How many adults in your home? _____ How many children? _____ Their ages? _____

Name(s) of other adult(s) in the household _____

Is anyone in your home allergic to animals? ___ No ___ Yes (if Yes, ___ dogs, ___ cats)

Current Pets:

Name	type of animal	Age	Indoor/Outdoor?	Time in your care	Spayed/Neutered
_____					Yes ___ No ___
_____					Yes ___ No ___
_____					Yes ___ No ___
_____					Yes ___ No ___

Do your pets have their vaccinations? ___ No ___ Yes Name of Vet: _____

Please tell us about any pets you have had within the last 5 years who are no longer living with you.

Name	Age	Reason no longer with you	Spayed/Neutered
_____			Yes ___ No ___
_____			Yes ___ No ___
_____			Yes ___ No ___
_____			Yes ___ No ___

Have you ever given up a pet? Yes ___ No ___ **If yes**, where did the animal end up _____

Have any of your resident animals ever had a litter (had babies) before? ___ Yes ___ No

Where will the foster cat be when you are home? _____

Where will the foster cat be when you are **not** home? _____

Do you have a safe place to keep your foster animal separate from resident animals for the short term and long term if needed? ___ No ___ Yes (**If yes**, where? _____)

Are you comfortable administering oral and/or topical medications? ___ Yes ___ No

How long are you willing to allow your new foster pet to adjust to your home/new schedule?

What will you do if your foster cat scratches or sprays in unwanted areas? _____

What will you do if your foster cat has accidents outside of the litter box? _____

Are you willing to post internet ads, meet with adopters, and visit ACCT to finalize adoptions? ____ Yes ____ No

Under what circumstances would you not be able to complete the foster program (i.e. return the animal before an adopter is found)? _____

Please read the through the following foster policies and initial to indicate you agreed to comply:

____ I agree to comply with all local and state laws and ordinances relating to the care of domestic animals, and will not engage in any illegal activity with my foster animal.

____ I understand that no foster animal is allowed outside unattended and unrestrained.

____ I understand that no foster animal is allowed to be left unattended with children.

____ I understand that the animal I am taking into foster care may not be housebroken and I am willing to train the cat and give it time to adjust to litter box training.

____ I understand that the animal I am taking into foster care may not be used to living indoors and may scratch or soil my furniture or belongings. If my foster animal is destructive I will confine my foster animal to a safe area where it cannot do damage and will work to positively modify its behavior.

____ I will use only positive reinforcement for training and will not use any kind of physical punishment regardless of behavior issues.

____ I understand that there are no guarantees of the behavior, health or disposition of my foster.

____ I understand that the shelter environment is very stressful and my foster animal may take some time to adjust to new situations, people and other animals in the home.

____ I understand that a foster animal cannot be given away to a new home without the adopter coming to ACCT to finalize all adoption paperwork.

____ I understand that a foster animal cannot be adopted until they are spayed/neutered.

____ If I decide that I can not follow through on my foster care commitment, I will give 24 hours notice and notify the Life Saving Department; but if at any time I feel that my safety or the safety of my family or resident animals is at risk I can return my foster animal immediately.

Thank you!