



ALMOST HOME

Humane Society of North Central Iowa

Foster Agreement

HSNCI's Foster Care Program is designed to provide temporary homes for shelter animals when there is no room at the shelter, or for animals that do not do well in the shelter setting. The following rules will apply to all foster care:

1. Foster homes will have no more than 6 animals at any time including animals owned by the foster care home, with the exception of a litter of puppies or kittens under 16 weeks of age. A litter of puppies or kittens is considered the equivalent of one dog or cat. The mother of the litter of puppies and kitties is considered to be one dog or cat. No more than two litters of puppies or kittens under 16 weeks of age may be in a foster home at any given time.
2. Foster animals will not be placed in homes with intact animals of the opposite sex unless it has been determined the animal is too young to breed.
3. Foster homes will be inspected prior to approval, and at least once during each foster animal's stay, or annually, whichever is more often.
4. Foster homes receive no pay for fostering; food and/or litter may be provided if requested by the foster family.
5. Foster families are eligible to adopt their foster animals if no prior commitment has been made
6. The shelter will pay for any necessary veterinary care for foster animals, provided the shelter manager is notified prior to care being given and agrees that care is necessary.
7. Foster animals will be returned to the shelter within 48 hours at the request of the shelter manager or within 7 days at the request of the foster family.

As a foster home, we agree:

- _____ to care for the foster animals as if they are our own
- _____ to provide food, shelter, socialization and basic companion animal training (housebreaking, basic obedience) for the animals in our care
- _____ to notify the shelter prior to seeking veterinary care for foster animals,
- _____ to return the foster animal to the shelter upon request
- _____ to welcome shelter personnel into our home for periodic inspections
- _____ to notify the shelter immediately of problems with foster animals (behavior, illness, injury)

Almost Home agrees:

- _____ to disclose all health history and other relevant information regarding foster animals
- _____ to provide routine vaccination and worming to all animals prior to their being placed and while in foster care
- _____ to pay for all veterinary care APPROVED BY THE SHELTER MANAGER when notified prior to care being given
- _____ to provide food and/or litter as necessary for support of foster animals while in foster care if requested by the foster family

This agreement is valid upon the signatures of applicant and a shelter representative

Foster Signature

Date

Shelter Staff Signature

Date