

## Foster Care Info for ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING MA

Please return to:

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Email [MELISSA@STERLINGSHELTER.ORG](mailto:MELISSA@STERLINGSHELTER.ORG) AND [STAFF@STERLINGSHELTER.ORG](mailto:STAFF@STERLINGSHELTER.ORG) or

Call the shelter at 978-422-8585

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours worked daily: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any/ all that interest you:

### FELINE

- Fostering a single kitten
- Fostering a litter of kittens that need to be bottle-fed
- Fostering litter of kittens that need to get bigger/older - generally 8 weeks - so they can be spayed/neutered - could be several weeks
- Fostering a mother cat with kittens
- Fostering a pregnant momma cat
- Fostering weaned kittens (not nursing but do not have a mom to care for them)

### CANINE

- Fostering a dog/puppy that needs socializing (could be a couple weeks depending on dog/situation)
- Fostering a dog/puppy that needs special medical attention/care (could be weeks depending on medical needs/time it takes to raise funds to pay for special surgery)

### FOSTERING IN GENERAL

- Fostering a cat OR dog that needs socializing (could be shy or have behavior quirks we need more information on from a foster family when the pet is in a home setting)
- Fostering a cat OR dog that needs special medical attention/care
- Fostering a litter of puppies cat OR dog (it is not very often we have pregnant animals surrendered - **HOWEVER - IF we had more fosters willing to foster pregnant DOGS/CATS - we would take them**)
- Fostering a nursing mom with puppies or kittens (until they're 8 weeks or old/big enough to be spayed/neutered)
- Fostering a pregnant dog or cat (generally 8 weeks from delivery)

- Please take into consideration the time commitment you are making when agreeing to foster pets. **The shelter can only accept animals with special needs based on foster homes available.** We do not have facilities to house/care for these pets in our shelter - that's where you come in.
- Bottle-fed puppies/kittens may require your care for SEVERAL weeks and need to be fed multiple times daily.
- All foster pets will need to see our vet @ the shelter a minimum of every 2 weeks for weight checks and/or exams/vaccines.

Please list any previous animal care experience and pets cared for:

Do you have any pets at home? (circle one) YES NO

If so – How many /what are they/ where are they kept?

Where would the foster pet/s be kept?

Are your pets current on all vaccinations? (Circle one ) YES OR NO Are they spayed / neutered? YES NO

Where do your pets spend the majority of their time?

Who is your current veterinarian: Name/Address/Phone #

Do you have an area or room in your house that you can isolate fosters in? (circle one) YES NO

Do you rent or own your home? (circle one) RENT OWN Are pets allowed? (circle one) YES NO

How many children live with you? What are their ages?

Have the children handled animals before?

Do you have a quiet/safe area for foster pet/s? (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

IF YES WHERE WOULD YOU KEEP THE FOSTER/S?

I UNDERSTAND I WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE TO RETURN THE FOSTER PETS TO THE SHELTER CLINIC A MINIMUM OF EVERY 2 WEEKS FOR RECHECKS AND HAVE TRANSPORTATION TO DO SO: YES NO

**YOUR LIMITATIONS:**

Do you have limitations on size/breed of pet/s OR number of pet/s needing foster? If so please list

SIZE RANGE IN POUNDS: I CAN NOT TAKE BREEDS:

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PETS I CAN FOSTER: I.E. I can take a mom and litter of XXX # of puppies/kittens

I give permission to Animal Shelter Inc. to verify any of the information given and/or to contact my vet to confirm the information I have filled out in this foster contract.

Signature : Print Name: Date

I understand the pets I am fostering are property of the ASI and I can NOT sell/give away/keep/adopt out/promise any of these pets to anyone else. The foster pet/s I am caring for MUST return to the shelter for final vet check/vet work prior to any adoptions.

*Completion of this application does not necessarily guarantee acceptance as a foster. Our shelter matches appropriate foster homes with pets needing foster – and what is in the best interest of both foster family and pet/s.*

ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLS EMAIL [Melissa@sterlingshelter.org](mailto:Melissa@sterlingshelter.org) AND [staff@sterlingshelter.org](mailto:staff@sterlingshelter.org)