



## Fostering FAQ

**Q: How does the foster program work?**

*A: If you're interested in fostering a pet, the first step is to fill out a Foster Care Questionnaire at our website under "Get Involved". Our foster team will get in touch with you with the next steps to completing the online orientation process, which details all you need to know about fostering. Finally, you will consult with our foster team and sign a Foster Care Agreement. Once you take in a foster pet, you are responsible for providing the animal with day-to-day care, safety, shelter, and food. Keeping foster pets outdoors is not allowed. Blue Ridge Humane Society. BRHS provides all veterinary care and covers vet care costs.*

**Q: How long do I have to foster?**

*A: Whether you are able to commit an indefinite period of time or only have a couple of weeks, we have many different animals with different needs. They range from kittens or puppies that are too young for a forever home and need a few weeks in a foster care; to adult dogs that would do best in a home environment. Let us know what you're able to do and we can work with you.*

**Q: What if I have other animals at home?**

*A: We strongly recommend having a space to keep a foster separated from resident pets, at least for the first two weeks. With neonatal kittens and puppies, fosters will need to be able provide strict isolation from resident pets if requested by BRHS. Before bringing a foster home, please speak with your veterinarian to make sure your resident pets are up to date on their vaccinations.*

**Q: What will be provided during the foster period?**

*A: BRHS will provide food, bedding, bowls, toys, litter, litterbox, "adopt me" vest, leash, collar, harness and crate, as needed. Any time you run out of supplies, contact our foster team about setting up a time to stop by to replenish your supplies.*

**Q: What if I find someone that is interested in adopting?**

*A: Please contact the foster department before promising your foster to anyone. A potential adopter will need to fill out an adoption survey, pay an adoption fee, and go through adoption counseling before they can take that animal home. Animals will need to be spayed or neutered before going to their adoptive home.*

**Q: What if my foster pet is having behavioral issues?**

*A: Some foster pets may have special needs that require extra care or medication. But don't worry: we will only match you with a foster pet who fits your requirements and schedule. We ask that you be patient while your foster settles in. We also have a full time training manager that is available to offer assistance with behavioral issues. Ultimately, it's never a problem to take a foster back if they are not a good fit for your home.*

**Q: Can I adopt my foster?**

*A: Yes, but you must go through the same screening process as other adoption applicants.*