

Humane Society of Durham Region

Small Mammal Foster Parent

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Purpose

Providing a safe foster home for small mammals in need of extra care and training to prepare them for adoption. Providing standards of care that meet the criteria of the Humane Society of Durham Region. Improve the quality of life for these animals that are waiting to be adopted by providing enrichment activity and the opportunity for socialization through humane interaction. Responsible for complying with adequate medical care as prescribed by HSDR.

Description

Small Mammal Foster Families report to the Shelter Services Supervisor on a weekly basis.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Providing a safe and secured area of the house away from owned pets to reduce risk of transfer of diseases
2. Providing adequate medical care as prescribed by HSDR
3. Ability to bring in foster animals for regular checkups and emergencies
4. Regular communication with HSDR on the progress of your foster animals
5. Commitment to the full foster period for that pet
6. Time to work individually the training on a daily basis

Qualifications

1. 18 years of age or older
2. Interest in/and love of cats and kittens
3. Personal transportation
4. Flexible scheduling
5. Experience with small mammals both medically and behaviorally is an asset

Training

Prior to starting fostering you will complete:

1. Application to assess your suitability for the foster program
2. Online interview to provide more details of your experience with pets
3. General Orientation to Humane Society of Durham Region and Foster Program
4. In Person Training

Commitment

Minimum of 6 months commitment required, with regular participation for this role.