
HSDR Foster Program Information

Every animal in our care has to be medically and behaviourally adoptable so we use our foster homes to give them the individual care they need to help them get to this adoptable stage.

The shelter can be a stressful environment for animals with behavioural issues so going into a foster home gives them a chance to focus on training in a stress free environment.

The stress of coming into the shelter environment can prolong the recovery time of animals dealing with a medical issue. A foster home can provide a comfortable home for the recovery of that animal.

Our foster homes are used as an extension of our shelter so that we can save more lives of the animals in need in Durham Region. Our foster homes provide the individual care to the most vulnerable animals to prepare them for adoption into their forever homes.

Personal Information

Copy ID **For office use only - P#**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone # (h): _____ Phone # (c): _____

E-mail: _____

HSDR uses e-mail as our primary means of communicating with foster parents. Please fill out your most frequently used e-mail address.

Are you over 18 years old: Yes No

Are you employed? Yes No Occupation: _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Relationship: _____

Foster Information

Can you commit to being a foster parent for at least six months? Yes No

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

If yes what animals did you foster? _____

Do you have any conditions that may affect your foster work? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have access to a vehicle? Yes No

It is required that all foster parents have their own transportation to and from HSDR in case of emergencies.

Your Home

Do you: Own Rent

If you rent, does your landlord support your participation in the foster program? Yes No

How many members in your household? _____ If under 18 years old, ages of kids: _____

During what hours is someone in your household at home? _____

Does everyone in your home support your participation in the foster program? Yes No

Will you allow a home visit to ensure that your home is appropriate for fostering? Yes No

Are the tetanus vaccinations for all members of your household up-to-date? Yes No

Please note, as part of our Health and Safety Protocol, all persons in contact with Society animals MUST have a current tetanus shot.

Do you or any members of your household have any allergies to animals? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you or any members of your household have a fear of any animals? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Please note, that these are rescued animals so foster parents need to be comfortable to work through any behavioural issues that may arise.

Animal Experience

Have you ever owned a pet before? If so, please tell us all about them:

Were you the primary caregiver for your previous pets? Yes No

How long did you own the pets? _____

Have you ever surrendered or given away any animals? Yes No

If yes, what were the circumstances?

What behaviours are you comfortable with from a pet?

What behaviours from a pet would you like more training and knowledge on?

Do you currently have pets in your home? Yes No

Are your pets spayed/neutered? Yes No

Are the vaccinations for your pets up-to-date? Yes No

Please list number, species, ages and sex of pets: _____

Foster Animal Needs

What do you consider a medical emergency needing immediate attention?

Are you comfortable administering medication (with instruction from our veterinary staff)? Yes No

Do you have an area where the foster animal(s) can be isolated from your own pets? Please describe this area in detail:

Please note, to reduce the transmission of illness to your owned pets, foster pets must be kept separately.

Please outline any experience in animal care that would be beneficial as a foster parent and why you feel you would be a good fit as a foster parent for HSDR:

What Are You Interested In Fostering?

Please select the category of pet you would like to foster the most.

DOGS

- Mildly sick or injured animals in need of recuperation and recovery
- Nursing dog with litter of puppies
- Palliative care dogs
- Animals in need of socialization and training

CATS

- Mildly sick or injured animals in need of recuperation and recovery
- Nursing cat with litter of kittens
- Orphaned/immature animals - please indicate maximum litter size: _____
- Animals in need of socialization and training
- Kittens that require bottle feedings ever 2hr _____ 4hr _____
- Palliative care cats

Small Mammals

- Rabbits
- Rats
- Guinea Pigs
- Birds
- Pregnant or nursing small mammals
- Palliative care small mammals

In signing this application, I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and I recognize that a misrepresentation of facts may result in losing the privilege of fostering a pet from the Humane Society of Durham Region.

Applicant's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____