



Foster Requirements: The Basics

Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster home for Pflugerville Pets Alive! To be considered as a foster you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- If you rent your home, you must have consent from your landlord to have a dog or cat.
- Have all pets in your home current on vaccinations and be spayed or neutered
- Have an agreement with all members of your household to allow a foster dog or cat in your home

You must also agree to the following conditions:

- Agree to care for your foster dog or cat until it is adopted into a new home. This can take anywhere from a week to several months or more.
- Agree to have your foster dog or cat reside in your home. We do not allow our foster animals to be outdoor animals or remain outdoors if you are not home.
- Agree to monitor your foster dog or cat when with young children or new dogs or cats
- Agree to ensure the foster dog or cat is current on needed veterinary care (Vaccinations, Deworming, Heartworm, etc)
- Agree to check your email, text messages, voicemail, and designated facebook groups daily and respond within 48 hours.
- Agree to schedule meet and greets with approved applicants in a timely manner (24-48 hours)
- Agree to inform Pflugerville Pets Alive with 48 hours (or sooner) if you cannot bring your dog or cat to an event you are supposed to attend
- Agree to all other terms as outlined by the foster agreement

Foster FAQ:

Why does Pflugerville Pets Alive need fosters?

We do not operate a shelter. Pflugerville Pets Alive is completely foster based. We can only rescue as many pets as we have committed foster for, and as such, our fosters are the foundation of our organization. Through our fosters, our dogs and cats are given the chance to experience a home environment and a chance to find their forever homes.

What does a foster do?

A foster provides a clean, safe, and loving environment for a dog or cat. Aside from feeding and exercise, we ask that our fosters provide (with guidance) basic training (sit, stay, etc), play time, socialization, and transportation to and from events and vet appointments as needed or notice that transportation is needed.

What are the costs associated with being a foster?

Pflugerville Pets Alive assumes responsibility for all necessary expenses related to a dog or cat's well-being. Many fosters provide their dog or cat with toys, food, crates, collar, and/or leash. These donations can be tax deductible so keep all receipts and consult with your tax preparer. If Pflugerville Pets Alive provides you with items for you foster, we ask that you return those items to us (kennels, collars, leash, harnesses, etc) unless otherwise instructed by the foster coordinator or adoption team. We provide all veterinary care for our fosters.

If I already own a pet, can I still foster?

Yes! Fostering is a great way to socialize and give your personal pets a playmate. We ask that your pets are up to date on vaccinations and spayed or neutered. Fosters should be prepared to quarantine certain foster animals (puppies, kittens, special medical cases) from their resident dogs. As we often pull dogs from local shelters, we advise keeping your resident dogs separate from your foster dog for one week to prevent the spread of disease or infection.

Are temporary fosters needed?

Yes! Do you have a weekend, long weekend, or even a week available?! We could always use your help! Our foster families sometimes need to go out of town so we welcome temporary fosters.

How long does it take for a foster pet to get adopted?

It can take anywhere from a week to several months for a pet to get adopted. We attempt to find our dogs and cats a forever home as quickly as possible!

What if I need help?

Our foster coordinators and many other members of our organizations are available to assist you and answer your questions. In the future, you may be assigned a foster mentor who will be your go to person with any questions or concerns you may have.



What is the process to become a foster?

Complete and submit a foster survey using the link! A foster coordinator will contact you to discuss your survey. The foster coordinator will then place a foster dog or cat in your home. You may be required to meet the foster coordinator at a local shelter to pick up your foster dog or cat.

