



FOSTER CARE APPLICATION

ELLIS COUNTY SPCA

2570 FM 878

WAXAHACHIE, TX 75165

Previous Experience

What kind of animals have you owned in the past and for how long?

What kinds of animals are living in your home now?

- Species:
- Breed:
- Spayed/Neutered: Yes No
- Vaccinated: Yes No

Are they acceptant of other animals? Please explain.

Do you have a separate area or room in your house where you can contain an animal(s), if necessary, while it is in foster care with you? Yes No

Please describe any experience you have had with animal/obedience training.

Family Information

Is everyone in your family comfortable with the idea of providing foster care?

Do you own or rent your home?

Is there anyone in your household who is allergic to animals?

Are there children in your home? If so, what are their ages?

Will your children be interacting with the animal?

How many adults are in your household?

Will the animal(s) be left unattended during the day? If so, for how long?

Do you have a fenced yard?

Personal Information

Are you willing to take the animals to a veterinarian, when and if necessary?

Are you willing to bring the animal to offsite adoptions, ie Petsmart, to be seen by the public each month?

How long are you willing to foster the animal? If you decide you cannot foster the animal any longer, will you bring it back to the shelter?

Is there a specific breed of dog that you're interested in fostering?

Are you prepared to deal with an animal that might become ill?

What kind of animals are you willing to take?

Are you willing to provide loving affection, shelter, food/water, and any necessary medical care at your own cost for the animal?

Contact Information

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Email Address _____
Telephone
H _____ W _____ C _____

Additional Information

REFERENCES

Please provide names, addresses, and phone numbers for the following:

Two friends or neighbors who know you and/or can speak for your care of animals

1. Name:

Address:

Contact number:

Relationship:

2. Name:

Address:

Contact number:

Relationship:

Veterinarian Information:
(Your personal veterinarian)

• Name:

Address:

Contact number:

How long as he/she been your veterinarian:

Landlord Information (for renters only):

- Name:

Address:

Contact number:

Ellis County SPCA **Release of Liability**

The Ellis County SPCA, “ECSPCA”, its director, staff, volunteers, board of directors, etc, shall not be responsible for any damage or injury to any person or property caused by this animal while in foster care. (Foster care refers to an animal being placed in a private home for the purpose of providing individual care until the animal is adopted by the Ellis County SPCA)

The undersigned that is providing temporary care for the animal does not legally own the animal, but rather provides shelter, food/water, medical care and affectionate attention until the animal is adopted. Ownership is transferred only when the legal adoption agreement appearing on the adoption record is signed and the adoption contribution is received by ECSPCA. At any time the foster family feels they can no longer foster the animal, they must return it to the ECSPCA after providing a 24 hour advance notice.

The undersigned agrees to pay for the animal’s food while in temporary care. If the financial obligation becomes excessive, the ECSPCA may be able to provide dog food to alleviate the costs. Any costs for medical attention must first be approved by the ECSPCA. On very specific circumstances, the ECSPCA may assist on medical treatment, under the advisement of our veterinarian.

The ECSPCA will provide all medical information and behavioral information regarding the animal before the undersigned takes possession. ECSPCA reserves the right to regain possession of any foster animal.

THE ELLIS COUNTY SPCA MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR CLAIMS AS TO THE HEALTH, TEMPERAMENT OR DISPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION AND MEDICAL HISTORY OF EACH ANIMAL BEING CONSIDERED FOR FOSTER.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed this Temporary Care Release Form. I understand and accept its terms and accept full responsibility for the animal and its actions while in my care.

Signature _____

Date _____

ELLIS COUNTY SPCA

If you have never provided foster care before, the following information will answer some of your questions. After reading, if you are interested in becoming a foster caregiver for the Ellis County SPCA, please print, fill out the paperwork, and return them in person, by fax, or mail the completed form to:

Ellis County SPCA
2570 FM 878
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Thank you for considering fostering an animal through our shelter. Without the help of caring foster families, we would be forced to turn away animals from our shelter that need loving care. We do our very best to find homes for all adoptable animals residing within the shelter. The following information is a guideline to help you understand what is required of foster caregivers.

Fostering is an incredibly rewarding experience that requires a real commitment. Animal welfare is one of the most overlooked and underfunded areas within local counties nationwide. The emotional aspects of fostering can be challenging and at times confusing, so it's important that all family members are fully aware of the commitment and are prepared for the adventure you're about to undertake. The best part about fostering is the rewarding feeling of knowing that you're making a difference in the animal's life. Again, this is a big commitment, so please think about this before taking the next step.

___ Foster parents must be 21 years of age or older. If you rent a house or apartment, we will contact your landlord for approval before any further steps can be taken.

___ The foster animal will come to you fully vaccinated, micro chipped, heartworm negative and on preventative. The animal will not always come spayed/neutered; it is the responsibility of the individual adopting the animal to have this completed within a timeframe discussed at the time of adoption.

___ Food is provided by the foster caregiver; we use Science Diet for all the animals in the shelter, but you are welcome to change it to fit the needs of your family. Sometimes a healthy foster animal will not eat at first due to the change in environment. Occasionally a change in environment will cause diarrhea and/or other ailments, so please be patient and not worry during the first couple

days. With any changes or issues you encounter during the foster dog's stay, we request that you keep us fully apprised.

___ When introducing an animal to a new environment, do so gradually, use common sense, and often times...trepidation. Remember that frightened animals can run away, bite, and scratch. Many shelter animals are scared of thunderstorms, so please keep a closer eye on them during time. Depending on the animal and his/her history, there may be incidents of housebreaking, chewing, damage, and barking. Please be forewarned and "animal proof" your house; we are not able to guarantee the behavioral traits of each animal that enters the foster program.

___ We do not recommend that your foster animal mingle with your own pets. This is to prevent possible fights among animals and lessen the potential of diseases spreading. Shelter animals often times come to the ECSPCA homeless and, unfortunately, they can become ill and contagious. Your personal animals must be fully vaccinated before bringing the foster animal into your home. The staff at the ECSPCA is more than glad to discuss any information, provide advice and guidance to make the transition easier for you and your family. If you have any concerns or issues, please don't hesitate to ask.

___ If you have children, we request that you monitor their contact with a foster animal at all times. Animals can, at times, be unpredictable so it's important to be vigilant while your children are interacting with your foster. Foster animals do best in a quiet and calm environment.

___ Please do not leave a foster animal unattended outside. All ECSPCA foster animals are to be kept inside with the family. If you feel you cannot go along with this, the foster animal's life and our policy will be compromised.

___ We require a completed foster care application and an interview be conducted before your application can be approved. We recommend and encourage you to ask questions and keep us apprised of the animal's progress. At any time, the ECSPCA reserves the right to conduct a home visit in order to insure the safe and wellbeing of its animals. We understand the enormous task involved with fostering an animal and we thank you for your support and willingness to share your home for an animal in need.

___ As stated above, the animal remains under the ECSPCA umbrella until he/she is adopted. As a foster, you are agreeing to bring the animal to offsite adoptions so that animal can be seen by the public. These adoption events usually occur 1-2 times per month on a weekend.

Please sign below acknowledging your receipt and acceptance of the information listed above

Signed _____

Date _____