



HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOUR FOSTERS ARE BONDED?

The SPCA of Wake County does require certain pets to be adopted out together because we recognize that having a buddy greatly improves quality of life. Their adoption fee is often reduced in order to entice potential adopters as most are just looking for a single pet or for a buddy to a current four-legged family member. How do we determine if pets are bonded or if they're just really good friends? Here are some guidelines to help you. If you think your fosters are bonded, please contact the Foster Coordinator at abroughton@spcawake.org or 919-630-9680 before the pets are listed as available for adoption!



Do they play together well?	YES	NO
Do you often catch them snuggled on the same bed and/or grooming each other?	YES	NO
When separated for long periods of time, are they comfortable playing and chilling on their own?	YES	NO
Do they get along with other pets?	YES	NO
Have they been together less than a year?	YES	NO

Is the pet shy when alone, but gains confidence around the other animal of the same species?	YES	NO
Does a shy pet gravitate to one friend over others?	YES	NO
When separated for long periods of time, does one pet exhibit hiding, shaking, pacing and/or crying, while the other is comfortable alone?	YES	NO
Have they been together for a year or more and still get along?	YES	NO

Are they confident exploring new environments and more social with people together versus when they are alone?	YES	NO
Do you ever see them choosing to spend time alone?	YES	NO
When separated for long periods of time, do they still pace, cry, hide, shake or even become destructive?	YES	NO
Have they been together for a year or more and still get along?	YES	NO
Do they seek each other out even when around other pets?	YES	NO

DID YOU KNOW...kitten and puppy littermates can grow apart as adults and even start fighting? At a young age, they often develop better inter-species social skills when introduced to a pet that is NOT a littermate because they have to learn how to live with each other rather than being born into a relationship. As hard as it is to see littermates separated, most adjust well to being on their own within a day or two as long as they continue to get the needed attention from humans and/or other companion animals.