



# THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A FOSTER VOLUNTEER?

Fostering is a wonderful and rewarding way to help homeless pets, but it can be an emotional roller-coaster too. Pets are placed into foster care because they may be too young, they may be sick or injured, or they may need socialization or training. The pets on our website usually don't need fostering – they're ready for their forever homes and will stay at our Adoption Center until then. Below are a couple of questions to ask yourself to see if you have what it takes to be a foster parent. If you decide that fostering is a good fit for you, visit our website at [spcawake.org/foster](http://spcawake.org/foster) and complete the form to speak with an experienced foster volunteer about getting started!



## TIME

- Are you able to devote the required time both daily and weekly to your foster animal (see chart below)? YES NO
- Are you able to bring foster animals to the shelter for vaccinations and wellness exams every 1-2 weeks? YES NO
- Are you able to contact the SPCA Foster Coordinator and bring foster animals to the designated emergency care facilities quickly in an emergency?  
*After Hour Vet Locations: Vick Ave. Raleigh & Tandall Pl. Knightdale* YES NO



## SPACE

- Are you able to separate your foster animals from your household pets for two or more weeks to protect them from illnesses and allow for an adjustment period? YES NO
- Are you able to handle cleaning procedures such as washing hands after every encounter and cleaning / disinfecting the quarters routinely? YES NO
- Are you able to handle any potential damage (carpet, clothing, and/or furniture) associated with animals? YES NO



## CARE

- Are you able to handle any potential illness or possible death of your foster pet? YES NO
- Are you able to handle the possibility of foster pets carrying illnesses that could potentially affect your family members/pets? YES NO
- Will you be prepared to say goodbye to your foster when they are cleared for adoption (even after you have undoubtedly become attached while in foster care)? YES NO

## TIME COMMITMENT & RESPONSIBILITIES

Type of Foster	Sick/Injured Cat or Dog	Weaned Puppies or Kittens	Neonate Puppies or Kittens	Mom with Babies	Rabbits	Guinea Pigs/ Hamsters
Foster Duration	1 week—2 months	1-3 weeks	6-8 weeks	2-8 weeks	1 week—2 months	2-8 weeks
Daily Commitment	2-3 hours	3-6 hours	8 hours	~3 hours	2-3 hours	2-3 hours