



# GETTING FOSTER PETS READY FOR ADOPTION!

Your foster pet is medically cleared, behaviorally perfect (in your eyes) and is now just waiting for their forever home! It's hard saying farewell, so here are some quick FAQ's to ease your mind and to help prepare you and your foster pets for adoption.

## POST SPAY & NEUTER SURGERY

Pets can be adopted the day after spay and neuter surgery. Most pets don't even realize that they have had an invasive surgery and feel fully recovered and are back to their normal selves. Adopters receive post surgery instructions and medications, so they are ready when they take a pet home. Rest assured any pet that medical staff does not feel is medically cleared, will not be sent home until that is the case.



## PICTURES & BIOS

While you can't pawn off all your fosters on family and friends, you can help set adopters' expectations of what your foster's personality is like! Email us 2-3 cute pictures that show off your foster's personality as well as the Pet Bio Form to share with potential adopters. Pictures should be in a landscape format, ideally that has the pet looking into the camera and showing most of the body (see above example). The form can be found on the Foster Facebook Group under Files; completed forms can be submitted by email at: [abroughton@spcawake.org](mailto:abroughton@spcawake.org) and/or [adoptstaff@spcawake.org](mailto:adoptstaff@spcawake.org).

## NAMING PETS

It's important for all pets available for adoption to have a name instead of just an ID number because it sets the personality and adds a personal touch for adopters. While we would love to keep all the names given by fosters, sometimes it's not possible and staff will need to change it if it doesn't fit within our guidelines.

Since the SPCA is a non-profit organization that is open to the public, names must be appropriate for all ages, in other words Rated 'G'. We avoid common pet names such as Max, Boots, and Hoppity; names that refer to their coloration like Snowball for a white pet; and duplicate names, as that can be confusing if someone asks to adopt Joe and there is a cat and a dog with the same name! There are a few names that have been retired because they belonged to pets who have held a special place in our hearts here at the SPCA.

## THE ADOPTION PROCESS

We do operate on a first come, first served basis to be fair for both humans and pets. All interested adopters (including foster parents) must complete a verbal discussion with an Adoption Specialist. It typically takes 30—45 minutes depending on the pet's history and how many questions come up. If at any point the adopter or staff member doesn't feel that it is a good fit, recommendations will be made for next steps. See the website: [spcawake.org/adopt](http://spcawake.org/adopt) for fees and more info!

## FINAL GOOD-BYE

We try to keep pets after surgery when spacing allows so they can be adopted as early as the following day, so be prepared to say final good-byes the same day as their surgery date. While we cannot pass along adopter information for confidentiality, we are happy to pass yours along if you would like to receive updates on your fosters post-adoption. Email is typically best for this. Grieving is normal, but it's important to remember that by fostering homeless pets, you are saving lives and bringing joy to families!

*For any further questions, please email the Foster Coordinator at [abroughton@spcawake.org](mailto:abroughton@spcawake.org)*