

FVAWL Foster Home Program



Extra Special Care
for
Extra Special Animals 

City of Aurora Animal Control and Care Facility
Fox Valley Animal Welfare League
600 South River Street
Aurora, IL 60506
Phone (630) 892-9445
Email foster@fvawl.org
Website www.fvawl.org

I'm still not sure if fostering is right for me. Who can I contact to discuss this further?

Email your questions to the foster coordinator at foster@fvawl.org, call the league office at 630.892.9445 or indicate on this form that you'd like to be contacted and you will receive a follow-up phone call.

I'm really excited to help these animals by being a foster home! What do I do to get the process started?

Fill out an application which can be found under Programs & Events at www.fvawl.org, or pick one up in the fvawl office at the address listed on the front of this brochure.

Upon initial approval a home visit is arranged. If your home appears to be a good match for the program an Illinois Department of Agriculture license is applied for in your name and your home will be added to the database of available homes.

Why is a home visit necessary as part of the application process?

It is imperative that we ensure that the homes in this program are safe and suitable for the animals that depend on our care. The visit also allows for us to have a better idea of what animal placements might be more suitable based on the specifics of the home. This time also allows for us to personally visit with the applicant and answer in person any questions they may still have.

I am unable to foster at this time, is there anything else I can do to help?

There are many ways to help the shelter animals. See the Volunteering and Donations web pages at www.fvawl.org.

FVAWL Foster Home Follow-up

- I am interested in learning more about the FVAWL Foster Home Program. Please contact me.
- I am not able to foster at this time but would be interested in hearing about other ways I can help. Please contact me.
- I cannot foster right now but please check with me again in ___ months.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Best time for contact _____

Comments/Questions _____

Please detach and mail to: FVAWL, 600 S. River Street, Aurora, IL 60506 Thank you!

What is the purpose of this program?

The purpose of the FVAWL Foster Care program is to help animals that have a good chance of survival and are considered adoptable, but who are either too young, are sick or injured, or are under-socialized and would have difficulty being placed directly into a typical adoptive home.

Why are foster homes necessary?

Without the foster home option the long term outlook for many of these animals would not be very promising.

Foster Home FAQ's

How long would an animal be in my care?

Depending on the animal and the situation the length of stay could vary from one day to several weeks. We always consider the amount of time the foster home is comfortable with committing and the situation of the animal before making a placement.

I cannot commit more than a day or two at a time, does this help at all?

Yes! We have opportunities for short term foster care such as when animals are spayed/neutered and need a little extra care the first few days of recovery. We participate in events where several animals have surgery on the same day so these short term foster homes are crucial.

What supplies must I purchase?

The animal will have a care package that includes a small amount of food and other items necessary based on their particular needs. Beyond that the expectation is that the foster parent will supply any additional food, litter or other items they may choose to purchase.

Recent Foster Alumni



What do my responsibilities include?

- Provide care as recommended based on the medical/emotional needs of the animal.
- Provide a safe and healthy environment.
- Provide food, water and necessary medication.
- Transportation to follow up vet visits (if necessary).
- Provide love, attention and patience to allow the animal to heal and be better prepared for adoption.

I am afraid I will get too emotionally involved with the animals so I don't think I can consider fostering.

Emotional involvement means that you care and that's exactly why this program needs people like you! It is incredibly rewarding to know that they are headed to a loving new forever home and that you played a big part in making this possible.

Do I have a say in who I get to foster?

Absolutely. We want this to be a successful recuperation period for the animal and acceptable for the foster parent. Before a placement is made we will provide as much information as possible about the animal, length of stay anticipated, medical/emotional conditions, etc. In the application you will specify the type of animal(s) you would like to be considered for fostering.

FAQ's Continued on the back...