



Foster Job Description

Medical Foster Volunteer

Position Description:

Medical foster volunteers provide a loving, calm environment for pets recovering from injuries, illnesses, or surgeries. In most cases, medical fosters are longer time commitments, averaging 2-4 weeks but can be longer depending on the pet's condition.

The most common illnesses/conditions sent to medical foster are:

- Ringworm
- Scabies
- Demodex
- Upper Respiratory Infections (URI's)
- Underweight/Emaciated Animals
- Fractures

Medical foster volunteers are expected to bring their foster pet in for all follow-up appointments and rechecks, typically every 1-2 weeks or more as needed.

Medical experience is not required prior to committing to a medical foster, as the Pet Resource Center foster team will provide any and all training and care instructions along with any needed medications at time of pick up.

Meeting the PRC Mission:

Volunteers in this role help support the PRC mission, goals, and strategic initiatives by providing the one on one care that our medical cases need and allow our pets the time to heal before adoption.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Meet Mission & Vision of PRC.
- Comply with all PRC policies and procedures, including a high standard of dependability for promptness and attendance.
- Provide a safe and comfortable home for the pet to live in.
- Feed, socialize, groom, train, and provide medication as directed by PRC staff.
- Bring to PRC for all scheduled medical appointments.
- Promote your foster pet for adoption on social media, neighborhood sites, etc.
- Provide PRC with regular updates and photos to help promote our pets for adoption.
- Provide positive reinforcement techniques.
- Provide positive human interaction – petting, brushing, love.

- Observe animal's health and behavior and communicate any changes or concerns to the foster team.
- Report on animal's condition to Foster Staff.
- Monitor and respond to emails and communication from Foster Staff in a prompt manner.

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Able to provide a safe, loving and stable environment.
- Ability to provide care to an animal.
- Ability to separate foster pets from other animals as needed for medical quarantines.
- Able to transport the animal to and from the shelter as needed.
- Willing and able to administer medications and treatments as directed by PRC foster team and medical staff.
- Self-motivated and able to make appropriate judgment calls.
- Willing to maintain communication with the Foster Staff and ask questions when needed.
- Possesses good communication skills.
- Basic knowledge of computers including e-mail, printing, and video communication.

Expected Hours of Service:

This position is an off-site/remote position. Hours will be based on type of animal, age, and training required.

Reports to:

Foster Coordinators, Volunteer Manager

Benefits:

- Remote and in your own home
- Assisting in keeping pets out of the shelter's population
- Helping to find pets a new forever home.
- Time commitment is flexible to your schedule.
- Helping sick and injured animals heal in a loving environment.