

Foster caring FAQs

What does foster caring mean? Fostering is caring for an animal in your own home on a temporary basis. It means that you can save the life of an animal who would otherwise be killed at a pound. We can only save animals when we have foster carers available. We do not operate a shelter.

What's involved? We adopt a cooperative approach to fostering. You provide food, kitty litter, love and companionship. We pay for vet care, medical expenses and provide 24 hour support. We ask for photos and personality updates on your foster cat so that we can promote them to potential adopters on websites, fliers etc. We value your opinion as to the home your foster cat goes to, as you know them best.

How long do I need to foster for? This varies according to how long it takes your foster cat to find their home. It can be weeks or months.

What if I don't like it or can't do it any longer? We would hope this doesn't happen but understand that it can. We would find another foster carer.

What do I get out of it? You have animal companionship, and entertainment, without making a lifetime commitment. You have the satisfaction of knowing that you have saved your foster animal's life and given them a chance to find a loving, lifetime home.

Can my cat go outside? We ask that your foster cat stays inside in order to keep them safe. If you have a balcony, we ask that you supervise them when they are on it to ensure they do not fall or climb off.

What sort of cat can I foster? We have cats of all ages and personalities seeking foster care. One of the joys of fostering is seeing their personalities develop once they leave the stressful pound environment.

Are they toilet trained? Most cats naturally use litter trays. If you were to foster a kitten, unless they were very young, their mother would generally have taught them to do this.

What is wrong with the cats? Most often, absolutely nothing. They may have gone missing and not been located. Or they may simply not have been valued by their former family.

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