

Foster Homes Needed



Provide a Temporary Foster Home for HART Cats and/or Kittens

*"Get me ready for my big chance
to be adopted"*

- F**eed me
- O**ffer me a loving home
- S**ocialize me
- T**each me to trust humans
- E**njoy me
- R**escue me from shelter life
- S**ave me from living in a cage



**Fostering is a very fun and rewarding adventure
For yourself or the whole family**

HART provides -

- Support, instruction and medical care.
- Food, litter and medications, if needed.
- Litter boxes, scoops, food and water bowls, bedding and toys.
- Crates and carriers.

You provide –

- Lots of love, attention and nurturing.
- A safe place to hang out and grow or recover.

Call 805 927-7377 for more information

Foster Homes are needed for –

1. Kittens – singles or pairs and litters of 2 to 8 with or without mom.
2. Older kittens needing socialization with humans.
3. Adults or kittens recovering from surgery or illness – giving medication may be required.
4. Adults that are very shy and are not doing well in the shelter environment.

Important questions to ask yourself before you decide to foster for HART

- **Are you able to get to us quickly in an emergency?**
- **Will you be able to spend quality time with the kittens or cat?**
On average, it is best to spend at least 2 hours a day with you foster animals. Socialization can be as important as feeding them and keeping them clean. You'll also be more likely to spot symptoms if your cat or kittens are not feeling well.
- **Will you be able to commit to appointments ranging from once a week to every 3 weeks whether or not they are ill?** Typically it is every 2 weeks for vaccines and worming.
- **Are you aware that there is a great deal of clean-up and possible damage to your home when you take a foster to your home?**
- **Are you willing to work with our veterinary care system?**
Please understand that only our vets can treat foster animals.
- **Are you able to separate our animals from your own?**
Foster animals must remain isolated from your resident pets. Can you keep them in an enclosed area away from your animals? In some cases mixing with your resident pets may be allowed. This needs to be discussed with the foster coordinator and/or medical director
- **Can you commit to spending the entire foster period with the animal?**
If something unexpected happens, you will need to call the foster coordinator or medical director to inform them of an early foster return
- **Do you feel comfortable explaining to friends that these animals are not yours to adopt out and that they must go through the regular adoption process at HART?**
- **Will you be able to bring the animal back at the end of the foster period?**
It can be difficult to let go once you have become emotionally attached.
- **Are you emotionally prepared to handle the death of one of your foster animals?**
This can be very difficult, but the sad truth is that it sometimes happens. In this event, HART should be contacted immediately.