

Welcome to fostering with Brookings Regional Humane Society!

Thank you so much for becoming a foster and helping with our mission to shelter homeless pets, protect animals, educate our community on responsible pet care and ownership, and promote the reduction of pet overpopulation! Your commitment allows us to save more animals and to support more fur-ever homes!



Our fostering needs have changed a bit since we were a completely foster based rescue.

Most of our “adoptable cats” do well in our shelter environment so we no longer send them to foster homes. It’s much easier to facilitate adoptions when they stay in shelter. Our adoptable dogs can go into foster care. This is great because not only do we get to know the dogs better - like how they act in a home, but it is also so much less stressful on the dogs than being in the kennels! And it frees up kennel space for our new arrivals, who often need time and medical care before going to foster or adoption!

Who Needs Fostering?

-  Bottle/Slurry/Gruel Aged Kittens
-  Behavioral Needs Animals That Are Not Thriving In Shelter
-  Senior Animals That Need a Little More TLC
-  Adoptable Dogs-- especially when our kennels are full!
- Special Medical Needs Animals

“Goodbye” is the goal!

Goodbye is the goal but we understand “foster failing”. Our foster program is NOT a ‘try on’ or “foster-to-adopt” program but we do understand falling in love.

If you are fostering an animal that is not available for adoption yet: As soon as a foster is completely through its medical and available for adoption, you may opt to adopt it. You complete the same adoption procedure, paperwork, and pay the same adoption fee. You must however, make this decision as soon as it becomes available for adoption, as we do not “hold” beyond same or next day.

If you are fostering an adoptable animal: We know that spending time with a foster can lead to unexpected feelings—and we completely understand! We simply ask foster families to communicate their intention to adopt before another potential adopter has begun the process so that we can be fair and consistent with everyone. Once someone sets up a meet and greet/adoption appointment, we will give them the opportunity to adopt, if its a good fit.



What's Next?

After approving your application to be a BRHS Foster, our shelter coordinators will add you to our Facebook group: BRHS Behind the Scenes. We use this group to communicate our foster home needs! Shelter Coordinators will post animals in need with details. If you are available and its within your skillset/comfort level, just comment on the post and we will make pickup arrangements from there! We will never require you to foster an animal you aren't comfortable with.

Questions, Concerns, & Resources

If you have any concerns about your foster animals, don't hesitate to contact a shelter coordinator or post on our closed Facebook group: BRHS Behind the Scenes. We are happy to provide suggestions or help! If you are needing a "babysitter" or to transfer your foster(s) to another foster in our network, you can also post on our closed group so we can shuffle them around to someone with space!

Supplies

BRHS provides the following supplies for fostering:

Food- formula, wet & dry food, special diet food.

Feeding supplies (bottles, nipples, bowls, syringes, etc)

Crates/carriers/condos

Towels & blankets

Heat disks & heating pads

Litter, litter boxes, litter scoops

Hand sanitizer

Medicine

Additional items as needed!

Supplies will be sent home with you upon picking your animal(s) up! If you need anything else, just ask and we'll do our best to find what you need! 😊

If you need more supplies, just let us know (call, email, post on our Facebook foster group) or just come in during open hours and staff can help gather up supplies!

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