



## **Foster Home Application**

We thank you for your interest in fostering for Illinois Humane. This application is written to address information necessary to make sure you are fully aware of the obligations entailed in fostering.

We ask our foster homes to provide room and board, so to speak - shelter and food. Illinois Humane will cover medical expenses, including preventatives. If it is required, Illinois Humane will also cover the cost of special or prescription food. It is our hope that each foster home can take the animal to veterinarian appointments and also accommodate transportation to and from public adoptions. If need be, we have other volunteers who can help with vet appointments and adoption outings. You are welcome and encouraged to handle your foster at adoptions. Again, if you are not able to do so, we will find another volunteer to help.

If you will be traveling away from home, we ask that you give us as much notice as possible so we might work out an accommodation for the foster animal(s) under your care.

We seek to match your household with the most appropriate animals. Under Illinois law, both the entity that has a property interest in the animal and the individuals or entity that have possession or control of the animal have liability for the animal's actions. Therefore, it is extremely important that, as a foster, you maintain only animals you are able to properly handle, control, and keep safe. As part of this application process, we ask to conduct a home visit, prior to foster placement.

Under Illinois regulations governing foster homes, a shelter may place no more than 4 foster animals in one home. The foster home must be able to, if need be, keep the foster animals separate from each other and any other animals in the home (be able to isolate animals in separate rooms, out building accommodations, kennels, or yards). Each foster home must be certified with the State and be available for inspection. Illinois Humane will cover the cost and complete the paperwork necessary to certify your home. The State generally does not conduct foster home inspections unless there has been a complaint about the home or an issue has been brought to the State's attention regarding the shelter's administrations of its foster homes.

Under the certification obtained for you by Illinois Humane, you are able to foster only Illinois Humane animals. If you desire to foster for other organizations as well, they will need to certify your home for their animals.

We ask that you complete the attached application. Your completed application can be scanned/e-mailed to [petadoptions@illinoishumane.org](mailto:petadoptions@illinoishumane.org), faxed to 217-717-2770, or mailed to us at P.O. Box 512, Springfield, IL 62705.

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Please list all individuals in your household, including age and relationship to one another:

Name	Age	Relationship

## Contact information

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

We require a reference from your veterinarian prior to foster animal placement. Please complete information below.

Name of Your Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Records Release to Illinois Humane

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Give my permission for the agents of Illinois Humane to Contact my veterinary hospital, \_\_\_\_\_, to obtain a reference and the Information contained within my pet(s) records.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Are comfortable administering medications and performing basic home care following the instruction of a veterinarian should there be a need with your foster animal?  Yes  No

If indicating yes to the above, please indicate any exceptions here: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and provide a description of your personal animals.

Name	Species	Breed	Age	Special Considerations (behavioral or medical)	How is this pet kept during the day?	How is this pet kept at night ?

What animals are you interested in fostering?

Dogs  Cats  Horses  Other (Please elaborate): \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your experience handling the species of animals you are willing to foster. For instance, if you are willing to foster dogs, what breeds have you had/worked with in the past? So you have a preference for large or small dogs? Have you attended obedience or other training with a dog?

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At what level would you consider your animal handling ability?

Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

If hosted by Illinois Humane, would you be willing to attend behavior and handling training classes?

Yes  No

Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No

If you are considering fostering dogs, do you have the time and ability to get the dog out for walks or other exercise?  Yes  No