



Animal Friends of the Valleys
33751 Mission Trail • Wildomar, CA 92595

Foster Parent Guidelines

Foster parenting for a homeless animal is an extremely rewarding experience. You have the opportunity to save the life of an adoptable pet that needs a little more time when our shelter is full.

Foster families love and care for a homeless pet between satellite adoption shows which take place on weekends. We also encourage your active participation in finding a new, loving home for the foster pet.

In an effort to ensure the success of the program and safety of our precious animals, we have written some important guidelines:

- All foster parents must fill out an application and be approved prior to taking an animal home. An AFV staff member or foster coordinator will visit your home prior to approval of the application.
- All pets at home must be spayed or neutered and currently vaccinated and licensed. Families with pit bulls are excluded from fostering. Foster families are limited to four dogs and/or cats including personal pets.
- It is advisable that foster pets have a separate area from your family pets while you observe the health of the fostered animal. A spare bedroom is ideal for cats. Foster cats are not allowed outside at any time. Foster cats are not allowed to be kept in a cage. Dogs should be taken on a case by case basis in regards to living arrangements.
- It is critical that foster parents keep the foster coordinator informed of the current status of the pet. A weekly phone update to the coordinator is necessary so that we may adequately track the whereabouts of our animals at all times. The foster coordinator is here to help you with the animals' needs and to make this experience pleasant.
- Since our staff is limited, foster parents must be willing and capable of transporting foster pets to satellite adoption shows and picking them up at the end of the day if not adopted. Special arrangements may be possible on occasion. If you are unable to transport your foster animals for three consecutive weeks, we will require that the animals be returned to AFV.
- All foster animals remain the responsibility and possession of AFV until formally adopted. Because we care so much, pets may not be transferred to a new guardian or foster home without approval from AFV.
- We will do our best to ensure that animals placed in foster homes are clean, healthy and free of parasites. Often diseases do not surface for days; therefore, we cannot guarantee an animal is 100% disease free when it is placed in a foster home. Should medical attention be required, an AFV staff member or project coordinator should be notified immediately. Our funds are limited and we must consider treatment options on a case-by-case basis.
- Animals will be held at the foster home one (1) week after being altered. One week after the animal has been altered the animal can be taken to a satellite adoption show.
- The foster coordinator will coordinate and advise foster parents as to when their foster animal is to be altered and which satellite adoption show their foster pet is to be taken to.
- A.F.V. will supply food, litter and vaccinations for all foster animals.
- You must return the foster pet to the shelter if you are no longer able to care for the animal. All foster pets must be returned to us promptly upon request.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE GUIDELINES PLEASE CONTACT THE FOSTER COORDINATOR AT THE SHELTER AT 951-674-0618

THANK YOU FOR CARING!