

## **SPCA of Southern Brazoria County Requirements for Fostering Animals**

SPCA of Brazoria County reserves the right to decide which animals are appropriate for fostering. Criteria include physical condition of the animal, emotional condition of the animal and capacity of the shelter.

Only the shelter supervisor or executive director will solicit foster homes for shelter animals.

Before any animals are released to a foster home the foster home must submit the Brazoria County Foster Guideline Form and the Brazoria County SPCA Foster Information Form. The references on these forms must be checked and approved by the shelter supervisor or executive director prior to animals being released.

For safety issues animals will not be fostered in homes where there are children under the age of six.

Employees of The SPCA of Brazoria County will not be considered for foster homes.

### **Release Form for Foster Animal Caregivers**

It is the policy of the SPCA of Brazoria County to allow qualified individuals who have read and signed this document to remove animals from the Shelter and care for them at home. The following policies and guidelines must be understood and followed.

- No animal may be removed from the Shelter without approval from at least a supervisor-level employee.
- Foster Animal Caregivers (FAC) must have appropriate facilities at their homes to house and care for the animal.
- FAC will not abuse/neglect the foster animals at any time.
- To ensure that SPCA-BC animals are fostered by responsible pet owners each potential FAC must provide references from their family vet stating that the personal pets of the FAC are current on all vaccinations, heartworm preventatives, and are spayed/neutered. If the FAC has no pets, personal references are required.
- Fostered animals require special and constant care, thus, FAC must be able to properly care for the animal.
- Unweaned puppies and kittens require feeding every couple of hours around the clock. Thus, FAC must be capable of and willing to commit that much time to the animal.
- FAC's must be willing to commit to purchasing special formula's and/or food necessary for the health and nutritional requirements of the animal being fostered.
- Baby animals fostered must be returned to the SPCA-BC no later than 8 weeks of age.
- All animals must be returned to the SPCA-BC when determined appropriate by supervisor-level employee.
- Should a medical issue arise, FAC will contact SPCA-BC director or supervisor to determine appropriate action.

- SPCA-BC cannot guarantee that the animal being fostered will not transmit an illness to any animals owned by the FAC.
- Injuries to FAC pets by foster animals are the sole responsibility of the FAC.
- In the event a foster animal injures the FAC the SPCA-BC is released from all liability.
- FAC's will not adopt SPCA-BC animals out from their homes. Any animals fostered must go through the SPCA-BC adoption system.
- Foster animals adopted by the FAC will be adopted via the SPCA-BC adoption policies.
- The disposition of foster animals will not be shared with volunteers or FAC.

As a Foster Animal Caregiver, I understand the above policies and guidelines. By signing this document, I declare that I will follow these policies and guidelines, and will provide loving, complete and thorough care to animals for which I provide foster care. Furthermore, I agree to return the animal I am fostering to the SPCA-BC so that appropriate adoption procedures are followed.

Foster Animal Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SPCA of Brazoria County Foster Member Information Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children in your home and their ages \_\_\_\_\_

Number of animals currently in your home \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Species/Breed \_\_\_\_\_

How are animals housed? \_\_\_\_\_

How are animals housed when you are not at home? \_\_\_\_\_

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How are animals segregated? \_\_\_\_\_

Are your animals altered, up to date on all vaccinations and prevention medications? (To be a foster family and for the safety of your animals, this is required)

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Names of Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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