



Georgina Animal Shelter and Adoption Centre Shelter Foster Family Volunteer Job Description

Position objective

To provide temporary shelter and care for pets requiring a foster home placement.

Responsibilities

- To provide a safe and quiet space for animals requiring a temporary home environment prior to finding a permanent home.
- Participants will need to commit to and comply with the individualized care plan as determined by the foster program. These animals may require support with feeding, grooming, medication, post surgical care, training and socialization.
- Family pets will need to be isolated from foster animals for a minimum of two weeks or as determined by the foster animal care plan.
- Foster family pets should be currently up to date on all vaccines and anti-parasitic treatment as recommended by their veterinarian.
- Foster families are responsible for observing and reporting to the shelter any problems with their foster pet in a timely manner. If there are immediate medical concerns after hours, foster families are to contact the shelter's emergency veterinary partner at the 404 Veterinary Emergency Hospital in Newmarket located at 510 Harry Walker Pkwy. S., 905-953-1933.
- Foster pets are to be returned to the animal centre as directed by the foster program.
- If a foster parent is no longer able to care for their foster, pet(s) must be returned directly to the animal shelter. Animals cannot be given to a third-party caregiver.

Qualifications

- A willingness to learn and comply with the foster care requirements and plan as determined by the animal shelter.
- A background in animal husbandry and/or previous animal foster care experience is desirable.

Requirements

- Completion of the foster family volunteer application
- Completion of the foster family volunteer interview
- Completion of the foster family volunteer orientation and training workshop at the animal shelter
- Completion of the Town of Georgina volunteer on-boarding training and associated documentation

Commitment

- Foster contracts vary in the commitment required. A placement can be anywhere from one week to eight weeks depending on the individual care plan for the pet(s) requiring a foster home placement.

Supervision

- Direct supervision is by shelter staff and the animal shelter supervisor. The animal shelter can be reached at animal-control@georgina.ca or 905-476-3457.

How to apply

- Interested applicants will need to complete the application and email it directly to the animal shelter at animal-control@georgina.ca.