



FOSTER APPLICATION

Purrs & Whiskers, Inc. is a non-profit cat rescue serving Stafford, Virginia and its surrounding areas. Our mission is TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) and to collaborate with local shelters in an effort to relieve over-crowding in high-kill shelters. We provide temporary foster care when foster space allows, while seeking a “forever” home.

Our cats come from various hardship situations, and the primary reason for foster care is to provide a temporary home for a potentially adoptable animal whose current condition is not manageable in a shelter setting, or to relieve overcrowding in the shelter. Although previous fostering experience is not required, ideal foster care provider will have basic knowledge of animal care and training and be committed to finding their foster animal a safe and loving “forever home”. As a foster care provider, you will provide the animals with care including, food, water, shelter, training, grooming and medical treatment when necessary.

Fostering an animal is a wonderful and rewarding experience but can also be time consuming and hard work. Please seriously consider all of the aspects of the foster care program before deciding to apply to foster.

All P&W first-time foster care providers must complete the following application.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers-- Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address (please print clearly): _____

How long have you been at this address? _____

Any addresses you have lived at in the past 3 years: _____

Have you fostered before? No Yes, for which organization? _____

If yes, what animals did you foster? What was the outcome? _____

How did you hear about P&W’s foster program? _____

What type of animals are you interested in fostering? (Please check all that apply)

	No!	Possibly...	Definitely!
Mama cat & kittens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kittens- bottle fed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kittens- past bottle feeding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Injured cat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sick cat (URI, skin issues, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under socialized cat (lots of TLC needed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Specific Cat Only: (Name or ID#)_____

What length of time can you commit to fostering (weeks, months, etc): _____

Your home: Own Rent Other (please explain): _____

If you do not own your home, are you allowed to have animals where you live? Yes, No, Don’t know

Please provide your landlord’s name and phone number: _____

Are you planning on moving in the next 2-3 months? Yes No

Are you employed? Yes (**If yes,** Full time Part time) No

How much time will you devote to your foster animal's care and socialization each day: _____

Are you able to return to P&W at least every 2-3 weeks for care and adoption events? Yes No

How many adults in your home? _____ How many children? _____ Their ages? _____

Name(s) of other adult(s) in the household: _____

Is anyone in your home allergic to animals? No Yes (**if Yes,** dogs, cats)

Current Pets:

Name	Type of Animal	Age	Indoor/Outdoor?	Time in your care?	Spayed/Neutered?	Declawed?
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Are your pets current on their vaccinations? Yes No

Have your cats been tested for FeLV/FIV? Yes No / Are they all negative? Yes No

Veterinarian: _____

Phone Number: _____

By signing this application I authorize my pets' medical records to be released to Purrs & Whiskers, Inc. for a routine "vet check." Understood

Please tell us about any pets you have had within the last 5 years who are no longer living with you.

Name	Age	Reason no longer with you	Spayed/Neutered?
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you ever given up a pet? Yes No **If yes,** where did the animal end up? _____

Have any of your resident animals ever had a litter (had babies) before? Yes No

If yes, what happened to them? _____

Where will the foster cat be when you are home? _____

Do you have a safe place to keep your foster animal separate from resident animals for the short term and long term if needed? No Yes (**if yes,** where? _____)

Are you comfortable administering oral and/or topical medications? Yes No

How long are you willing to allow your new foster pet to adjust to your home/new schedule? _____

What will you do if your foster cat scratches or sprays in unwanted areas? _____

What will you do if your foster cat has accidents outside of the litter box? _____

Are you willing to send us pictures/videos/updates, talk to/screen potential adopters on the phone, meet with adopters, and visit P&W to finalize adoptions? Yes No

Under what circumstances would you not be able to complete the foster program (i.e. return the animal before an adopter is found)? _____

Please read the through the following foster policies and check to indicate you agree to comply:

- I agree to comply with all local and state laws and ordinances relating to the care of domestic animals, and will not engage in any illegal activity with my foster animal.
- I understand that no foster animal is allowed outside unattended and unrestrained.
- I understand that no foster animal is allowed to be left unattended with children.
- I understand that the animal I am taking into foster care may not be housebroken and I am willing to train the cat and give it time to adjust to litter box training.
- I understand that the animal I am taking into foster care may not be used to living indoors and may scratch or soil my furniture or belongings. If my foster animal is destructive I will confine my foster animal to a safe area where it cannot do damage and will work to positively modify its behavior.
- I will use only positive reinforcement for training and will not use any kind of physical punishment regardless of behavior issues.
- I understand that there are no guarantees of the behavior, health or disposition of my foster.
- I understand that the shelter environment is very stressful and my foster animal may take some time to adjust to new situations, people and other animals in the home.
- I understand that a foster animal cannot be given away to a new home without the adopter coming to P&W to finalize all adoption paperwork.
- I understand that a foster animal, greater than 4 months of age, cannot be adopted until they are spayed/neutered.
- If I decide that I cannot follow through on my foster care commitment, I will notify Purrs & Whiskers, Inc.

Thank you!

Sign _____ Date _____



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