



Volunteer and Foster Home Application PAWS for Life

Please also note that upon confirmation of receipt of your application, processing may take 10 to 14 days.

Personal Contact Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Drivers License: _____

Background Investigation:

Current Employer: _____ Position Held: _____

How long: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

If less than two years at current position:

Previous Employer: _____ Position Held: _____

How long: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Personal References Other than family:

1) Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

2) Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

3) Name: _____ Relationship: _____



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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Security Check:

Have you ever been charged with any criminal offence: Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of any crime: Yes No

If yes please explain the circumstances.

I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to PAWS to perform all background & reference checks using the information I have provided.

Signature

Date

Lifestyle Schedule:

Employed Type of Work:

_____ Schedule: _____

School Schedule _____

Other activities: _____

Home Information:

Do you: OWN or RENT

If you rent please provide us with your landlord's information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



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Do you live in: APARTMENT CONDO HOUSE ACREAGE FARM

If renting, proof that pet(s) are allowed via copy of your rental agreement and/or a letter from landlord are required and must be included with this foster application. If not included, this application will be deemed incomplete and will not be processed until such time as this documentation is provided.

How close is the nearest main road or highway _____

Animal Confinement Areas:

Please check all that apply to home:

- Fenced yard - Wood 4 Foot high Dog Run details)_____
- Fenced yard - Chain Link 5 Foot high Insulated Dog House
- Fenced yard - Invisible Fence 6 Foot high Non Insulated Dog House
- Fenced yard - Other_____ Other_____ Size of House_____

Provide details on size of yard:_____

Are all residents in agreement: Yes No

Age of Foster Family: 10-20 20-30 30-40 40-50 50-60 60-80

Who resides in the house (please provide ages for children under 18 years of age):

Pet Situation:

Have you ever had a pet(s): YES NO

If yes, do they live with you: YES NO

What experience do you have with animals? Please include all pets or animals that you no may or may no longer have due to illness etc. or any professional training sessions you may have



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attended.

If you currently have pet(s) living with the family please, check all that apply:

Dog Breed: _____ Spayed/Neutered: YES NO

Cat Breed: _____ Spayed/Neutered: YES NO

Rabbit Small animal (Gerbil etc) Other _____

What are the ages of dogs or cats: _____

Date of last vaccinations: _____

Describe your current pet(s): Please check all that apply

People Friendly Kid friendly Cat Friendly Dog Friendly Outgoing

Well Socialized Laidback Listens/Obedient Responsive Crate trained

Shares food/treats/toys Hordes food/treats/toys Submissive Dominant

Jealous Bossy Protective House trained Leash trained

Good at off Leash Park

Has your current pet been to any professional training classes? YES NO

Company Name: _____ City _____

Type of Class: _____

Would you be interested in taking foster pet to training classes: YES NO



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Animals Lifestyle:

Where would the animal be when you are home: Inside Outside Both

Under what circumstances would the animal be outside: (family not home or home eating supper etc)

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While outside would the dog be supervised: Yes No Sometimes

Fostering Terms:

What type of animal are you comfortable with fostering:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy 4 weeks to 12 weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> kitten up to 1 year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy 3 months to 6months | <input type="checkbox"/> cat 2 years to 5 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy 6 months to 1 year | <input type="checkbox"/> cat 6 years to 12 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 year to 4 years | <input type="checkbox"/> litter of puppies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 5 years to 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> litter of kittens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special needs animals due to injury or sensitivity* | |
| *i.e. submissive behavior, shy, timid, separation anxiety | |

What activity level are you looking for in a foster pet:



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- Lap dog Couch potato Walking companion Running companion
Working Dog Similar to current pet Other _____

What type of foster home are you interested in becoming?

- Emergency transfer (dog may need to be in town for surgery or need to be taken out of a foster home due to incompatibility.)
- Temporary transfer (dog may need to be transferred for foster home vacation etc)
- Regular foster (dog to be fostered until adopted)
- Special needs or long term foster (we occasionally have dogs that have had medical procedures that have special medical needs, or foster that we consider long term as in the case with some older or less adoptable dogs.)

Volunteer Opportunities

Please check all that apply

- Foster Program
- Volunteer at special event (ie. Pet Expo)
- Volunteer at adoption event
- Volunteer for donation pick ups (within the Edmonton Area)
- Volunteer for dog transfer driver (Edmonton and area)



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- Volunteer fundraising committee
- Volunteer dog walker
- Cuddle and Care program
- Construction crew
- Training or Grooming services
- Other volunteer work

What times could be dedicated to volunteer work (please specify):

Please provide us with any other information that you would like to add (fundraising skills, event management or other special skills such as animal health technologist etc):

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Foster Home - Info Questions and Answers

PAWS would not exist if it were not for our foster homes. Some people foster once or twice and decide that it is not for them; others get hooked and foster for years, and yes even end up with a new member of the family. Fostering can be a rewarding experience for everyone involved. We have compiled a list of questions that are commonly asked when people are deciding to foster.

1. Will fostering cost me any money?



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You should not incur any out of pocket expenses if you foster for PAWS. We will provide all the necessary items you need to foster.

2. What are items provided for fostering?

You will be provided a crate, food and water dishes, collar and leash, dog food, and treats.

3. Will there be much driving involved?

It is always helpful if a foster home can transport any animal in their care to various events or vet appointments. We do understand that is it not always convenient or if an individual does not have access to transportation. We are fortunate to have some volunteers that are willing to transport animals when needed. Lack of transportation will not preclude you from becoming a foster home, but is it preferred.

4. What types of dogs will I foster?

PAWS takes in dogs of all shapes and sizes with various temperaments, genders and ages. Whenever possible we try to match the animals' needs, temperament, age with the foster home's lifestyle. It is very important that the Society fully understands your experience with previous animals, and what you are comfortable handling to make the perfect match.

5. What happens if the animal does not fit in.

When a dog is brought into the Foundation, it is generally very unsettled. It has been taken out of generally bad situations, malnourished and most likely very scared and confused. The way it acts when it first comes to a foster home is not necessarily it's actual demeanor. It will take a few days or a few weeks for it to settle into a routine and for it to understand that it is safe and it will be taken care of with no one out to get them anymore. If an animal after a week has not become settled, we can make arrangements to take the animal out of the foster home and bring in another dog that may be more compatible.

6. What happens if I need to go away for a few days?

The Foundation will find alternative care for your fosters while you are away. Arrangements vary from leaving the dog at your home and have someone come by daily to walk and feed and care for the foster animal, to temporarily moving the foster until you are back home.

7. How long will I foster each dog?

It is generally in the animal's best interest to stay in one home from the time it is brought to the Foundation until the time it is adopted. There is no sure indication on how long one dog will be at your home for. Animals have been fostered for 24 hours to over a year.

8. What happens if we decide we would like to keep our foster animal?



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Not to worry, it has happened to us all. If you decide that you cannot part with your foster animal, then we will be the first to congratulate you on your new addition. As the foster home, you have first rights to adoption unless otherwise stated.

9. Who decides what permanent home the animal will go to?

PAWS has a screening process in place. Interested parties must fill out an application and if approved by the PAWS Board, will be contacted by the director in charge of the dog in question to schedule a meet and greet. At this visit, the potential adopter can ask the foster home and director questions about the animal. Other pets in the home are typically required to attend the meet and greet to ensure compatibility. The foster home will know the animal the best, so if at any time the foster home thinks that the home is not the right fit then the adoption process will be stopped. Foster homes know the dogs, we greatly value their input and take concerns seriously. You with the director will have the final say about adoptions.

10. What happens if an animal ruins my house or property?

We strongly recommend that the dog is never left unsupervised in your home. If you leave the house, crate the dog. There are many good reasons to have an animal crate trained. The dog will be safest in the crate; dogs are great at finding many little things that you may have overlooked and could be dangerous to pets. Your home will be safe. Dogs are like children, they can get into everything, and if the animal is not fully housetrained then it will save your carpets too. We have found that animals that are trained to go into the crate willingly are more adoptable than those that are not. If there was ever a disaster of some sort and you were not able to take your animal, you could crate your animal easily and rescue groups such as ourselves, the Alberta SPCA, or veterinary clinics could move your animal safely and in a timely manner so that you and your animal can be safe until such time that you could go back home. We cannot cover expenses to repair damage that is caused by an animal, we simply do not have resources to cover that type of cost when there are simple solutions such as crating.