

Important questions to ask yourself before you decide to foster for Georgina Cat Committee.

The adoption branch is GCC

Will you be able to spend quality time with the animals? On average, it is best to spend at least 2 hours a day with your foster animals. Socialization is as important as feeding them. Equally as important is integrating them into your household after the quarantine period.

Are you aware that most of the cats in our foster program come to us with varying degrees of health and behavior concerns?

We primarily rescue cats that are found outside fending for themselves. These cats are not suited for adoption from shelters because they may be ill, injured, scared or shy.

Are you willing to work with our veterinary care system? Please understand that we have specific vets that treat our foster animals and all vet appointments must be scheduled through us.

Are you able to separate our animals from your own? Foster animals must remain isolated from your animals for 10 days to prevent potential transmission of disease.

Can you commit to spending the entire foster period with the animals? Your foster period may range from two weeks to several months.

Do you feel comfortable explaining to your friends that these cats are not yours to adopt out and that they must go through the regular adoption process? All potential adopters are required to complete the adoption process before they are permitted to take a cat home.

Will you be able to relinquish the animals at the end of the foster period? It can be difficult to let go once you have become emotionally attached. Of course, foster parents are permitted to submit an adoption application for their foster cat.

Foster Requirements:

1. Designated separate space for fosters, especially shy ones, to quarantine for at least 10 days and longer if necessary
2. Minimum 2 hours a day contact with kittens
3. Follow and participate in our Facebook groups- GCC Foster Connection and GFCC public page.
4. Keep in touch with adopters with pictures and to answer questions
5. Able to take fosters to vet appointments and pickup supplies from Pepperlaw/Sutton
6. Post pictures and stories frequently on social media
7. Accept training in how to socialize shy or "spicy kittens"
8. Integrate the kittens into your household after quarantine period or when ready

Between the time cats and kittens are rescued and when they find their forever home, foster homes provide an important steppingstone. Foster families nurture, socialize, provide companionship, love, respect and provide temporary shelter to these helpless animals. The number of animals we save depends entirely on the number of fosters homes available. If you can open your home and heart to an animal in need, you will be rewarded with a marvelous experience.



GEORGINA FERAL CAT COMMITTEE

APPLICATION TO FOSTER

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____

Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

Best time/method to reach you: _____

PERSONAL HISTORY:

1. What situations are you comfortable fostering? Pregnant Cat Bottle-fed kittens Kittens < 6 months old

Young 6-12 months old Adult small litter 1-3 large litter 4-6 All of the above

2. Do you have any foster experiences? Yes: ___ No: ___ If yes, which organizations _____

3. How many people live in your home? _____

4. What is the activity level in your house? Busy Moderate Quiet

5. Do you have children in the home? Yes: ___ No: ___ If yes, age(s): _____

Have they been taught to handle animals correctly? What type of supervision will your children have while with the pet?

6. Do you have any pets? Yes: ___ No: ___ Dogs Cats Other

If yes, list names, ages, breeds: _____

If yes, do you know how to gradually introduce new pets to old? Yes: ___ No: ___ (if not, please discuss)

Are your pet vaccinations up to date? Yes ___ No ___

7. Have you and/or your family had cats previously? Yes: ___ No: ___

8. What best describes your living situation?

Own: ___ Rent: ___ / House: ___ Apartment: ___ Condo ___ / Live with parents: ___

If renting, does your landlord/property management company have a pet-friendly policy? Yes: ___ No: ___

9. Is everyone in the household in agreement with fostering? Yes: ___ No: ___

10. How many hours on average would the cat be left unattended? Per Weekday: _____ Per Weekend Day: _____

11. Do you have a separate space in your home to keep foster kittens for a minimum of 10 days? Yes: ___ No: ___

12. Will you keep the cat inside 100% of the time and be diligent that the cat does not escape? Yes: ___ No: ___

13. Have you or anyone in your family/household ever been charged or convicted of neglect or cruelty to animals? Yes: ___ No: ___

Why are you interested in fostering? _____

VETERINARIAN REFERENCE: (Please contact your vet to give them permission to speak with one of our volunteers)

Veterinarian Name, City and Phone Number: _____

Personal References: (Please contact them in advance so they know we will be calling)

Name	Relationship	Phone

FOSTER POLICY (Please read and initial each item to demonstrate agreement and understanding of our policies and procedures).

	I have read and understand the foster requirements.
	My pet's vaccinations are up to date.

	I will follow GFCC's quarantine protocols and keep the cat separate from any other pets in the household for minimum of 10 days. This is required to minimize the risk of disease transmission.
	If the cat is on medication, I will continue the medication as directed.
	I will not let the cat outside.
	I will not transfer, adopt or promise the cat to anyone else.
	If I need supplies (food, litter), I will contact GFCC as soon as possible in advance so that arrangements can be made to have the items provided.
	I will not incur any expenses related to the cat's care, with the expectation to be reimbursed by GFCC, unless approved in advance (example: purchase food, supplies or provide veterinary care). If expenses are approved in advance, reimbursement is only provided with receipts. Exception, if it is a medical emergency , please take the cat to a veterinarian immediately. We recommend the 404 Veterinary Emergency & Referral Hospital located at 510 Harry Walker Parkway South (at Mulock) in Newmarket, 905-953-1933. Please also contact us as soon as possible afterwards.
	I understand that being approved to foster does not automatically mean approval to adopt. If I am interested in adopting the cat(s) in my care, I must go through the standard adoption process and pay the corresponding adoption fee. Approval of candidates and placement of animals is up to Georgina Feral Cat Committee.

DECLARATION: I receive the animal(s) at my own risk and can reject or return any animals to Georgina Feral Cat Committee. I indemnify and hold Georgina Feral Cat Committee free and harmless from all liability arising out of any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, action, judgment of every kind and description which may occur to or be suffered by me, members of my household, or any third parties by reason of activities arising out of this agreement. I release Georgina Feral Cat Committee from responsibility for any diseases that may be contracted by my resident animal(s) from the foster animal.

By submitting this application, I affirm that what I have submitted is true and complete. I also understand and agree to the policy as outlined above.

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

**THANK YOU for opening your heart and home! We will contact you as soon as possible.
Please be patient - we are volunteer run and have full time jobs and lives outside of rescue.**

*If you have any questions about this Foster application, please contact Georgina Feral Cat Committee
by email at: georginacatcommittee@gmail.com
or Facebook messenger: [Facebook.com/GeorginaFeralCatCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/GeorginaFeralCatCommittee)*

GEORGINA FERAL CAT COMMITTEE



This page is for the foster applicant to keep so they are aware of what they've agreed to.

You do not need to initial and sign this page as GFCC has the original (previous page).

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