



Foster Care Policies and Procedures

Thank you for your willingness to become a Foster Volunteer for El Dorado County Animal Services. The purpose of the foster program is to place animals in temporary homes in an effort to increase their adoptability. As a foster home, you will become part of a growing list of families whom we contact when the need for foster care arises. Before deciding if you are willing and able to dedicate your time and energy to a foster animal, please review the policies and procedures below.

- ♥ Foster placement is at the sole discretion of El Dorado County Animal Services.
- ♥ The foster family must complete the Foster Application and sign the applicable Foster Care Agreement(s).
- ♥ Animal Services provides food and other supplies for foster pets. You must be willing to provide the animal(s) with proper care, including the food, water, shelter, grooming, training, veterinary care and medication, if necessary. As needed, foster homes must be willing to seek medical treatment for their foster animals in accordance with instructions provided by EDCAS staff. **Foster homes that seek medical treatment for foster animals without pre-approval from EDCAS supervisory staff will be responsible for all expenses incurred.**
- ♥ If extensive or significant medical treatment is required for an animal, EDCAS may request the return of the animal(s) and euthanasia may be necessary.
- ♥ Fostering an animal may improve an animal's chance to be adopted. **It does not guarantee that an animal will be adopted.**
- ♥ Because we cannot hold animals in need of foster for extended periods, you will be asked to make your decision to foster quickly.
- ♥ If you are called upon and you are not able to foster, know that you may say "no" and still be considered active in the program for future foster care.
- ♥ Generally, only one litter may be fostered at any given time.
- ♥ Animals of different species may be fostered at the same time to a single foster home when feasible and within reason.
- ♥ Unaltered (fertile) animals of the same species, unvaccinated cats and dogs, and/or unlicensed dogs in the foster home may be grounds for refusal of foster placement.
- ♥ Status calls and/or emails by the Foster Coordinator may be made/sent regularly to assess the progress of each fostered animal.
- ♥ Foster families that show an unreasonable tendency to routinely and frequently adopt animals they foster may be denied foster animals in the future.
- ♥ Your foster animals are under the protection of the EDCAS. Foster homes are certainly welcome and encouraged to alert the shelter to prospective adopters, but under no circumstances are foster families to place their foster animals in other homes or make any promises to possible adopters. Any potential adopters identified through our foster homes must go through the regular EDCAS adoption process to insure that animals are placed in responsible, committed and loving homes.

Your contribution of time and energy requires a special kind of commitment. We thank you on behalf of the animals.



Foster Care Application

Thank you for your interest in fostering an animal from El Dorado County Animal Services. Our goal is to locate capable, willing foster families that can partner with us in our mission to increase the quality of life for shelter animals. The information you give us in this application will help us assure an appropriate foster match for you and your family.

Name _____ Date ____/____/____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____ (w) _____

Email Address _____

What type of animals would you like to foster?

Mama Cats

Kittens

Bottle Baby Kittens..... Do you have past experience bottle feeding kittens? YES NO

Livestock

High Energy Dogs in need of break from shelter/exercise

Special needs dogs in need of cage rest during recovery

Puppies

Living Accommodations: House Apartment Other _____

Rent Own Other _____

Do you have your landlord's permission to foster an animal? Yes No

Landlord's name _____ Phone _____

Are all members of your household in favor of fostering an animal? Yes No

Do you have children at home? _____ If so, how old are they? _____

Does anyone have allergies to animals? _____

Have you ever fostered before? Yes No If yes, please explain _____

Who will be primarily responsible for the foster animal's feeding and general care?

Do you have any companion animals now? Yes No

<u>Breed</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Gender (S/N)</u>	<u>Current on vaccinations?</u>	<u>Licensed?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

What types of animals have you had in the past? _____

Where are they now? _____

How much time can you devote to foster care during the day? _____

evenings? _____ weekends? _____ at work? _____

Do all members of your household realize that you and your family will be required to care for the animal(s) 24 hours a day? Yes No

For how long can you foster? Short-term (2-4 weeks) long-term (1-3 months)

What are the care arrangements when you are not home? _____

Where will your foster animal(s) sleep at night? _____

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No

Do you have screens on your windows? Yes No

Do you understand that the animal(s) you may have in your household would be exposed any communicable diseases the foster animal(s) may have? Yes No

How did you hear about El Dorado County Animal Services? _____

Do all members of your household understand that there is a chance that the animal(s) you foster may be euthanized upon returning to the shelter if they are deemed unadoptable due to medical conditions, temperament issues, or other concerns? Yes No

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that EDCAS reserves the right to deny this foster of an EDCAS animal. I certify that I have received, understand, and agree to abide by the document titled "Foster Care Policies and Procedures".

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Thank you for your willingness to get involved in caring for your community's neediest animals.

Please drop off or mail your completed application to: EDC Animal Services, 6435 Capitol Ave, Diamond Springs, CA 95619