



Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter

P.O. Box 175
Hutchinson, MN 55350

320-234-9699
www.heartofminnesota.org

Foster Home Guidelines

1. A *Foster Application* needs to be completed. We visit all prospective homes so you will be called within a week to set up a convenient time. This is a good time to gather any questions that you may have for us.
2. If you currently have pets, all must have verifiable vaccination records. Since we primarily handle strays, this protects your own pets as well as the shelter animals.
3. Since our policy is to try and stop overpopulation by unwanted litters being born, we do require your animals to be spayed or neutered. The exception to this would be any animals that are not old enough yet or, in the case of a professional breeder, arrangements can be made to accommodate the situation.
4. Foster animals are to be monitored at all times. This merely means that the animal is not free to roam. In other words, some type of confinement is necessary such as a leash when outside, a fenced yard, kennel, etc.
5. If fostered animals are ready to be adopted, we require that they be brought to the Shelter during our open hours: (Mondays: 6-8 PM) (Thursdays: 5-7 PM) and (Saturdays: 12-4 PM) The animals are to be brought there unless other arrangements have been made.
6. The foster home needs to make the animal available if someone wishes to consider adopting it. This does not need to be done at the foster home and we are happy to work with special schedules but it's important to have the animal available so it can be adopted.
7. Once you are set up as a foster home, a *Foster Agreement* will be signed for each animal you foster. A copy is attached for your review.
8. **At all times, the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter reserves the right to act in the best interest of the animal.**

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Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter Foster Program Agreement

Circle One: DOG CAT OTHER _____

Animal's Name and Number _____ # _____

Reason For Fostering _____

Approximate Date of Return _____

1. I am undertaking this obligation with no claim to any type of compensation or reimbursement for caring for said animal, including damage to my property. The further consideration for undertaking this obligation and caring for said animal is my receiving the satisfaction and enjoyment from undertaking this obligation of my own free will.
2. I agree that accidental animal bites to humans and other animals do occur and agree to hold harmless and protect the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter (HMAS) from any claim or suit filed by anyone as a result of such an incident.

Animal Emergency: Should a problem arise regarding the animal or foster care, follow these steps: Contact the shelter at 320-234-9699 and ask for the Shelter Committee Chairperson.

3. **DO NOT CONTACT A VETERINARIAN WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. Any unauthorized veterinary care will be at your own expense.**
4. HMAS will provide necessary supplies such as food, towels, crate, collar, leash, dishes, blankets, litter box, litter, heating pad, milk replacement, toys, etc.
5. If you are caring for a pregnant female, please call the shelter immediately with the birth date of the litter.
6. This animal must be returned to the appropriate shelter person on the approximate date stated above or as requested by HMAS.
7. Animals in foster care remain the property of HMAS. Persons wishing to adopt a foster care animal must meet all shelter adoption requirements and complete the necessary forms.
8. This agreement is the entire agreement of the parties and there are no oral promises or representations made in addition to this contract. It may only be changed in writing and signed by both the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter and the Foster Care Volunteer.

Volunteer Name _____

Street Address 1 _____

Street Address 2 _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

E-Mail Address _____

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____

Shelter Staff Person _____ Date _____