



Foster Application Form

Georgian Triangle Humane Society
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Thank you for your interest in fostering. Fostering can be a wonderful experience for you and your family. You can feel good knowing that you have made a positive difference in an animal's life, and each animal fostered in a home opens a cage or kennel space for us to save another animal! Fostering can also provide individual attention that certain special needs animals require. Foster commitments range from just a couple of days to a few months, so you can choose foster options that fit with your lifestyle.

Is fostering right for you?

There are many things to consider when deciding to foster an animal.

Foster Volunteers must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Complete a Foster Application Form and sign a Foster Agreement
- Commit to volunteering for a minimum of 6 months
- Attend an orientation session at the Animal Centre or virtually, and complete an onboarding process
- Isolate foster animals from family pets within the home, as required
- Quarantine your foster animals for 14 days to prevent disease spread, as required
- Be able to set aside time (as often as every two weeks for kittens) to bring your foster animal in for follow-up vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery
- Take on the responsibility for routine care in your home during the foster period
- Ensure that animals can be fostered in your home
- Kitten/Puppy -proof your home to reduce potential safety hazards
- Maintain a peaceful, loving environment for the foster animals and spend quality time socializing them
- Commit to the entire foster period with the animal
- Try to spend a minimum of two hours per day with the animals to socialize them and monitor their health (time commitments will vary depending on your foster animals)
- Follow disease control guidelines medication dosing instructions and the Medical and Behaviour plans
- Utilize the emergency contact list for after-hour emergencies
- Maintain communication with the Foster Care Coordinator

In addition:

- Existing animals in your home must be up-to-date on vaccines and in good health
- Every family member in the household will need to be prepared for the commitment and emotions involved with fostering
- Applicants accepted to foster kittens will require a kitchen scale that displays weight in grams (to weigh kittens)

Please take your time filling in the following, to help us find the best foster fit for you.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____

Address: _____

Primary / Cell Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

(GTHS uses e-mail as our primary means of communicating with volunteers. Please include your most frequently used e-mail address)



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Are you employed? Yes No Occupation: _____

Date of birth: _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

FOSTER INFORMATION

Have you fostered before? Yes No

If yes, for which organization? _____

If yes, what animals did you foster? _____

Do you have any conditions that may affect your foster work? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have access to a vehicle? Yes No

If no, how do you intend to transport the animal to and from the Animal Centre and/or veterinary clinics, especially in the case of a medical emergency? _____

YOUR HOME

Do you: Own Rent

If you rent, does your landlord support your participation in the foster program? Yes No

Do you have access to a yard? Yes No

Does your home have stairs? Yes No

How many members are in your household? _____

How many are children (under 18)? _____

During what hours is someone in your household at home? _____

Does everyone in your home support your participation in the foster program? Yes No

Are the tetanus vaccinations for all members of your household up-to-date? Yes No

Please note, as part of our Health and Safety Protocol, it is recommended that all persons in contact with GTHS animals have a current tetanus shot.

Do you or any members of your household have any allergies to animals? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you currently have pets in your home? Yes No

Please list number, species, ages and sex of pets: _____

Are the vaccinations for your pets up-to-date? Yes No

Are your current pets spayed/neutered? Yes No



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FOSTER ANIMAL NEEDS

Do you have an area where the foster animal(s) can be isolated from your own pets if necessary?

Please describe: _____

If there are currently pets in the home, how will you introduce them to the new foster animal?

Please explain: _____

Please outline any experience in animal care that may be useful to your work as a foster parent:

What behaviour are you not able to accept from a foster animal? _____

What will you do if this type of behaviour surfaces? _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FOSTERING?

DOGS

- Mildly sick or injured animals in need of recuperation and recovery
- Pregnant or nursing mama with her litter
- Orphaned puppies < 4 weeks old (bottle babies) - please indicate maximum litter size: _____
- Orphaned puppies > 4 weeks old - please indicate maximum litter size: _____
- Animals in need of socialization
- Dogs in our Emergency Board Service

CATS

- Mildly sick or injured animals in need of recuperation and recovery
- Pregnant or nursing mama with her litter
- Orphaned kittens < 4 weeks old (bottle babies) - please indicate maximum litter size: _____
- Orphaned kittens > 4 weeks old - please indicate maximum litter size: _____
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Are you comfortable administering oral medication (with instruction from our staff)? Yes No



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FOSTER AGREEMENT

In signing this form, I understand and agree to the following:

I understand that where my volunteer work involves contact of any kind with animals, there is a risk that I may be scratched, bitten, or may come into contact with a diseased animal. I agree to release and hold harmless the GTHS and its employees from any and all liability for any damage or injury, whether arising from this contract or a breach thereof or from any act of negligence or gross negligence by the GTHS, or its employees.

I understand the recommendation that I, and any member of my household who will be in contact with a GTHS animal, are properly vaccinated at all times while I am performing volunteer work for the GTHS.

I understand that it is advised to keep any foster animals isolated from my current pets for a period of at least 14 days to prevent the spread of parasites/illness.

I understand that I will be temporarily caring for animals that are GTHS property or belong to someone participating in the GTHS Emergency Boarding Program.

GTHS will supply food, as well as linens and accessories (such as leashes and harnesses) if required and I agree to contact the GTHS should I find I am in need of additional items.

I understand that all veterinary and medical expenses relating to the foster animal will be paid for by the GTHS. All veterinary visits and medical expenses MUST be pre-arranged by a designated GTHS staff member.

I understand that it is my responsibility to acknowledge, respect and abide by all rules, regulations and protocols put in place by the GTHS and that, during an animal's stay in my care, these include but are not limited to:

- providing a safe and secure environment
- following feeding and/or dietary restriction guidelines provided
- adhering to medication dosage instructions
- following the provided Medical and Behaviour Plans
- providing recommended exercise and enrichment
- training and using appropriate GTHS 'dialogue' for dogs in my care, as appropriate
- adhering to the GTHS confidentiality and social media policies, and using the provided disclaimer if sharing/posting anything about animals not yet available for adoption
- returning any remaining supplies to the GTHS at the end of the foster term
- obtaining pre-approval for any items purchased if I want to be reimbursed for said items

I understand that fostering is not a gateway to adoption, but if I wish to adopt an animal that has been in my care, I acknowledge that I will have to submit an adoption application and, if approved, will pay the full adoption fee.

I recognize that as a volunteer it is my responsibility to ensure that appropriate education and training has been supplied to me, and that I am comfortable with my role, before I commence fostering or volunteering in any capacity within the organization.

If I fail to abide by the terms of this agreement or am otherwise unable to meet the program requirements, I may be terminated from the Volunteer Program. I understand that I may at any time with or without cause be removed from my position as a volunteer at the sole discretion of the GTHS.

Applicant's Name: _____ Signature: _____
Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

NOTES:

Approved Declined