

## **Foster Pet Caregiver**

Do you love animals? If you are interested in opening your home to a pet in need, we would love to hear from you!

We are looking for foster parents willing to care for pets belonging to domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Our Foster Pet Program is temporary, with the average time to foster being 30-90 days.

Our Foster Pet Program protects pets of victims of domestic violence or sexual assault while their owner flees abuse. Many shelters in Indiana do not accept pets, so victims are left to decide whether to leave their beloved pet behind with their abuser or surrender the pet forever at the pound while they find shelter. Our program steps in to provide safe, temporary housing for pets while their owner finds secure housing away from the abuser. After the survivor of domestic violence or sexual assault gets back on their feet they are reunited with their fur baby! By fostering an animal in our program, you would not only be saving the life of the animal, but also their owner as they both escape a dangerous situation.

The foster pet parent is responsible for all care of the pet while they are in their home. We depend on donations to provide food and other supplies, so the foster pet caregivers may be required to provide for their foster pet if our resources are depleted. All foster animals come into the program spayed/neutered, up to date on all vaccines, and microchipped. The Foster Pet Program Coordinator conducts a home visit and goes through all of the necessary paperwork with every foster family. The Program Coordinator can answer all of your questions.

If you would like to speak with the Foster Pet Program Coordinator regarding this volunteer opportunity, please call our admin line at (317)-731-6131 or complete the contact us form.

## WHEN

We'll work with your schedule!

## **SKILLS**

- Patience, kindness, and compassion
- Animal care / handling
- Basic experience with animals in your home

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Driver's license required
- Foster pet parent application
- Background check
- Must be at least 18