

Foster Program Manual

Danville-Boyle County Humane Society

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Is Fostering for Danville Boyle County Humane Society and Boyle County Animal Control Right for You?

FAQ

Here are some frequently asked questions that may help you decide.

What is fostering?

Fostering is providing a temporary home for a homeless pet, who for whatever reason, needs to be housed outside of the shelter. Fostering is truly lifesaving.

Why should I foster?

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 up 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 several months, so you can choose foster options that fit with your lifestyle.

Do I need to have any special training or skills to be a foster parent?

Foster families should be compassionate, caring and patient. You will be informed of your foster animal's known history, medical and behavioral health before they are placed in your care, and our foster coordinator will help answer questions and provide resources and information.

What are the requirements?

- Be willing to abide by policies and procedures in the manual and foster care agreement
- Be able to access email regularly
- Be able to provide transport to and from DBCHS and local veterinary clinics
- Spend time with foster pets and treat them like your own animals while they're in your care
- Have up-to-date rabies vaccinations for all animals in the home

What types of animals need foster care?

- Kittens and puppies too young to be in the shelter
- Animals recovering from illness or injury
- Animals that need a break from the shelter environment
- Pets with special medical or behavioral challenges

How long do animals need to be in foster care?

Every situation is different! Our foster needs range from one day to until the animal is adopted, which can take several months.

How much time do foster parents have to devote to the animal(s) in their care?

It depends on the situation. Foster animals need all of the same things that owned animals do, and may even need more attention if they are recovering from illness/injury, or need extra exercise.

What are some of the potential risks of fostering an animal?

Fostering is one of the most rewarding experiences that you can have, but there are some potential risks. While rare, some of the possible risks include:

- Owned animals could catch a disease and/or a parasite from a foster animal
- Foster families, members of their household, or visitors could catch a disease and/or parasite from a foster animal (We do not, as a practice, send animals with known diseases transmittable to humans to foster)
- Owned animals could be injured or killed by a foster animal. This is always preventable if you follow procedures and guidelines recommended by DBCHS and BCAC.
- Foster families, members of the household, or visitors could be injured by a foster animal
- Foster animals could die in foster care or have to return to the shelter to be euthanized
- Foster animals may destroy personal items

What happens if my foster animal needs medical care?

DBCHS/BCAC will provide all medical care for the animals in its foster program.

Can foster parents adopt their foster animals?

Yes. Foster parents can adopt their foster animals and are given first choice.

Foster Program Policies and Procedures

Legal Guardianship

All animals in foster care are the property of the Danville Boyle County Humane Society and Boyle County Animal Control and are subject to all applicable Danville Boyle County Humane Society and Boyle County Animal Control rules and restrictions.

Proper Housing and Care Requirements

1. Foster care providers are expected to follow and abide by all guidelines and protocols regarding proper care of foster animals, including giving them proper food, access to water at all times, daylight, socialization, health care, etc. Foster animals must be kept in climate-controlled homes with the temperature kept between 60 and 80° F.
2. Puppies should never be left unsupervised outdoors, and high traffic areas, such as the park, animal stores, public sidewalks/trails, etc., should be avoided, as puppies can be susceptible to deadly diseases that could be lurking there.
3. Dogs can go outside for supervised play time/exercise. When outdoors, foster dogs must be kept on leash or in a securely fenced yard. Some dogs can jump/climb over or dig under fences surprisingly fast, so please be cautious when leaving foster dogs unsupervised.
4. You are prohibited from taking foster dogs to off leash dog parks or other off leash areas. Dogs must be on a leash, under your control, at all times.
5. You are prohibited from having your foster dog socialize with other dogs, except those in your home.
6. Kittens and cats in foster care should be kept indoors only. When transported, cats and kittens must be kept in secure carriers.
7. If your foster pet gets loose, contact shelter staff at 859-236-1117 immediately.
8. If injury or illness results from interaction between your animals and foster animals, DBCHS/BCAC will only be responsible for the medical care and expenses of the foster animal. In some cases, you may be asked to keep your pet separate from the foster pet for a pre-determined period to prevent the spread of illness to your pet.
9. DBCHS/BCAC reserves the right to perform home checks to ensure that foster animals are being adequately and appropriately cared for.
10. If a foster care provider refuses to return a foster animal for any reason upon request by Boyle County Animal Control staff or has improperly transferred an animal to another individual or entity, the foster care provider will be permanently removed from the foster program and Boyle County Animal Control may initiate appropriate legal action to secure the return of the animal.
11. Foster care providers are only allowed to treat foster animals with medications and supplements prescribed by DBCHS/BCAC's veterinary staff unless alternative care arrangements have been approved by the shelter director.
12. Foster care providers must notify the shelter director immediately if a foster animal bites a person or animal and the bite breaks the skin.
13. Children under the age of 18 should not be left unsupervised with any foster animals.

Supplies

DBCHS/BCAC will provide foster care providers with certain supplies – All food for your foster pet (this includes formula when needed)
Collars and tags for dogs and puppies
Any medications, supplements or prescription diets that have been prescribed by our veterinary staff

Health and Temperament

DBCHS/BCAC will be as accurate as possible when providing information about the medical and behavioral health of animals seeking foster placement but cannot guarantee the medical or behavioral health of any animal.

Foster care providers are required to be as accurate as possible about their foster animal's health and behavior. This will assist the shelter in determining the proper medical treatment, training and/or behavioral rehabilitation for the animal.

Foster Animal Adoptions

1. DBCHS/BCAC empowers its foster care providers to find forever homes for the animals in their care by acting as adoption ambassadors.
2. All foster animals must be fixed (spayed/neutered) and microchipped before they can go to their forever homes.
3. Potential adopters must go through the approval process at the shelter.
4. Foster care providers can adopt their foster animals and are given first choice.

How it Works

Getting Started

Prior to fostering any animals, you will be required to sign the foster agreement (see pages 17-18), which will be kept on file at the shelter.

Please note, if at any time you have questions regarding the foster program, potential foster animals, etc., those questions should be directed to the shelter director.

Picking Up a New Foster Animal

If you are interested in fostering a particular animal or litter, please contact the shelter director as soon as possible. Once we receive your interest, we will verify that the animal is still available, answer any questions that you may have, and confirm a pickup date and time. All questions regarding an animal's history, behavior, medical needs, special care instructions, etc. should be directed at the shelter director prior to pick up.

You may also visit the shelter to browse long stay animals (those that have been at the shelter for 30+ days) that are available for foster care.

When picking up a new foster animal, please go to DBCHS. Let the staff know that you are a foster and that you are picking up a foster animal. After picking up your foster animal you will receive a "Foster Pet Schedule" email with additional details regarding their care and their future medical needs. Please be on the lookout for this email, it will be sent within three days from the day that you pick up.

Medical Care

Booster Shots

All foster animals under four months of age should have their weight checked and be given booster shots every 2-4 weeks. This means that kittens and puppies that are very young when they go to foster care may receive as many as four boosters. Foster animals over four months of age when they go into foster care should return to the shelter for booster shots just once, 2-4 weeks after their initial shot. Schedule a visit to the shelter during business hours by emailing info@dbchs.org. This is a quick in and out process (typically 20-30 minutes).

Due to the large number of animals in the foster program, it is up to the foster care provider to keep track of their foster's booster shot and prevention schedule.

Flea/Tick and Heartworm Prevention

All foster animals over eight weeks of age should be given flea/tick prevention monthly. Since these medications are based on the weight of the animal, if your foster is still growing, you will need to follow the same protocol given above for booster shots. If you are fostering an adult animal whose weight has not changed, you can simply stop by the shelter with the animal's ID#/name and request the medication as the due date approaches.

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Sick or Injured Fosters

If you notice that your foster animal has mild, cold-like symptoms (sneezing or coughing occasionally, clear ocular or nasal discharge), diarrhea or have vomited, but are alert, active, eating and drinking well, please notify the shelter director so that it can be determined how best to proceed.

If your foster animal has more severe symptoms, such as frequent vomiting, lethargy, yellow/green ocular or nasal discharge, previously undocumented hair loss, straining to urinate or defecate, etc., please notify the shelter director, and bring the animal to the shelter to be seen by a veterinarian during clinic hours. If you are fostering a litter of kittens or puppies, even if only one animal is showing symptoms, the entire litter should be brought in.

Once the shelter director has approved the animal being brought into the shelter and you have arrived at the shelter, please remain in your vehicle and call [859-238-1117](tel:859-238-1117) to notify staff of your arrival. A staff member will be with you ASAP to bring your animal into the shelter. It is critical that you do not exit your vehicle as you may be carrying contagions.

Fading Kitten Syndrome

Fading Kitten Syndrome is a life threatening emergency in which a kitten, sometimes one that was previously healthy, "crashes" and begins to fade away. Symptoms include:

- Low body temperature – the kitten feels cool or cold to the touch
- Extreme lethargy - not getting up, unable to stand, not responding to touching/petting
- Gasping for breath
- Meowing/crying out

Please review the Fading Kitten Protocol found under "Fading Kitten Protocol" in the required reading section on page 14, or in the files section of Microsoft Teams.

Foster Puppies or Kittens with Fleas, Ticks or Other Parasites

If you notice that your foster kittens or puppies have fleas on them, they can be bathed with plain Dawn dish soap and a small comb can be used to remove the dead and dying fleas. Kittens and puppies should be dried thoroughly after bathing and steps should be taken to ensure that they stay warm. For

additional advice on how best to handle fleas/ticks and other parasites, please contact the shelter director.

In Case of an After-Hours Emergency

If your foster animal is having an urgent, life-threatening medical issue while the shelter is closed, call and text [859-319-9126](tel:859-319-9126). If the shelter director approves your foster animal to be seen by an afterhours clinic, you will then be instructed to take your foster dog to Town and Country Animal Clinic or Heartland Veterinary Hospital.

When you present your foster animal to the emergency clinic, you **must** inform the staff there that it is a Humane Society foster animal and provide them with the animal's DBCH ID#/name. The emergency clinic staff will then contact the shelter director to verify that treatment can be provided. If the foster parent is unable to provide emergency clinic staff with the animal's DBCH ID#/name, the animal may still be treated, but at the foster parent's expense. In such cases the foster parent may apply for reimbursement from the shelter.

Foster animals taken to the emergency vet clinic for treatment will be kept overnight at the clinic and an Animal Control officer will be contacted in the morning to transfer the animal back to the shelter for further treatment/care.

Town and Country Animal Clinic 993 Ben Ali Dr. Danville KY 40422	Heartland Veterinary Hospital 1324 Lebanon Rd Danville KY 40422
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Complications After Having Spay/Neuter Surgery

If you have an urgent medical question or your foster animal seems to be having a complication after having surgery, please text and call 859-319-9126.

Please review the Aftercare Instructions Protocol found under "Aftercare Instructions Protocol" in the files section of Microsoft Teams.

How can I help my foster animal find a forever home?

When fostering an animal for DBCHS/BCAC, **you** can be the animal's number one advocate! By acting as an adoption ambassador, you won't just be a foster care provider. You will be a photographer, videographer, biographer, a marketing specialist, and an adoption counselor!

Take at least one clear, landscape-oriented (horizontal), photo of the foster animal and email it to the shelter director to be added to the shelter's website

Take at least one clear, short video of the foster animal and email it to the shelter director to be added to the shelter's website

Promote the foster animal on social media websites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor

Create and put up flyers for the foster animal in appropriate locations

For additional tips on marketing foster animals, please visit the links under “Marketing Foster Animals for Adoption” in the required reading sections on page 13 and 14.

Please be aware that animals in our foster program are not on a first come, first served basis. As the foster parent, you may take several applications and/or meet with different potential adopters before deciding which would be the best fit for the animal(s) in your care. However, foster care providers should check their email inbox, and spam folder daily for inquiries from potential adopters about the animal(s) in their care and respond to all inquiries within 48 hours.

For tips on effective adoption counseling, please visit the links under “Effective Adoption Counseling Tips” in the required reading sections on pages 13 and 14.

My foster animal has an adopter, now what?

1. The adopter must go through the approval process at the shelter. Adopters can fill out an application to adopt via dbchs.org/adopt. Once the application is received, shelter staff will reach out to the potential adopter to confirm their interest.
2. Once we have confirmed that someone would like to meet your foster pet, we will contact you to arrange a time for you to bring your pet to the shelter.
3. If your foster pet is/is not adopted, we will notify you regardless. If your foster pet was not adopted and remains at the shelter and you would like to pick them up, we will schedule a pickup time for you to do so.

Adoption Events

Another option for foster care providers seeking forever homes for the animals in their care are adoption events. These events are typically held on weekends, at various locations throughout Danville and the surrounding area. Details about these events are posted to Microsoft Teams as they become available.

Returning Foster Animals to the Shelter

If you need to return a foster pet to the shelter for any reason, please contact the shelter so that we can make arrangements for you to do so. When returning foster pets to the shelter, have your pets DBCHS ID#/name and let shelter staff know you are returning a foster pet.

You must complete a behavior profile for the animal(s) that you are returning. This can be done via email beforehand. Both the Foster Cat Profile and the Foster Dog Profile can be found in the documents section of Microsoft Teams.

Deceased Animals

In some cases, sick or weak pets may die in foster care. If your foster animal passes away, please contact the shelter director. You will be asked to provide detailed information as to what happened at the time of the death so that we can determine if other foster animals in your care may be at risk. You will be asked to bring the body back to DBCHS/BCAC and a necropsy may be performed.

Short Term Fostering Overnights and Outings

Want to give a shelter dog a break from the stress of the shelter and an opportunity for new experiences? Want to get valuable information about the dog's personality, behavior and needs, thereby helping adopters or rescuers make more informed decisions? The shelter has two different options for short term fostering.

1. Overnights: Check out a foster in the evening and return the next morning
2. Outing: Check out a foster dog for one hour or an afternoon

Please note:

These types of outings are most important for longer stay dogs (dogs that have been at the shelter for more than 30 days), those who have behavioral challenges, or those that are overwhelmed in the shelter setting.

Requirements:

You must be an approved foster and have a completed and signed Foster Agreement on file.

You must be available to pick up and return the dog during regular business hours.

You must review the "Public Outings and Walks - Safety Tips for You and Your Foster Dog" section on page 12

Steps:

1. If you are interested in taking a specific dog for an overnight or outing, please contact the shelter director to verify that the dog is available, review the dog's behavior records, and to confirm a pickup date and time. If you were not able to confirm with the shelter director in advance, please check in with Danville Boyle County Humane Society for more information about the dog that you are interested in.
2. Once you have confirmed with staff that you will be picking up a specific dog. Staff will make a note in the dog's record concerning where it is going and when it will be returning.
3. When you are ready to pick the dog up, you will need to visit the shelter and speak to shelter staff.
4. Shelter staff will need to see a valid ID, get your DL#, confirm your current address/contact information, and have you sign a Foster Agreement if you haven't already.

Timing for taking a dog out:

For an overnight:

Make arrangements ahead of time for taking a dog out.

Pick up the dog during business hours to complete arrangements.

Return the dog to its kennel at 1 p.m. the following day, so it will be available for customer viewing. Be sure to notify the shelter staff that the dog has been returned so staff can assure that the dog is fed.

For an outing:

Pick up anytime between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Return the dog to its kennel by 4 p.m.

Remember being available for customer viewing during open hours increases the dog's chance of being adopted from the shelter. Heaviest customer times are generally on weekends, right after shelter opening, mid to late afternoons, and during special adoption events. The best time of day for an outing will also depend on the times of greatest activity or calm for a particular dog, and their specific needs.

Kennel Sign & Supplies:

Supplies and signage are located in the volunteer area.

Hang the appropriate sign on the interior door of the dog's kennel, with its kennel card, so that staff and visitors will know that the dog is an overnight or outing.

Grab an "Adopt Me" vest or bandana to help draw attention to your lucky shelter pup during your outing. When returning the dog to its kennel, remove the sign that you placed when taking the dog out, and return it to the Cashier's Office.

Keep the following in mind:

If the dog will be visiting a place other than your home during your time together, consider whether they will truly benefit from, and enjoy the particular environment to which you will be taking them. Think about the surroundings, the traffic (both people and other animals), and whether or not the environment may cause further stress to your chosen dog.

Crowded public areas should be avoided, including school grounds.

You are prohibited from taking foster dogs to off leash dog parks or other off leash areas. Dogs must be on leash, under your control, at all times.

You are prohibited from having your foster dog socialize with other animals, except those in your home.

Have a blast! Ride in the car, walk in the neighborhood, play, watch TV, whatever you want to do within the limits outlined above. Use structure, kindness, attention, training, and snuggling as needed. Some dogs will want to spend their time resting and some will want to do lots of fun things. Keep in mind the dog's safety and needs and yours, and have fun!

Share the experience:

Complete a behavior profile for the dog documenting your experience. This can be done in person at the time of drop off, or preferably, via email beforehand. The Foster Dog Profile can be found in the documents section of Microsoft Teams.

Public Outings and Walks
Safety Tips for You and Your Foster Dog

Before the Outing/Walk

Make sure that you have the appropriate supplies. These include: a cell phone, poop bags, a bottle of water, a collapsible bowl, and a list of emergency numbers. (All necessary supplies are in the doggy day out backpacks in the volunteer area).

Make sure that the dog is properly fitted with a collar. If needed, a harness can be used in addition to the collar. If you aren't sure whether or not the dog is properly outfitted, ask staff to check.

The dog should have a leash properly attached to their collar, or harness. Check to be sure that all equipment is fastened, and that no equipment is frayed, worn or has stitching coming out. Flexi / retractable leashes should not be used.

Take time to introduce yourself to the dog that you'll be walking. The dog may be excitable. Be calm and assertive and try not to get the dog any more excited or playful than it already is. If you feel that you cannot control the dog, please return it and select a dog that you can safely handle.

Do not wrap the leash around your hand. It would be terrible for a dog to get loose, but much worse if the dog drags you, the handler, into a dangerous traffic situation. If you feel that a dog is pulling you off your feet or that you are at risk of losing control of the dog, please return it and select a dog that you can safely handle.

Walk your dog on a short leash – a long leash gives the dog more strength and leverage.

During the Outing/Walk

Be aware of other dogs, bicyclists, runners and walkers that might cross your path and give them the right of way. Keep your distance from other animals and do not introduce shelter dogs to privately owned dogs.

Be visible! Wear bright colors so that you can be easily seen by oncoming traffic.

Cross safely. Look both ways when you cross traffic and remember that the prey drive of any dog can kick in at any time. Be aware of your surroundings and do not let the dog walk far in front of you or far behind you.

Do not use headphones or talk on a cell phone while walking the dog. Use all of your senses to ensure that you, those around you, and the dog remain safe.

Pay attention to the dog's respiration rate and overall appearance and attitude. Since many of the dogs have been relatively non-mobile for weeks or months, they may become fatigued quite quickly.

Make sure to offer water regularly and take breaks periodically so the dog can catch his breath.

If you notice the dog acting strangely or you find yourself in a dangerous situation, do not hesitate to contact the shelter at [859-238-1117](tel:859-238-1117).

If there is an emergency, such as a person being bitten, call 911 for assistance.

Additional Tips

Use distance or distraction to reduce aroused behavior

Keep two hands on leash for best control

Let faster traffic pass on left, keep slower traffic on your right.

Reward & praise the dog for calm behavior, easy walking or jogging, and sitting for greetings. Have fun!

Required Reading and/or Viewing for Puppy/Dog Fosters

Safety and Behavior:

Review the “Public Outings and Walks - Safety Tips for You and Your Foster Dog” section on page 12

<https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/dog-care/common-dog-behavior-issues/aggression>

<https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/dog-care/dog-bite-prevention> <http://drsophiayin.com/blog/entry/kids-and-dogs-how-kids-should-and-should-not-interact-with-dogs> <https://positively.com/articles/dog-child-safetyguide/>

Training:

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/dog_training_positive_reinforcement.html

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/training_nothing_in_life_is_free.html

House and Crate Training for Puppies and Dogs:

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/housetraining_puppies.html

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/crate_training.html

Enrichment and Exercise:

<https://positively.com/dog-wellness/dog-enrichment/>

<https://positively.com/dog-wellness/exercise/>

How to Introduce Dogs to Each Other:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/steffen-baldwin/chill-out-decompression-t_b_8331986.html

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/introducing-dogs-each-other>

How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat:

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/how-introduce-dog-cat> - **Option 1: Slow and steady desensitization**

Marketing Foster Animals for Adoption:

<http://www.aspcapro.org/resource/saving-lives-adoption-marketing-foster-care/tips-presenting-your-adoptable-animals-well> <http://bestfriends.org/resources/for-shelters-and-rescuers/animal-shelter-dogs-promoting-them-adoption>

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/for-shelters-and-rescuers/pet-profiles-how-write-animal-bios-get-your-adoptables-homes>

<http://www.animalfarmfoundation.org/pages/Marketing-Best-Practices>

Effective Adoption Counseling Tips:

<http://www.animalsheltering.org/how-we-help/strengthen-your-shelter/adopters-welcome/>

<http://www.animalfarmfoundation.org/pages/Adoption-Counseling>

Additional Resources for Puppy/Dog Fosters

Nursing Dog and Puppy Care:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Foster_Care_Manual/Nursing_Mother_Dogs_and_Their_Puppies_.pdf

Basic Puppy Care and Socialization:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Foster_Care_Manual/PUPPIES.pdf

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/16_12/features/properly-socializing-your-puppy_20878-1.html

Heartworm Disease:

<https://www.heartwormsociety.org/pet-owner-resources/heartworm-basics>

Ringworm:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Foster_Care_Manual/Ringworm.pdf

Demodectic (Demodex) Mange:

<http://www.vcahospitals.com/main/pet-health-information/article/animal-health/mange-demodectic-in-dogs/741>

Sarcoptic Mange:

<http://www.vcahospitals.com/main/pet-health-information/article/animal-health/mange-sarcoptic-in-dogs/839>

Required Reading and/or Viewing for Kitten/Cat Fosters**Safety and Behavior:**

<https://www.aspcapro.org/pet-care/cat-care/common-cat-behavior-issues/aggression-cats>

Fading Kitten Protocol:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UGU51hRal0G30iYxi4w006McMp01W_fRwU46CXSm93A/edit?usp=sharing

How to Make Gruel for Syringe Feeding Kittens/Cats:

<https://youtu.be/6feWmWAu-48>

How to Syringe Feed Gruel to Kittens/Cats:

<https://youtu.be/-4d3-Ge7TyA>

How to Introduce Cats to Each Other:

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/cats/tips/introducing_new_cat.html

How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat:

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/how-introduce-dog-cat> - **Option 1: Slow and steady desensitization**

Marketing Foster Animals for Adoption:

<http://www.aspcapro.org/resource/saving-lives-adoption-marketing-foster-care/tips-presenting-your-adoptable-animals-well>

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/for-shelters-and-rescuers/animal-shelter-dogs-promoting-them-adoption>

<http://bestfriends.org/resources/for-shelters-and-rescuers/pet-profiles-how-write-animal-bios-get-your-adoptables-homes>

<http://www.animalfarmfoundation.org/pages/Marketing-Best-Practices>

Effective Adoption Counseling Tips:

<http://www.animalsheltering.org/how-we-help/strengthen-your-shelter/adopters-welcome/>

<http://www.animalfarmfoundation.org/pages/Adoption-Counseling>

Additional Resources for Kitten/Cat Fosters

Nursing Cat and Kitten Care:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Foster_Care_Manual/NURSING_MOTHER_CATS_AND_KITTENS.pdf

Basic Kitten Care and Socialization:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Foster_Care_Manual/KITTENS.pdf

Unsocial/Feral Kitten Handling and Socialization:

<http://www.alleycat.org/document.doc?id=526>

Litterbox Problems:

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/virtual-pet-behaviorist/cat-behavior/litter-box-problems>

Feline Upper Respiratory Infection (URI):

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Foster_Care_Manual/Feline_Upper_Respiratory_Infection.pdf

Ringworm:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Foster_Care_Manual/Ringworm.pdf

Contact Information

DBCCHS Executive Director: 859-238-1117
Executive Director email: karikuh@dbchs.org

BCAC Shelter Director: 859-319-9126
Director Email: sissy.slone@boylecountyky.gov

Boyle County Animal Control: 859-238-1117
BCAC Email: bcac@boylecountyky.gov

Mailing Address:

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Humane Society Business Hours

Monday: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesday: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

However, Boyle County Animal Control is on-site Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for emergencies. For after-hour emergencies please call dispatch, 859-238-1220. An Animal Control Officer will respond if it warrants a response.

Danville Boyle County Humane Society/Boyle County Animal Control Foster Agreement

I, _____, make the following statements and voluntarily enter into this Foster Care Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") to provide temporary care as a foster caregiver for Danville Boyle County Humane Society/Boyle County Animal Control (hereinafter "DBCHS" and "BCAC").

1. _____ I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment. I agree to notify DBCHS/BCAC if I am convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment in the future.
2. _____ I agree to comply with all other federal, state and local laws that pertain to companion animals and pet ownership in the jurisdiction where I reside.
3. _____ I understand that DBCHS/BCAC reserves the right to check on the welfare of my foster animal, which may include a visit to my foster home. I further understand that if BCAC finds a direct and immediate threat to my foster animal, DBCHS/BCAC may remove the animal from my care.
4. _____ I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the DBCHS/BCAC Foster Care Manual ("Manual"), and that I have read the Manual. I agree to fully comply with the policies, guidance and requirements set forth in the Manual as applicable to my foster animal.
5. _____ I agree to not take my foster dog(s) or my foster cat(s) to dog parks, off-leash areas, daycare facilities, crowded public areas, or any similar locations, unless given prior approval by the DBCHS/BCAC Foster Coordinator. I understand that I will be solely responsible for any injury or damage caused by my foster animal if I do not comply with this provision.
6. _____ I understand that DBCHS/BCAC recommends that my foster animal(s) is to be kept separate from any other animals currently living in my home. I agree that if I choose to introduce my foster animal(s) to any other animal living in my home, I will be solely responsible for any illness or injury to other animals.
7. _____ I agree that the animal(s) that I foster will reside in my home, will be kept as household pets, and will not be used for breeding.
8. _____ I agree to notify the DBCHS/BCAC Shelter Director immediately by phone and in writing at [859-238-1117](tel:859-238-1117) and bcac@boylecountyky.gov or kari.kuh@dbchs.org immediately if my foster animal(s) becomes lost or separated from me.
9. _____ I agree to notify the DBCHS/BCAC Shelter Director immediately by phone and in writing at [859-238-1117](tel:859-238-1117) and bcac@boylecountyky.gov or kari.kuh@dbchs.org if my foster animal demonstrates any aggressive behavior, including, but not limited to, biting a person or another animal.
10. _____ I agree to seek immediate medical attention if I am bitten by my foster animal, or if I receive any other physical injury resulting from interaction with my foster animal. I further agree to seek immediate medical attention for any member of my household who is bitten or suffers any other physical injury resulting from interaction with my foster animal.
11. _____ I agree to return my foster animal(s) at any time upon the request of the DBCHS/BCAC Shelter Director or any DBCHS/BCAC staff member.
12. _____ I agree to receive and respond to calls and emails concerning my foster animal(s), from DBCHS/BCAC shelter staff, veterinary staff, and potential adopters.
13. _____ I agree to transport the animal to DBCHS/BCAC or an approved veterinary clinic to receive medical treatment as requested by the DBCHS/BCAC Shelter Director or DBCHS/BCAC staff. If my foster animal experiences a medical emergency, I agree to follow the instructions outlined under "In Case of an After-Hours Emergency" in manual.

14. _____ I understand that DBCHS/BCAC will not reimburse me for any routine or non-emergency care for my foster animal that is not pre-approved in writing by the DBCHS/BCAC Shelter Director.

15. _____ I agree to contact the DBCHS/BCAC Shelter Director at [859-238-1117](tel:859-238-1117) and bcac@boylecountyky.gov or kari.kuh@dbchs.org for any other emergency or non-emergency matters.

16. _____ I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with animals who may have been abandoned, neglected, mistreated, or who may suffer from an illness or disease. My participation in the DBCHS/BCAC Foster Program is entirely voluntary and without the promise or expectation of compensation. I have no known physical or mental condition that would impair my ability to participate in the DBCHS/BCAC Foster Program. I understand that while DBCHS/BCAC staff carefully monitors all animals, DBCHS/BCAC may have limited knowledge of their behavioral and medical backgrounds. Therefore, I understand that DBCHS/BCAC makes no warranties or representations regarding my foster animal's health, behavior, temperament, age, or breed. I further understand that environmental changes may affect and change the temperament of my foster animal(s).

17. _____ I understand and agree that the City of Danville/Boyle County, its members, officers, directors, agents and elected officials have no liability or responsibility of any nature for injuries or damage to any person, animal, or property which may be caused by my foster animal(s) or my participation in the DBCHS/BCAC Foster Program. I, for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Danville/Boyle County, its members, officers, directors, agents, elected officials, and their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and representatives from all liability for and all risk of damage or bodily injury or death that may occur to me (including any injury based on negligence) now or hereafter in connection with my foster animal(s) and my participation in the DBCHS/BCAC Foster Program. I expressly agree that this release, waiver and indemnity is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the State of Kentucky and that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

By my signature below and, and by my initials beside each numbered paragraph above, I affirm that all statements and stated agreements contained in this document are truthful, I affirm that I have read and understand this Agreement in its entirety, and I agree to abide by the terms of this Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____