



Foster Care Program

Terms & Conditions

- I understand that the SPCA of Polk County is the sole rightful owner of the animals(s) in foster care. All decisions regarding any and all foster pets are to be made by SPCA of Polk County staff.
- I understand that I do not have the authority to give, transfer, or adopt out custody of any foster animal(s) to any other person, organization; unless approved by the SPCA of Polk County Staff.
- I agree to return my foster pet(s) within 24 hours of request by any member of the SPCA of Polk County Staff, unless other arrangements are made directly with the Foster Care Coordinator. I also agree to notify the SPCA of Polk County Foster Coordinator with a minimum of 72 hours notice if I will be returning my foster pet(s).
- I understand for the duration of temporary custody, the foster pet(s) become the responsibility of the foster parent and are subject to any and all Rules, Ordinances, and Regulations of the city Municipality, Town, Township, Borough, Village, County and the laws of the State wherein the foster parent and foster pet(s) reside.
- I agree that Canine's in foster care will be provided the following: 1. Reasonable exercise in a fenced yard, dog run, or on a leash. 2. Chaining and tethering shall not be used as a means of confinement. 3. The foster pet(s) shall be under the immediate control and protection of the foster parents at all times and will not be permitted to roam outside of the fenced area.
- I agree to incorporate the foster animal(s) into my daily routine; and to crate and leash train, housebreak, give medication (as directed by the SPCA of Polk County medical personnel), socialize and work through any behavioral problems including but not restricted to appropriate obedience.
- I understand that I may have to work with the Foster care coordinator, and/or a Trainer on behavioral issues with my foster pet, including but not limited to chewing, basic manners, anxiety, boredom, and any other issues that may arise. I understand that the SPCA of Polk County is not responsible for any damages that may be caused by these behaviors.
- I understand that my foster pet may not be house/litter trained, and that puppies and kittens can be messy. I understand that my foster pet may have accidents in my home.
- I agree to keep the Foster Care Coordinator updated on the health, behavior, and temperament of my foster pet(s) and agree to report any medical problem(s) to the SPCA of Polk County immediately via phone and/or email (see foster guide).
- I understand that I must consult with a member of the medical staff, or the foster coordinator before taking your foster pet to any other veterinary practice. I understand that if I choose to take my foster pet to any other veterinary practice it will be at my own cost, and I will not be reimbursed by the SPCA of Polk County.
- I understand that if any foster pet is harmed due to my negligence, I will be held responsible for the veterinary bills, surgery costs, and/or medications.
- I agree to supervise any and all interactions that occur between my foster pet(s) and my personal pets, as well as any and all interactions that occur between my foster pet and any children, regardless or not if the child(ren) reside in my residence.
- There is some risk associated with bringing a foster pet into your home, and I understand that the SPCA of Polk County can not be responsible for the medical treatment of my personal pets if they are to get sick. In addition, I understand that the SPCA of Polk County recommends that foster pet(s) be kept separate from my current pets until a safe and controlled introduction can occur, for guidance in this, please contact your Foster Coordinator.
- I agree to feed my foster pet(s) separately from any other pets living in the residence.



- I understand that if I choose to borrow a collar, leash, or kennel** from the SPCA of Polk County I will be asked for a deposit in the appropriate amount, to cover the cost of the borrowed items. Deposits can be made in the form of a check, or photo copy of a credit/debit card. I understand that failure to return these items within 48 hours of my foster pet(s) being adopted, transferred or returned; or making appropriate arrangements directly with the Foster Coordinator will result in cashing of my check, or the appropriate charges on my credit card.
- I acknowledge that the SPCA of Polk County or any volunteers of the SPCA of Polk County have not made any warranties regarding the future conditions, temperament, or conduct of my foster pet(s). I agree and understand that an animal can be unpredictable and that the SPCA of Polk County cannot anticipate or insure against unexpected conduct of an animal in foster care from the SPCA of Polk County.
- I agree to hold the SPCA of Polk County harmless from any direct or consequential damages arising out of this foster care agreement. I hereby accept this animal and assume all the risks and responsibility associated with this animal; including bites, and fully and completely release, indemnify and hold harmless, SPCA of Polk County, its owners, directors, volunteers, and agents from any claim, cause or action or liability or any sort or nature, whether, known or unknown, directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with this animal.

*** Deposit amounts may vary, please request information from the Foster Care Coordinator*