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Thank you for your interest in being a foster with Helping Paws! This packet will help you be successful with whatever pet you bring home.

Expectations of a Foster

When being a foster with Helping Paws we expect 3 simple things. Communication. Care. And Love.

- **Communicate** what's going on, how your pet is doing, what is needed, and any changes. We promise to keep you informed as well with the latest treatment plans, needs, or concerns. If something happens we ask you to communicate it immediately.
- **Care** for your pet like they were your own. Make sure they have what they need to be successful and be mindful of their needs. We are entrusting our cases to your care and the top priority is their safety and happiness. We ask dogs are always on a leash when outside of fenced-in areas and that cats stay indoors at all times.
- And shower them with **love** so they can begin the healing process. Giving pets TLC really goes a long when in their recovery journey. Some may take time to warm up and some may attach to you quickly. The love you give will help prepare them for a future forever home.

As you care for your pet, we ask that we get weekly photos of them in your home. We ask that you be open to a home visit from our staff to make sure they are set up with everything they need. We will also give you notice of medical appointments needed and work with you to make sure it works with your schedule and the needs of the pet. Because our cases usually have more medical needs, be aware they may need frequent vet visits.

What We Provide You: Medical care, all the food, and guidance on care. We will make sure you know what your foster needs at every step of their journey. It is extremely important you follow all of the directions from our doctors. We are also here to be a support to you as you navigate your foster. We know it is sometimes an emotional journey and we want you to know we are here for you.



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What Do I Do In An Emergency?

Here is what to do if there is an emergency with your foster, step by step.

- 1) Call someone on the leadership team to communicate what is happening. Leave a detailed voicemail if they do not answer.
- 2) Take foster to Pennsauken Animal Hospital if during their business hours, and take them to Mount Laurel Animal Hospital if it is after hours.
- 3) All treatment must be approved by Crystal, Alex or Nancy. Crystal, Alex, or Nancy will connect with you and give you guidance on treatment. Pennsauken Animal Hospital and Mount Laurel Animal Hospital share records and will be able to see all notes and treatment instructions.

How Long Do I Foster?

It depends on the severity of medical concerns and how long it takes for the pet to get adopted once healed. If you are fostering and your circumstances change and are no longer able to house your foster, please communicate this to our leadership team as soon as possible so we can re-home the pet.

What Does My Home Need?

Needs can vary depending on the case.

Items Needed: Bed, food bowls, toys, and a crate and/or private space.

- If there are other pets in the home, we will arrange a meet and greet before you take in your foster.



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Foster Agreement

___ I agree to care for my foster to the very best of my abilities. I will make sure their medical, emotional, and physical care is provided and will stay in communication with the Helping Paws leadership.

___ I agree to bring my foster only to Pennsauken Animal Hospital or Mount Laurel Animal Hospital if care is needed.

___ I understand that if the leadership at Helping Paws thinks my foster's care is below the standard I will have to return my foster to them.

___ I understand that I am accepting responsibility for the animals in my home, either owned or fostered.

___ I agree to follow all instructions given to me by the Helping Paws leadership and veterinarians at Pennsauken Animal Hospital or Mount Laurel Animal Hospital.

Full Name (printed) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Emergency Contacts - Call for Emergencies

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