

Saving Pets One at a Time
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Foster Home

Foster Homes are the foundation of SPOT. Foster homes house the animals placed in SPOT's care until a permanent and loving home can be found. Foster Homes need to provide a quiet secure area (laundry room, bathroom, extra bedroom, stall, etc.) until the animal feels comfortable with new surroundings. Time should be spent daily interacting with the foster animal, making sure it gets quality time, as well as some exercise. If there are other animals in the home a decision will need to be made as to whether or not you want interaction with the foster animal. If that is the case the introduction should be gradual and carefully monitored.

Necessary supplies: High quality food, water and food bowls, litter and litter box, soft bedding

Schedule: This volunteer position requires daily interaction

General Duties:

- Providing a loving and safe environment for animals placed in SPOT's care
 - Provide an area for the foster animal to live while in your care. It is recommended that you keep the foster animal separate from your own pets for at least 2 weeks or until contagious diseases can be ruled out.
 - Provide food and other necessities required for each individual animal until animal is placed in a permanent home
 - Keep foster animal clean and in good health
 - Schedule and transfer animal to vet visits (example: spay/neuter appointment)
- Deliver (or schedule delivery) of foster animals to outreach booths
- Screen potential homes base on criteria provided by SPOT's Board of Directors
- Fill out required paper work neatly and readable
- Send information about foster animal to Foster Home Coordinator, Office Manager and Web page Coordinator (example: personality traits, date of adoption)
- Must make sure that animal is spayed/neutered, tested appropriately and vaccinated prior to being placed with a family

General Knowledge & Skills:

- ♣ General knowledge of SPOT's bylaws, policies and procedures
- ♣ Ability to handle cats and dogs of all ages, sizes and temperaments
- ♣ General Knowledge of pet care and the benefits of spay/neuter
- ♣ The ability to "let go" when the animal finds a permanent home
- ♣ Customer Service & Communication Skills
- ♣ Please note: All volunteers must be 16 years of age or be accompanied by an adult.

SPOT s Mission Statement

To provide the community of Skagit County and the surrounding area an alternative method of caring for and adopting out companion animals.