

Things to Remember

♥ **Give your foster pets lots of attention!** Your love and attention will help your foster get back on the right track to finding their new home.

♥ **Learn as much as you can about pet care!** Read about animal health, grooming, feeding and training.

♥ **Make your home pet-friendly!** Keep the animal's room warm and comfortable. Take steps to prevent the animal from escaping or getting into trouble, by using a crate or an enclosed room.

♥ **Keep your pets up-to-date with vaccinations!** All animals should be current on vaccinations to protect them from disease.

♥ **Recognize your limits!** Fostering requires a great deal of time and energy, both emotional and physical. Don't overwhelm yourself!

♥ **Bring the animal for scheduled visits!** Be sure to bring the foster animals in for their scheduled vaccination, surgery or return dates.

♥ **Enjoy being a foster parent!** You are temporarily providing needy animals with a loving environment.

Without your love, these animals might not get that chance to smile!



About AWA

Our Mission

AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering and promoting the importance of the human-animal bond and improving the role of the animals in the well-being of people.

We serve our community by:

- Saving thousands of homeless and abandoned animals each year.
- Humane Education activities for schools and youth groups, including our Summer Camp program.
- Providing low-cost spay/neuter surgery and veterinary care through our Pet Clinic and our Vets on Wheels program.

Hours of Operation

Adoption Center

Tuesday—Friday 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Register online at www.awanj.org and click on our "Volunteer" tab or email fostercare@awanj.org.



Wellness exams are available M-F by appt. Walk-in Vaccine Clinics are available Monday mornings, plus several Saturdays a month (check website.) Spay/neuter surgeries are M-F by appointment, which can be made online.



Foster Program

Learn how to be a foster parent and help us save lives!



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What is a foster home?

Foster parents provide temporary homes for animals prior to adoption. Providing foster care is a very personal way to contribute to saving the lives of homeless animals. Fostering even one pet can make a huge difference.

Why do animals need foster care?

There are several possible reasons:

- Newborn and baby animals, particularly kittens, that are too young to be adopted need specialized care that can only be provided in a home.
- Some animals are frightened or need a little extra care in a quiet home.
- Some animals need time to recover from an illness or injury before adoption.

Whatever the reason, these animals need some extra love and care before they can be adopted. Providing a foster home for a few days, weeks or months, can be a lifesaving gift for these animals.



How much time will it require?

The specific needs of each animal will determine how much time is involved. Our foster care coordinators can help you determine what kind of animals you'll be best suited to foster.



Is fostering right for you?

If you want to do something to help the animals, fostering can be a flexible, fun and extremely rewarding volunteer job. Here's why:

- It's more flexible than volunteer jobs that require you to show up at a specific time for a certain number of hours.
- It's a great way to enjoy a pet if you are not in a position to make that lifetime commitment right now. Fostering can be an excellent option for college students, senior citizens or military family.
- You have the rewarding experience of preparing an animal for adoption into a "forever" home.

We Need You!

We need 130 foster families between May and September to help save 700 kittens!

What skills are needed?

The most important skills you will need are LOVE and COMPASSION! We have a Foster Care Manual and shelter staff available to assist you with any questions you may have.

What about food and medical care?

Foster parents are responsible for providing food, treats, bedding, toys, kitty litter and anything else needed for daily care. AWA will provide basic veterinary care and medications that may be necessary for the foster animal during your fostering period.



Can I help find a home for my fosters?

Absolutely! AWA welcomes your participation in the adoption process. Please promote your fosters for adoption through your friends, family, and co-workers! **Please note that AWA adoption protocols must still be followed.**

