

ADOPTION PROCESS FOR YOUR FOSTER PET



Adoption Fees

Cats: \$100 (Playmate Special: \$150 for 2 cats)
Kittens: \$150 (Playmate Special: \$225 for 2 kittens)
Senior Cats (ages 10+): \$75

Dogs over 20#: \$200
Dogs 20# and under: \$300
Puppies: \$325
Senior Dogs (ages 10+): \$100

Gerbils, Hamsters, Mice, etc: \$10
Unaltered Rabbits & Guinea Pigs: \$30
Altered Rabbits: \$50



Step 1: Generate Adoption Interest

Helping your foster animal find a loving family is a part of the foster care process. As a foster caregiver, you are uniquely positioned to advocate. Post on your own social media accounts. Tell your friends, family, and coworkers.

Step 2: Applications

Direct anyone interested in adopting to complete an adoption application at caspca.org. This is the quickest way to notify our adoption team that someone is interested in adopting your foster animal.

Step 3: Foster Connects

After reviewing applications, adoption staff will connect you with potential adopters via **email**. We have an adopter's welcome approach when it comes to the adoption of any pet at the SPCA. We want to make "yes" happen! By celebrating people's willingness to adopt, engaging them in conversation, and removing strict barriers to adoption, we are able to place pets in long term loving homes. Please be open and understanding to all potential adopters.

IN YOUR INITIAL EMAIL

Tell them about your foster pet, their personality as you've seen it so far, how they're doing in your home, and any basic information you'd like to share with them that we may have provided when you picked up your foster. Ask them for more information about their home situation. Give them the information that you know for sure. Many will ask if they're good with other dogs, kids, cats, etc. If you do not know how they would do, you can say that. Our adoptions and animal care teams can help answer questions about transitioning in their new home and introductions with the family and other pets.

Please contact the adoptions team (adoptions@caspca.org) if the adopter is not responsive or feel that the adopter will not be a good fit for your foster friend.

Step 4: Meet and Greets

All adopters are required to meet the animal before adopting. You should arrange a time for the adopter to meet your foster friend at your residence in the case of small animals and cats. If you are fostering a dog you have the choice to meet at a park, at your residence, at an adoption event or at the shelter. If there are dog(s) in the potential adopters home a Meet and Greet and has to be arranged at the shelter. Meet and Greets between dogs must be a staff supervised event. This can be arranged by emailing adoptions@caspca.org

Step 5: Adoption Process

If your meeting with the adopters goes well and meet and greet at the SPCA goes well, adoption staff can complete the adoption on the same day.

DO NOT hand over your foster animal until a staff member reaches out to you and confirms the adopter paid and signed the adoption contract.

All adopters are required to purchase their own leash and collar and/or cat carrier so that we can reuse the supplies.

Please return all non-perishable, cleaned foster supplies to the shelter.

If you plan to adopt your foster pet:

Falling in love with your foster is something that happens and we always love our “foster fail” stories. If you are considering adopting please reach out to us ASAP! Once a foster connection is made all fosters must honor those connections first.

If you do not wish to adopt, once the animal is cleared we may ask for the animal to stay at the shelter for adoption exposure.

Dos

Respond to adoption inquiries within 48 hrs

Reply all on all emails

Send pictures and videos to update your foster pets profile.

Reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Notify adoption staff if contact with the potential adopter drops off so we can move forward with more applications.

Don'ts

Don't give your foster to a potential adopter without confirming the adoption process is complete with the adoption team.

Don't give crates, leashes, or collars to adopters.

Don't attempt a dog to dog meet and greet without CASPCA staff present.

Don't hide behavioral or medical concerns. Be honest about your foster animals while also highlighting positive attribute

Do not hand off your foster animal until you have confirmation from SPCA that your animal has been adopted.