

Foster Home Job Description

Our Foster Homes are a vital part of our organization. MHS relies on Foster Homes to provide a safe, secure environment for many of our animals that is significantly less stressful than the shelter. This is especially important for animals who are dealing with a medical issue and need to recover. This also keeps shelter space free for animals that are available for adoption or for the shelter to take in other animals on an emergency basis.

For animals that will be available for adoption, the foster home's insight into the animal's personality traits, special needs, behavioral and health issues as well as how the animal interacts with people and other animals is vital. This animal information allows us to choose the best home for each pet and provides potential adopters with the opportunity to choose the best pet for their home.

Some animals stay longer than a few months, and we advise that you take this into consideration when deciding if you would like to participate in our foster program.

Monadnock Humane Society will provide all necessary supplies for the pets in foster care.

Requirements

- Willingness and space to keep foster animal separate from resident pets (This is for proper introduction to home setting and may be for some or all of the foster animal's stay)
- NH Resident
- Provide transportation to and from the shelter for the animal on request from MHS
- Comply with Monadnock Humane Society philosophies and policies
- Feed, socialize, clean, groom, train, exercise, medicate (if necessary) and keep foster animals safe
- Be responsive to communications from MHS and return the animal to MHS at the appropriate time
- Cats are indoor only
- Must be 18 years or older to foster.

Preferred

- Within 30 minute drive of MHS
- Previous animal care experience (i.e. pet ownership)

- Ability to foster dogs 60 pounds or more
- Ability to foster multiple cats from one home (we have many pairs of cats we have need to keep together)
- Ability to foster animals for longer stays. Some foster animals can stay for 3 months or more

Other considerations:

Must complete appropriate forms

Upon approval, attend orientation session with the foster care coordinator