



## FOSTER CARE PROGRAM POLICIES

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1. Any pet accepted into a foster home, is the temporary responsibility of the foster care parent (FCP). The FCP is solely responsible for his own health, his family's health, the health of those who come in contact with any pet in the foster care program, and any injury, damage, or expense caused by a foster pet.
2. Before being accepted in foster care, every pet shall have a complete physical exam by a licensed veterinarian, be screened for serious or life-threatening conditions, such as, but not limited to: feline leukemia and FIV (cats), heartworms (dogs), and mange, and be given a temperament test by the Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC). Before a pet can be adopted, all easily treatable medical conditions, including, but not limited to: intestinal parasites, external parasites (fleas, ticks, mange mites, ear mites), dehydration, malnutrition, abscesses, and other wounds, shall be corrected. The HSRC will assist in the cost of this veterinary care, but the amount of assistance must be arranged **before** services are rendered, or the HSRC will not be financially responsible. Any pet diagnosed with a serious or life-threatening medical condition will be humanely euthanized by the HSRC or be released to the foster parent.
3. The FCP is responsible for providing the pet proper food and housing (above ground physical containment only). If an agreement is made between the HSRC and the FCP before the pet enters foster care, we may provide either or both. Dogs/puppies may be housed outside (fenced but not permanently tethered) and/or inside. Cats/kittens must be housed inside at all times. Should the HSRC determine that a FCP is not following Foster Care Program Policies or providing proper care, we reserve the right to remove the pet from the Foster Care Program. A pet may be deemed not adoptable for, but not limited to: development of chronic or acute illness, or a temperament or behavior that makes it unacceptable for adoption based on HSRC Foster Care Program Policies. The pet may be released to the FCP, upon request, or humanely euthanized. The Foster Care Committee Chair (FCCC) has the right to inspect living conditions of any HSRC foster pet, at any reasonable time, to ensure compliance with the Foster Care Program Policies. The FCCC may place any foster pet in the home/situation he feels will best facilitate the pet's adoption.
4. Before a pet can be offered for adoption, the Foster Care Parent must ensure that all easily treated medical conditions are corrected, that it is spayed/neutered, and current on all vaccinations. The FCP must follow all preventative treatment protocol, including monthly heartworm pills and flea and tick preventative. The Foster Care Parent must have approval from the Foster Care Committee Chair (who will contact the vet to grant approval) for all medical procedures, vaccinations/medicines, **before** scheduling any appointments or procedures.

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5. It is the goal of the HSRC to place every pet in a permanent, loving home. To do this, each pet we offer for adoption must be free of common behavioral problems that cause pets to be abandoned. Each foster pet will be temperament tested prior to his adoption. A pet with behavioral problems such as, but not limited to: uncorrectable house soiling, aggression toward other animals or people, or excessive property damage, will be considered not adoptable and may be humanely euthanized. The Foster Care Parent is responsible for basic obedience training for the pet and the elimination of undesirable behaviors. The HSRC strongly recommends dog behavior/obedience classes, which we can arrange at a reduced rate. Unless prior arrangements for payment have been made, the FCP is responsible for paying for the class.

6. The Foster Care Parent will have his pet photographed and supply a written description to the HSRC. The HSRC will assist the FCP in finding a permanent home by posting the picture and information on the HSRC website and in local media, and by featuring the pet at HSRC events, in person or in photographs. The Foster Care Parent may place a pet in a permanent home after he does the following: has the applicant complete and sign an adoption contract, investigates the applicant's present and past veterinary record, observes the applicant/family interaction with the pet, makes a home visit (if indicated), and consults with the Foster Care Committee Chair. The Foster Care Parent will ensure that the applicant has read and understood the adoption contract, and paid an adoption fee of \$60.00 for a cat and \$75.00 for a dog. Fees for pets denoted as "bonded pairs" are \$85.00 for cats and \$115.00 for dogs. The FCP will submit the signed contract, a completed *Hill's Science Diet* information sheet, and adoption fees within 14 days of the adoption. When these requirements have been met, the Foster Care Committee Chair has approved the adoption, and any check written for adoption fees has cleared, the adoption is complete. The FCP will then send the adoptive parent the signed contract and copies of all medical records, keeping a copy for the HSRC Foster Care Committee Chair to have on file.

7. The length of time a pet remains in any foster care home is determined by the Foster Care Committee Chairperson and the Foster Care Parent. If a FCP can no longer care for a pet, and the HSRC is not able to place it in another foster home, the pet will be released to the Randolph County Animal Shelter, who will decide whether to place, or euthanize, the pet.

8. A Foster Care Parent will be an **honorary** member of the HSRC for the length of time his foster pet is in the Foster Care Program. Foster Care Parents are considered members of the Foster Care Committee, and are encouraged to attend all Foster Care Committee meetings. Foster Care Parents are not required to become paying members of the HSRC, although paying dues entitles them to voting rights.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOSTER CARE APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF  
RANDOLPH COUNTY.