



### **Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster care provider!**

Fostering is a rewarding experience that can offer a nurturing, temporary home for cats, dogs and small animals. Animals that may require foster care include those that are very young and need to grow and thrive in an environment with minimal stress and animals that need time to recover from surgery or an illness. As a foster, you have the chance to change a life for the better!

### **What are my responsibilities as a foster care provider?**

Foster care providers should have basic knowledge of animal care and the ability to provide a loving and safe home for an animal. While you have a foster animal in your home, you are their care provider. It is up to you to make sure they are fed, clean, sheltered, comfortable and provided medical care if necessary. Depending on the animal, you may also need a secure space/room to keep the animal separate from other household pets.

Foster families are sent home with each animal's medical history, medication, identification, food, toys and any other items needed for the animal. Veterinary appointments and any scheduled medical needs are made with the shelter veterinarian. Please note that the animals you foster are not yet available for adoption and we do not operate a foster-to-adopt program.

### **How much time will fostering take?**

The amount of time needed to care for an animal will depend on a few factors. Newborn or orphaned puppies and kittens will need to be fed every few hours. An animal needing socialization will require more time investment as well.

### **What happens after I fill out an application?**

First, we will have you attend a new foster orientation/meeting. If you are still interested afterwards, we will schedule a home visit. Depending on what your foster care abilities/requests are, we will then work with you to find a match!



If you have questions, please call Julia at 603-448-6888 x115 or email [foster@uvhs.org](mailto:foster@uvhs.org).