

WHAT IS THE FOSTER PROGRAM?

Foster parents will foster an animal until the animal is adopted or possibly scheduled for transport. These animals may need help with socialization, minor illness, grooming, or if there just isn't space at Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility.

You are providing a loving temporary home for this animal with the understanding that the goal for this animal is to get him/her adopted into a permanent home or foster for transport purposes. The foster provides love, care and attention for this animal and understands **Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART still maintains legal ownership of this animal.**

WHAT ARE THE RULES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOSTER PROGRAM?

- If the animal is not spayed/neutered, the Foster must make arrangements to get the animal spayed/neutered at Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility when the animal is old and/or healthy enough to have surgery as determined by a member of Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART. The spay/neuter surgery cost will be covered by Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART.
- Foster agrees to keep the animal on MONTHLY flea/tick preventative medications, as well as heartworm preventative medications that will be supplied by Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART. Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART will give the Foster 1-2 months' supply only. Foster agrees to come to Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility to receive continued medications.
- If the foster animal is heartworm positive, Foster agrees to follow the protocol for heartworm treatment as outlined by Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART. Foster agrees to notify Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART of any issues related to the heartworms.
- Foster understands that Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART wants foster animals to be in foster care for the shortest amount of time possible. The goal is to get them healthy (if applicable), spayed or neutered (if not already) and adopted. You are agreeing to abiding by the Foster Agreement and its terms and conditions.
- Foster understands that if they have UNALTERED pets at home (other fosters or owned pets) that they will keep unaltered pets always separate to avoid pregnancy. Foster understands that if a Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART foster animal becomes pregnant, Foster may be unable to foster for Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART in the future and that the pet and the newborns must be returned to Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility.

If you find a person that would like to adopt your foster animal, please email Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART at 1hartrescue@gmail.com and let them know you have found an adopter. We want to make sure the animal has been spayed or neutered and is up to date on all vaccinations prior to adoption. By law, an animal cannot be adopted until they have been spayed or neutered. Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART also requires the animal to be microchipped by Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART only, prior to adoption.

WHAT DO I DO IF I FIND AN ADOPTER FOR MY FOSTER ANIMAL?

- A potential adopter may fill out an adoption application on www.hartrescue.com/adoption-process. Once approved by Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART, they will be contacted by email and will be asked to schedule a meet and greet with the foster at Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility. The adopter must come to Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility to receive the animal's medical records, rabies certificate, microchip information and other required documents as well as signing the adoption contract. If the adopter cannot come to Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility, please let Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART know so other arrangements can be made.
- Please note – some animals who are scheduled to transport MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE for adoption. Please be sure to check with Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART BEFORE you find an adopter. We have made special arrangement with our transport partners for these animals that we must honor. Please understand this is not negotiable. We want to continue to save more lives via our transport partners and we can only do that by maintaining a good relationship with them.

HOW DO I GO ABOUT GETTING MY FOSTER ANIMAL SPAYED OR NEUTERED?

If the animal is not old enough or weigh enough for surgery, we will schedule surgery when the animal comes back in for required vaccinations. The animal must be a certain weight for surgery. Please be prepared to bring the animal back to Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility on the dates requested.

Drop off is at Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility between 8:00 am and 9 am. Please do not arrive before 8:00 am as there will not be anyone to assist you. Pick up must be before 4:00 pm.

If your foster animal is old enough to have surgery when you take him/her home, Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility will schedule a surgery date that is convenient for you within the next week or so. You can always email 1hartrescue@gmail.com to schedule a surgery date. Please note those surgeries are scheduled on Tuesdays only.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY FOSTER ANIMAL NEEDS MEDICAL CARE?

We provide basic required vaccines, microchips, heartworm tests for dogs, and FeLV/FIV tests for cats.

For minor illnesses, our vets will examine the animal and administer necessary medications.

Please email Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART at 1hartrescue@gmail.com to make an appointment or if your foster animal is ill.

WHEN CAN I BRING MY FOSTER ANIMAL IN FOR GENERAL WELLNESS CARE OR A SICK VISIT?

Tuesday: Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility

Monday, Wednesday – Friday: The Oaks Veterinary Clinic

Weekends and after-hours emergency: Animal ER Of Northwest Houston or Vergi 24/7

You must contact Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART at 1hartrescue@gmail.com or by calling the HART representative phone number before making any appointments or going to an emergency clinic.

PLEASE NOTE: Do not administer any over the counter or prescription medications to the foster pet unless approved in advance by Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART.

In case of an after-hours emergency:

Runny noses, coughing, sneezing, worms, mild diarrhea and even some mild lethargy are not cause for an emergency. Please call or email Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART to make an appointment for a sick visit. The after-hours emergency line is for life-threatening emergencies that require immediate medical intervention.

Any treatments not approved in advance by Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART will be at the expense of the foster home.

WHAT IF I CANNOT FOSTER ANY LONGER?

If the foster is no longer able to keep the animal, it must be returned to Houston Animal Rescue Team – HART facility. Foster must contact us at 1hartrescue@gmail.com or text our representative to schedule drop off.

Foster Pet's Name:

Microchip:

FOSTER INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

I/we have read and understand and will abide by the Foster Agreement I/we are signing.

Full name of foster:

Signature: _____

Date: