

Adult Cat and Kitten Fostering



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Charleston Animal Society: By the numbers

- Private (county contracted), Open Admission, Single location
- 100 Employees, 300 Active Volunteers, & 600 Foster Families

Total Intake 2017 = 9,439
 Dog = 3,735
 Cat = 5,423
 Other = 281

Total Foster 2017 = 2,523
 Dog = 338
 Cat = 2,156
 Other = 29

Live Release Rate 2016 = 90%



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Foster Recruitment

Foster Today
 Fostering Saves More Lives Than You Can Imagine!
 We give you everything you need to succeed: instructions, food, supplies & medical care. You give love and fun!

Call us at (843) 328-1343 or visit us online at www.charlestonanimalsociety.org/adopt

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Social Media



#HASHTAG

#Foster
#Adoptateas

19,3000 Followers

5,106 Followers

252,630 Likes

Get more followers by telling stories.



Kitten & Puppy Shower and Kitten ICU



Humane Education and Word of Mouth



- Camps
- Birthday parties
- Classrooms
- Schools
- Tours
- Youth Volunteer groups

- Current Fosters
- Volunteers
- Neighbors
- Youth Groups
- Home school

Foster Application

- Short
- Non-Judgmental
- One on one
- Open ended questions
- Online application

Become a Foster & Save a Life!

Apply Today!

We Supply Everything. You Supply the Love!

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Sending Out Fosters

- Know your fosters – Call with animals they like
- Facebook posts
- E-blast
- Phone calls
- Walk-in, one on one.

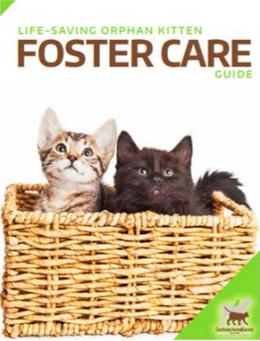
Supplies: Baby Bag and Medical

- Baby bag supplies
 - Bottles/Miracle Nipple
 - KMR
 - Scale
 - Thermometer
 - Petroleum Jelly
 - Gloves
 - Alcohol pads
 - Dawn Dish Soap
 - Karo Syrup
 - Pedialyte
 - 3mL Syringe
 - 1mL Syringe
 - Wash cloth
 - Baby Wipes

- Items added for critical care bag
 - SQ fluids
 - Butterfly needles
 - Nutrical
 - A/D/Recovery prescription food
 - Heat support

Foster Care Guide

- Orphaned kittens are the majority of what we foster out
- Specific guide for kittens have been very helpful
- Important topics to cover
 - How to set up the room
 - Nursing moms
 - Kitten neonate feeding
 - Kitten development
 - Maintaining foster health
 - Veterinary care/emergency care
 - Adoption Options
- Fosters refer to foster care guide before calling so it cuts down on the number of calls



Routine Veterinary Care & Rechecks



- Depends on how old, or what medical issue the animal is having
- Neonates under 4 weeks of age are seen once weekly
- Kittens 5 weeks and older are seen every 2 weeks
- Medical cats are seen anywhere between 1-3 weeks depending on their medical condition
- All foster animals receive a recheck appointment at foster pick up
- A new recheck appointment is scheduled after every appointment

Emergency Care

- Any emergencies during the day the foster is asked to bring the animal in to the shelter as soon as possible
- For after-hours emergencies we have an after-hours emergency phone
- The foster can call this phone anytime after 5:00PM until 8:00AM
- If the animal needs to be seen we have a contract with the local emergency clinic for the animals to be seen there
- The clinic has some of our supplies so it can save us money

NON-EMERGENCIES	EMERGENCIES
First monitor kittens If worsens, call the Foster Coordinator at 843-329-1543	Require immediate Veterinary Attention Business Hours: come straight to shelter After Hours: 843-270-9085
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runny discharge from the eyes or nose • Lack of appetite • Lethargy (lack of energy) • Diarrhea lasting more than 3 or 4 feedings • Vomiting • Weight loss • Coughing and sneezing • Lack of bowel movement for more than 24-36 hours or straining in litter box • Swollen eyes or eyes held closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous diarrhea longer than 24-36 hours • Continuous vomiting longer than 12 hours • Loss of appetite • Bleeding of any kind (from nose or in urine/ stool) • Any trauma (hit by a car, dropped, limping, unconscious, etc) • Difficulty breathing • A kitten that does not respond or has not eaten for more than a day

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Foster Retention: Facebook Group

Heather Shannon
March 1 at 12:53pm
I check this page 100 times a day for kittens. I may need rehab. 🐾🐾🐾

Like **Comment**

👤 Tamara Anderson Hart, Mary Beth McKain Dew and 8 others
✓ Seen by 108

Katie Drachowksi
February 26 at 7:28am
Can't wait to foster again. 🐾💕💕💕

Like **Comment**

👤 Tamara Anderson Hart, Heather Shannon and 2 others
✓ Seen by 12

- Closed group for foster volunteers and shelter staff
- Great way to retain foster home and promoting available foster animals
- Networking between foster homes
- Finding a foster “babysitter”
- Updates on shelter happenings

About This Group

Description Edit

This group was created so foster families can share stories, tips, and ideas about the animals they are fostering, and to get to know each other.

It is run by Jodi Osborne and Christina Ellwood the foster coordinators from the Charleston Animal Society. Their contact info is (843)209-1543 or email at foster@charlestonanimalsociety.org

DO NOT FACEBOOK MESSAGE THEM DIRECTLY, AS IT WILL NOT BE ANSWERED.

***This group is not to be used to give out medical advice about animals. If you are having a problem with your foster animal please contact the foster coordinators.

****Please be kind and courteous of others. If you are concerned about a post or comment please let Jodi or Christina know ASAP.

*****If you do not follow guideline you may be removed from the group.

Foster Brunch & Giveaways



Tote Bag



Bracelet



T-Shirt



Cup or Bottle





Foster of the Month/Year

Each month we recognize one of our families as foster of the month and we choose one yearly to be the over all foster of the year.



Operation Whiskers



- Foster parents are encouraged to keep their fosters after surgery and be apart of our Adoption Ambassador program
- The Ambassador program is also know as Operation Whiskers
- If a foster parent finds a home for the animal before it is ready, they have the adopter fill out a Adoption Survey to hold the animal for that person
- If the foster parent does not want to be apart of the Ambassador program then the animal can be returned to the shelter to be adopted

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Business Ambassadors



- We work with many businesses that will place our animals up for adoption in their store
 - Petsmart
 - Petco
 - Veterinary Clinics
 - Pet Boutiques
 - Pet Boarding Facilities
 - Hotels
- We also have a cat café in our area called Pounce
- We supply all the cats for them to place up for adoption
- They have adopted out around 670 in the first year they have been open

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Questions?



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