



# FOSTERING INFORMATION

**Wellington SPCA's fostering programme** places animals who need extra care into homes on a short term basis. Fostering is hugely rewarding but can also be hard work. Wellington SPCA will provide all the food, bowls, blankets, and veterinary care the animals you foster will need. You provide the love and care. Unfortunately we are very rarely able to give you much warning that your services will be required. We foster out animals as we either have no space to care for them at the animal centre or because we are concerned if they stay here they will get sick. Once you agree to foster an animal you will need to pick them up within 24 hours.

**PLEASE READ** the important information below before completing the application form.

## FOSTERING TYPES INCLUDE...

**CAN I STAY  
AT YOUR PLACE?**



- >> Bottle feeding kittens or puppies
- >> Caring for a mother with a litter of kittens or puppies
- >> Caring for orphaned kittens or puppies who are able to feed themselves but not yet old enough to be desexed and adopted out
- >> Medical rehabilitation of a sick or injured animal that is under the care of Wellington SPCA's vets but needs the nurturing environment of a home
- >> Taking on a teenage dog for 1 to 6 months that needs training and to know what a home is
- >> Caring for animals with diseases contagious to other animals (eg ringworm or calici virus) who can't be housed at the shelter

**For more information** on types of fostering and what you'll need to do for the animals, please see our website [wellingtonspca.org.nz](http://wellingtonspca.org.nz)



## TO BE SUITABLE TO FOSTER ANIMALS YOU WILL NEED:

- >> **Landlord's consent** if you don't own your own home
- >> **A separate room** to contain the animals in. This should not be a bedroom that is also used by a family member or part of your lounge. We will come and do a property inspection on your home and can give you advice on how to set up your fostering room.
- >> **Transport available** 24 hours a day to bring your animal for routine vet checks at Wellington SPCA's Newtown Animal Centre or should your foster animal need emergency veterinary treatment at the After Hours Vet Clinic in the middle of the night.
- >> **To bring the animals to Wellington SPCA's Vet Clinic** for weekly or fortnightly check ups, vaccinations, desexing operation etc
- >> **To abide by Wellington SPCA's fostering rules** including not letting foster cats or kittens outside.
- >> **Time!** Fostering is suitable for people who work full or part time, or who don't work at all. People working fulltime can look after a mother cat with a litter of kittens or, in some cases, an animal that needs medical rehabilitation. Bottle feeding fosters need to be able to feed kittens or puppies up to every 2 hours day and night. People who work part time can care for adult dogs that need training or older litters of puppies or kittens.



# FOSTER APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Address:  Number:  Street:

Suburb:

Email:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

2nd contact person (if applicable) that will be caring for the foster animals:

Name:

Phone:

## FOSTER ANIMALS (tick one or more categories)

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing cats with kittens                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Self feeding kittens     | <input type="checkbox"/> Injured or sick cats | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottle feeding kittens      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing dogs with puppies                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Self feeding puppies     | <input type="checkbox"/> Injured or sick dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottle feeding puppies      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sick or injured or young hedgehogs                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottle feeding hedgehogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits              | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult sick or injured birds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby birds <small>(hourly feeding during daylight)</small> |   |   |  |

## PROPERTY

Do you own your own home? (if renting you will need to provide your landlords written permission to foster animals)  yes  no

Can you provide a:

>> separate room in your house (cats, kittens)  yes  no

>> separate room/warm garage, & fenced property (dogs, pups)  yes  no

>> hutch/fenced area with shelter (hedgehogs)  yes  no

>> aviary (adult birds)  yes  no

>> separate room in your house (baby birds)  yes  no

>> hutch, separate room (rabbits)  yes  no

Please describe the area you plan to use for the animals:

Do you agree to an SPCA staff member inspecting your property prior to fostering?  yes  no

## PERSONAL

Why do you want to foster animals?

When do you want to start fostering?

What experience do you have in fostering or caring for animals?

Are you over 18 years of age?  yes  no No of children:  ages:

Is there anything that could affect your suitability to be a fosterer for the Wellington SPCA? (e.g. medical, psychological, physical)  yes  no

If yes please explain:



Are you or anyone else in the house pregnant or planning to get pregnant during the time you are fostering animals?  yes  no

Does anyone at home suffer from any condition that could put them at risk in the presence of the fostered animals?  yes  no

If yes, please explain:

Does anyone at home suffer from allergies to animals?  yes  no

## PETS YOU CURRENTLY OWN

Species	Age	Sex	Desexed	Date of last vaccination	Date of last flea treatment	Date of last worm treatment
cat, dog etc	yrs	f / m	y / n	month	month	month

Have you had pets previously?  yes  no

Briefly describe what happened to your previous pets:

Do any of your pets suffer from any behavioural problems?  yes  no

Name of current vet & clinic

Have you ever had an animal in your home with a contagious disease, such as snuffles, canine parvovirus or ringworm?  yes  no

When was this?

## FOSTERING

How many hours per day can you devote to fostering animals?

Do you work: (tick options)  full time  part time  don't work

If you work, do you work:  at home  away from home

Who will care for the animals when you are away from home?

Are all members of the household in agreement to be part of a fostering family?  yes  no

How can you transport animals to and from the shelter?

Are you willing to bring the animals into the shelter on a regular basis?  yes  no

**I declare all the information on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature

Date

**Wellington SPCA is grateful for your willingness to participate in the foster programme.**

All information pertaining to the application is treated in strict confidence.

# FOSTERING CONTRACT

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

In order to be a fosterer for Wellington SPCA I agree to the following conditions;

- >> The animals being fostered remain the sole property of Wellington SPCA.
- >> I understand that if I decide to adopt an animal I am fostering normal adoption conditions and fees apply
- >> I accept I have no right to adopt my foster animals into new homes. If I know someone who wants to adopt an animal I am caring for I will refer them to the Fostering Co-ordinator. Normal adoption criteria and fees apply.
- >> Wellington SPCA bears no responsibility for any damage caused by the animals being fostered, while they are in my care.

I understand that if veterinary treatment is required for the foster animals, Wellington SPCA veterinarians must be used. In the case of emergencies after hours I will use the After Hours Veterinary Clinic and the costs of this will be met by Wellington SPCA.

- >> I understand that in some circumstances where veterinary treatment is required, Wellington SPCA may decide that euthanasia is necessary, and I agree to abide by this decision.
- >> I agree not to advertise the animals I am fostering in any way without first speaking to Wellington SPCA's Marketing staff. This includes advertising on Trade Me or speaking about them on community notice boards, sending out emails etc.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## STAFF USE ONLY

Interview:  yes  no date: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal:  health  family

Property:  indoor area  outdoor area  landlord

Pets:  disease  separation

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Property Inspection: date: \_\_\_\_\_  indoor area  outdoor area

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approved:  yes  no Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_



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