

SPCA Cincinnati

Foster Program

How does it work?

- ★ We try to make our process as simple as possible.
- ★ First, you will want to fill out the application online. After that, our Foster Coordinator will review your application; please give ample time for this and watch your inbox for a reply.
- ★ Within 30 days of your submission, you'll see an email with your foster status and if available, any candidates.
- ★ From there, you'll want to review the candidates and see if one may be a good fit. If you think there's a good fit for you, reply to the email. Remember for this to work, it needs to be a good fit; be honest with yourself; don't select an animal just to have it, it won't be good for you or for that animal.
- ★ We communicate with you initially by email and once established, by text. We also ask that you follow our "SPCA Cincinnati Outreach-Foster and Rescue" Facebook page. Otherwise, you could miss important animal plea's and other critical posts.

What kind of supplies do I need?

- SPCA Cincinnati will provide all starter materials and will provide food and any medication on an ongoing basis.
- The Foster Coordinator will arrange for supply pick-ups.

What animals do we foster?

- Primarily, we foster kittens. Once in awhile, we will have
- moms with pups or just pups
- long-timers, primarily canines
- feline & canine medical cases and seniors
- or behavioral canine cases.

I applied to foster dogs and still haven't seen a match...why?

- ★ Fortunately, SPCA Cincinnati has hundreds, if not thousands, of foster families and only a few foster candidates at a time.
- ★ We encourage foster applicants to remain patient and to also reach out to other shelters in the area with a more immediate need.

I want to foster kittens, but there never seems to be any...?

- There could be a few reasons for this:
- Time of year. Depending on the time of year, January/February/March, the number of kittens coming through our door decreases.
- "First come, first serve". Everytime we post a plea, it is listed as "First come, first serve."
- Our large foster base. Our base of foster families, being large, we are able to place them quickly.

Your Goal as a foster?

Depending on your animal, your goal may vary; however, we hope that you will, in general, provide your animal with lots of love, security, attentiveness, gentleness, and joy.

We want to have our animals returned to us healthy, confident, Socialized and ready to find their FOREVER homes.

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Thank you for your interest in SPCA Cincinnati's foster program!

With the help of our dedicated foster base, we are able to do more for the homeless animals in and outside of our community.

Fostering is a rewarding experience and it directly impacts the lives of our shelter animals.

We foster out both cats and dogs for a variety of reasons, such as:

- ★ Animals that are not yet ready for spay/neuter surgeries
- ★ Animals who need socialization
- ★ Animals who are recovering from an injury or illness
- ★ Animals who are not thriving in the shelter

All you need is
LOVE

SPCA Cincinnati requires all foster applicants to be 18 years of age. In order to foster dogs, you must live in the state of Ohio.

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Contact and Location Information

SPCA Cincinnati Foster and Rescue Coordinator,
Lauri Ann Sloneker aka "LA"

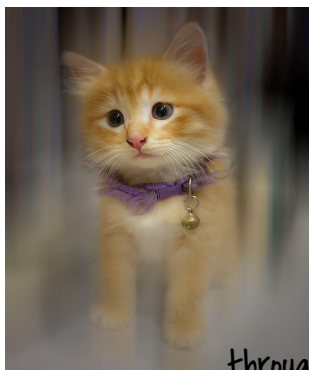


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Fostering with SPCA Cincinnati...

Kittens and Cats!!

SPCA Cincinnati sees hundreds, sometimes thousands of cats and kittens come through our doors during "Kitten Season". Kitten Season runs from early spring through late, late fall, and is the time where we need the most fosters. Fostering kittens is not just fun; it's rewarding and much easier than you may think!

Why foster Kittens? Countless number of reasons why, but here are a few more!

- You get a bunch of adorable little critters that will provide you with endless cuddles and love. ❤️
 - You allow the kittens to grow up in a home environment, making them more adoptable.
 - By showing your family and friends just how adorable they are, you may find them homes.
- If YOU (or someone you know) falls in love with one of your fosters, you (or they) will be first in line. You get the satisfaction of knowing that you have, literally, **SAVED** a LIFE or LIVES! 🐱

Not a cat/kitten expert? No problem!

SPCA Cincinnati will provide you with all the materials and knowledge you need to be a great foster family. The only thing we ask you to provide is love and care. ❤️

What kind of care do these Kittens need?

Kittens need to be fed regularly depending on their age and should be socialized with humans. This means playing with and loving them! We also require that kittens come in every two weeks for a weight check and booster vaccinations. Once they reach 2.2 pounds, they are ready to be spayed or neutered. Afterwards, they stay with us to be adopted.

What happens if the kittens get sick?

First and foremost, don't panic! Kittens have weak immune systems and may get a URI (upper respiratory infection). If you notice your kitten(s) sniffing, sneezing, or watery eyes, contact the Foster Coordinator to arrange a time to bring them. They will have a medical exam and medication prescribed.

Kittens aren't my cup of tea...do you foster out adult cats?

Yes, we often have adult cats who are recovering from an injury or illness who need a calm place to recover. Contact the Foster Coordinator for more information!



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Fostering with SPCA Cincinnati... Puppies and Dogs!



SPCA Cincinnati relies on dog fosters for many reasons. While the shelter is not ideal for any animal, some of our dogs take it harder than others. Those dogs need some extra help to become adoption candidates.

Can I foster ANY dog in the shelter?

Currently, the only dogs who are able to be fostered are dogs that are **not adoption candidates**, for any or all of the following reasons:

- ♥ Medical cases (sick, injured) many of these dogs are recovering from a surgery, they need to gain weight, or have an illness that isn't improving while in the shelter.
- ♥ Behavior/Socialization: Sometimes, a dog needs to learn how to be a dog, maybe even for the first time; learn about love ♥ again or a dog needs a home environment to show their true colors.
- ♥ Mom and puppies: Gives momma a soft, calm, clean place to raise her puppies.

I'm not a dog trainer or vet, how do I know I can do this?

It doesn't take an expert to give a dog the love and care it needs to become adoptable. When you take your foster dog home, you will be given an outline of care. If you have any questions or concerns, you contact the Foster Coordinator.

Dogs are expensive! I don't think I can afford to foster right now.

SPCA Cincinnati will cover all costs related to fostering. We will provide you with everything you need, food, treats, crate, collar/harness/leash.

How long am I expected to foster?

The length of fostering differs for each dog. It can be as short as a couple weeks and as long as 5-6 months. It all depends on the animal and the reason for fostering. You will need to bring the dog in at agreed upon times for medical and behavioral evaluations.

Guidelines of dog/puppy fostering?

- Any existing dogs that live in a potential foster home must be brought in for a meet-n-greet with the shelter dog
 - If "fostering to adopt" a dog, you have 30 days to decide if you would like to complete adoption.
 - If a foster dog is not a good fit for you, you can bring the dog back - NO Judgment!
- If you miss appointments and we are unable to reach you, one of our Humane Agents may be sent to your home to retrieve the animal(s).

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