

TNR TRUST

(Trap Neuter & Release) Foster Care Cats

We at times require volunteer Cat Foster Carers who can provide a safe and calm foster home for our cats, including pregnant mums and their kittens. Becoming a Cat Foster Carer means you are helping to prepare cats of all ages for their permanent homes by getting them used to a domestic lifestyle and handling by humans or monitoring their recovery following treatment by our vets.

What type of Cat will I foster?	What do I need to do as a Cat Foster Carer?
<p>Foster families care for felines of all ages while we find them permanent homes. This can be helping new mums care for litters, hand-rearing orphan kittens or looking after adult cats who need the peace and quiet of a home while they recover from medical treatment.</p> <p>We will always ensure the cat is suitable for you and will discuss all the details of the cat with you first, so you are fully informed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Care for all the cat's needs – feeding, grooming, training, socialising <input type="checkbox"/> Be willing to follow our guidance on training and handling <input type="checkbox"/> Be happy to play a part in the rehoming process, by providing photos and regular updates via email <input type="checkbox"/> Be willing to meet potential adopters at your home and spend some time to assess if the person seems a good match for your foster <input type="checkbox"/> Ideally you would be the carer of that particular animal until it gets adopted. The period can range from a matter of days up to several months until the cat finds a home
What are the requirements to become a Cat Foster Carer?	What does a Cat Foster Carer get?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Compassion, empathy and the appreciation that every cat is an individual <input type="checkbox"/> Experience with looking after cats and/or kittens <input type="checkbox"/> Ideally a secure spare room <input type="checkbox"/> Have no other pets - although if you have another cat you may still be able to foster kittens which have no mum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular contact with our Volunteer team <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary and behavioral support <input type="checkbox"/> Most importantly you will know you are helping some of our most vulnerable cats while they wait for a happy home. <input type="checkbox"/> If you have to travel during a fostering period it is usually possible to board the animal with the main foster home until you return

Levels of fostering - It is possible to choose the following levels of fostering;

1. You provide the home and your time
2. You provide as in 1 and also pay for the food and small items such as flea treatment and de-wormer
3. You provide as in 1 and 2 and also pay the vet bills (some or all-which is always open to discussion). You would have a vet who supports the Trust through subsidised rates.

What is the process to become a Cat Foster Carer?

Submit your application

Once we have received this we will be in touch to conduct your informal telephone interview. You can apply to foster both dogs and cats but it is very unlikely you would ever have them at the same time.

Arrange a home visit

If you are successful, we will arrange a home visit. These are carried out by one of our friendly Home Visit Volunteers. They will be noting things such as how secure your home is and which animals would be best suited to your home environment. They would also want to know your work and family setup e.g. not all fosters can be with very young children. Home visits are generally very relaxed and help us establish your needs as a foster carer and which animals you may be able to help the most.

Ideally we look for homes that provide a nice calm environment without too many people living in the house and not too many coming and goings. Ideally we would like our cats to have access to a secure outside area but this is not always a must. If your home visit is passed, we will email to confirm and put you on our foster list ready for a cat to be fostered.

Agreement

On successful completion of the above, you would sign our TNR Trust agreement to the foster care of our animals.

Aftercare

We are available to discuss any issues or concerns that may arise. We offer assistance and guidance on basic training.

Interested? Then please contact us on admin@tnrtrust.org for an application form.