

# Foster Application

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

Porter County Animal Shelter



Thank you for your interest in Porter County Animal Shelter's Foster Program. Fostering can literally save lives! Despite the occasional challenge with a very sick or very young animal, most foster cases are fairly routine situations where you give food, housing and TLC to a needy and deserving animal. Fostering an animal in need is always a worthy endeavor and will hopefully be a satisfying, joyful experience for you as well.

*giving animals a new leash on life...*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License#: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your home a  House  Apartment  Mobile Home  Townhome/Condo

Do you  Own  Rent

*Before proceeding with this application, please initial each item below. All information is necessary to become a foster.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I am 21 years of age or older and have identification showing proof of current address.

\_\_\_\_\_ By submitting this application, you give permission for PCAS to investigate and confirm the information provided. You agree that this information can be shared with other humane societies or rescue groups.

\_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), hereby give permission to my landlord, apartment complex, mobile home park, or neighborhood associations to release information concerning my pet deposit or other rules regarding pet ownership.

Landlord/Complex Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), hereby give permission for any veterinarian providing service to me to release my medical information on any/all of my animals, past and present, to PCAS.

Current Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand and affirm the above information, and agree to the requirements of PCAS's adoption process.*

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

I am interested in fostering:  Dogs  Cats  Horses  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of foster care can you provide?  Bottle feeding  Moms with litters

Orphan litters  Senior Care  Behavioral rehabilitation

Animals in need of medication/physical therapy  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide three personal references:

Name	Relationship	Phone Number	Email Address

Total number of individuals in household: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

Do kids ever visit your home?  Yes  No If so, how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Do all of the adults in your household consent to the fostering of an animal?  Yes  No

Does anyone in your household have a known pet allergy?  Yes  No

Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No Type of fence: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will this animal be alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you keep this pet while you're at home? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your foster be kept while you're not at home? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be able to house the foster animals separate from your own animals?  Yes  No

If so, where will you keep them in your house? \_\_\_\_\_

No pet is perfect! Please check all the behaviors that you are **unwilling** or **unable** to work through:

- |   |   |                                       |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminating in the house | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulling on the leash                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Escaping                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Destructive behavior                   | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression towards pets  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression toward kids                 | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digging                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Scratching doors/furniture             | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocalizing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mounting pets or family members        |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jumping on people        | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting on the counters/into the trash |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food/toy aggression      |   |                                       |

## Pet Ownership History

Total number of pets you currently own: \_\_\_\_\_ cats      \_\_\_\_\_ dogs      \_\_\_\_\_ other

Are all pets in your household current on vaccinations?  Yes  No

Have you ever had to surrender a pet to a shelter or rescue?  Yes  No

### Please list all pets currently owned

Name	Type	Breed	Sex	Altered	Age	Dog friendly?	Cat friendly?

### Please list all pets owned within the last 10 years, NOT currently owned. (Include deceased, lost, stolen, sold or given away)

Name	Type	Breed	Sex	Altered	Age	Reason no longer in the household

### For dog fosters:

PCAS uses positive reinforcement training. Is that something you are familiar with?  Yes  No

Have you housetrained dogs before?  Yes  No

If yes, what method did you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to take your foster dog to obedience training?  Yes  No

How will you keep a dog confined to your yard?  Leash  Fence  Dog Run  Chain

# Porter County Animal Shelter: Foster Contract and Disclaimer of Liability

Your Name: _____	Date: _____
Animal Case #: _____	

Please complete the above, then **read and initial** each section. This is a **legally binding** contract. Please consult with a PCAS manager if you do not understand any portion of this contract.

	The applicant agrees to provide the pet daily with food and fresh water, shelter from extreme temperature and weather conditions and humane treatment at all times.
	The foster agrees to arrange veterinary care, when needed, to prevent suffering or disease transmission. Foster understands that veterinary care must be authorized in advance by a PCAS manager. Foster agrees to personally incur the cost for any treatment that has not been so authorized.
	Foster understands that dogs being fostered are to be kept indoors. The dog is to be on a leash at all times when outside, e.g. when taking the dog for a walk, to go to the bathroom, transporting to or from PCAS or veterinary visits, etc.
	Foster understands that cats being fostered are to be kept indoors; at no time will Foster be permitted to allow the cat to be outside, with the exception of transporting the animal to or from PCAS or veterinary visits.
	Foster understands that medicines and other supplies provided by PCAS are for use with foster care animals only, and are not to be administered to animals that are not property of PCAS.
	Porter County Animal Shelter makes no guarantees or statements regarding the adopted animal's age, breed, health, or temperament. While PCAS has made every effort to provide accurate history and assessment of the animal, PCAS is not able to guarantee age, breed, medical status or history, behavior or disposition. Foster hereby releases Porter County Animal Shelter and its employees, Porter County Board of Commissioners, members and representatives of any and all possible claims arising from injury or damage caused by the fostered pet to any person or property or relating to the health or temperament, including any expenses related thereto. Foster accepts this pet as is with all defects, either observable or unobservable, and assumes all risks upon signing of this contract.
	Foster agrees that every animal cared for must be physically returned to PCAS by the date set forth below or at any time upon the request of PCAS. Foster also agrees to return the animal(s) immediately if they are no longer able to provide adequate care.
	The applicant hereby releases and discharges the Porter County Board of Commissioners and the Porter County Animal Shelter and its employees for any claims which may arise as a result of this adoption and for any injury or damage to any person or property caused in the future by said animal or for any causes of action, claims, suits or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of injuries to person or property as a result of this foster.
	Foster agrees to notify Porter County Animal Shelter if the pet is lost or dies within an hour of the event
	In the event any provision of this contract, including all its covenants and conditions, is breached by Foster, and/or any misrepresentations have been made by Adopter, Porter County Animal Shelter has the right to rescind this contract and Foster shall return the animal to PCAS. If Foster fails to return the animal, PCAS has the right to seek a court order for return of the animal and seek liquidated damages from Adopter in the amount of \$500 plus any court costs or attorney's fees. Payment of damages shall not excuse Foster from returning the animal to the Porter County Animal Shelter.
	The Foster understands that the animal's behavior may change after it leaves PCAS and that the animal should be closely supervised when with children.
	Foster agrees to not subject a dog, or any dog to a chained life. Dogs may be tethered on no less than a 7 foot lead and for no more than one hour at any given time.

	This agreement shall insure the benefit of and be binding upon Foster and PCAS. Both parties have fully read and understood all of the agreement, which sets forth all promises, conditions, and understandings, oral or written.
	Animals may be removed from unsuitable homes at any time based upon the discretion of the director of Porter County Animal Shelter.

By submitting this application, I confirm that all information in this application is correct and complete. I authorize my landlord, veterinarian and any other parties contacted to release information confirming this application to PCAS for verification. Failure to provide accurate information or comply with the foster agreement will revert ownership of this animal to PCAS. By signing this document I attest that I have read and understood the foster contract; and that I release and hold harmless Porter County and the Porter County Animal Shelter from any and all claims which may arise as a result of the adoption of this animal.

As a result of an approved Foster Application, I hereby accept possession of, title to, and responsibility for the animal Identified above, subject to the terms and conditions set form in the Adoption Contract and Disclaimer of Liability.

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

Application approved by:

**PCAS Staff Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_