

Moose Jaw Humane Society
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MOOSE JAW HUMANE SOCIETY

Cat Foster Home Application

We are glad that you have come to help out a pet from our shelter and to provide it with the temporary home and love it needs and deserves until it is ready to be adopted. All animals are examined upon entry, and their health is routinely monitored while at the shelter, however, there is always a chance that an animal is incubating a disease without showing any clinical signs. It is strongly recommended that your own pet's vaccinations are up to date.

Foster Home Requirements:

- **You must be at least 18 years old and willing to provide photo identification.**
- **If you are renting or live with parents, you must provide a letter of consent from your landlord, property owner, or parents stating that you are allowed to have a pet(s).**
- **We reserve the right to deny applications.**

If you are able to comply with the above requirements, please proceed.

Date: _____

Full Names: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone #(s) Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Name of unrelated reference: _____ Phone #: _____

Please circle - Do you: own rent live with parents *If you rent or live with parents, please provide:*

Owner of Property's name(s): _____ Phone: _____

- ❖ *Please note that in order for your application to be approved, you are required to bring in a letter of consent from your landlord / property owner or parents stating that you are allowed to have the pet you are applying for.*

Occupation: _____ Name of employer: _____

How are You Interested in Helping?

The following are the animals that we usually require foster homes for (you may choose more than one option):

_____ **Pregnant Female Cat**



Mothers-to-be will require care and lodging sometimes for **up to four months** depending on how far along they are in the pregnancies. Foster homes will need to provide a quiet room that can be closed off from the rest of the house to give the mother privacy when she is ready to deliver her kittens.

Mother Cat and Nursing/Young Kittens

As these family groups tend to take up and require a little more space at the shelter than the average single cat, the MJHS prefers to place these animals in foster care as soon as the family's health can be assessed. (It is also healthier and less stressful for the young family to be in a home environment rather than a shelter setting.) The kittens must be 8 weeks of age before they are able to return to the shelter for adoption. They are then also old enough to receive their first vaccinations at the shelter. Foster homes will need to provide a quiet room that can be closed off from the rest of the house to give the mother and her family some privacy if the kittens are under three weeks in age. Once they are past the three week stage, they will become playful and more sociable. It is a good idea to begin handling the kittens around this age (or even a little sooner if the mother is not overly protective of them) so that they will become accustomed to people. The time commitment for a mother and her kittens can be from **two to three months**, depending on the age of the kittens when they arrive at the shelter. (Sometimes, we also try to get nursing mother cats to "adopt" orphan kittens similar in age to their own babies.)

Orphaned Young Kittens

Sometimes, kittens as young as an hour old are found without their mother, and brought to the shelter. Unless the kitten is injured in some way, it is given a chance at survival and bottle fed by the staff members at the shelter. This can be extremely time consuming for the already busy staff, as very young kittens require feeding every few hours and have to be kept warm with either a heating pad or a hot water bottle. Therefore, foster homes are very much needed in this situation (especially if entire litters are found abandoned) and are sometimes required at very short notice. ***Please be advised that some of the time, these kittens do not survive, despite the caregiver's best efforts.*** Orphaned kittens will require more socialization than kittens that have their mothers to teach them the "cat skills" that they will need as they grow up. Experience with bottle feeding, cleaning, and litter training would be an asset – basically, the foster parent will take the place of the mother cat. Foster homes will need to provide a quiet room while the kittens are under three weeks of age where they can be kept separate from the rest of the household. Once the kittens are old enough, it could be beneficial for the kittens to play with any other gentle pets you may have in your household. You will need to provide foster care for **up to three months**, depending on the age of the kittens when they arrive at the shelter, and the kittens must be 8 weeks of age before they can return to the shelter for adoption.

How much notice would you need to take in foster pets? _____

Tell Us About Yourself and Your Home Environment:

What are your reasons for wanting to be a foster care provider?

How many children live in the household? _____ Ages: _____

Are all members of the household aware of and in agreement with becoming a foster family? **Yes No**

Does anyone in the household have allergies? **Yes No** What are they? _____

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Who will be the primary caregiver for this animal? _____

Approximately how many hours each day will this pet spend **without** human companionship? _____

Please describe the area in your home where the foster pet(s) will be kept – can it be closed off from the rest of the house? **Yes No**

Please describe your experience/knowledge in caring for animals: _____

Pet Health and Well-being

Do you have a regular veterinarian? **Yes No** May we contact them regarding the care of your animals? **Yes No**

If yes, provide name of clinic and doctor: _____

Have you had a dog or cat **die from unknown causes** in the past 6 months? **Yes No** If yes, please explain:

How many pets do you currently own? Dogs _____ Cats _____ Other: _____

Breed and age: _____

Are they spayed or neutered? **Yes No** Are your pet(s) up-to-date on their vaccinations? **Yes No**

Are you familiar with Upper Respiratory in cats, and what some symptoms are? **Yes No**

Have you had any first aid training that may be useful in caring for sick or injured animals? **Yes No**

Do you have a car at all times? **Yes No** If not and the need arises, are you willing to transport the animal to and from the MJHS and/or vet clinic by taxi at your own cost or make other arrangements for travel? **Yes No**

If your foster pet becomes seriously ill, you will need to bring it to the shelter to be assessed for treatment. If an illness occurs after hours, we ask that you phone our emergency call line and you will be put through to the attendant who is on-call. That attendant can assess the need for any veterinary attention and arrange treatment at one of the local clinics.

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If your foster pet needed serious medical attention at any time, and our staff concluded that the animal needed to be euthanized, would you be supportive of our decision? **Yes No**

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the Foster Care application. The Foster Care Coordinator will be in contact with you as soon as possible. Please make sure all household members are in agreement to becoming a foster family prior to committing. I acknowledge that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am 18 years of age or older.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS MAY TAKE UP TO 24 HOURS, AND THAT THE MOOSE JAW HUMANE SOCIETY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICATION FOR ANY REASON.

I swear that all information given by myself in this agreement is truthful to the best of my knowledge. I hereby declare that I have read and agree to comply with the terms and conditions listed on this application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Foster Care Coordinator: _____

Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Reason: _____

Property Owner's approval received: **Yes No**

ID Verified by _____ (initial)