



**RSPCA Mid Norfolk &
North Suffolk Branch**
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Fostering FAQ's



What is the difference between fostering and adopting?

Fostering an animal means you are temporarily looking after an animal that is owned by the Branch. The Branch will supply everything the animal needs whilst in your care and all the relevant veterinary treatment will also be covered.

Adopting an animal means you are taking on full ownership of the animal and once the paperwork has been signed, that animal then becomes your responsibility.

Can I choose what animals I want to foster?

No, you cannot come and pick out a particular animal however you may specify what type of animal you are able to foster such as dogs, cats or small animals. We will contact you to let you know when we have an animal that needs fostering and will ask you if you are able to accept, however you do not have to say yes every time. Please be aware though, that too many declines may result in someone else being asked first.

Can I choose how long I foster an animal for?

There is no set time scale for fostering as this really depends on the animal itself. Every situation is different however, we will ask you for your availability before we give you an animal to foster. If you have any holidays booked, let us know so we can plan ahead. This will also help us decide what animal may be best for you to foster, due to your availability.

Do I have to pay for any equipment, medication or food for the animal I foster?

No, all equipment, medication and food is supplied by the Branch and we will restock this as and when required. Any toys or enrichment equipment will be brought and supplied based on Branch funds. If you need to attend an emergency vet appointment, the vets will invoice the Branch directly; no costs will need to be paid up front at the time of any vet appointment.



If I have a pet of my own, am I still able to foster?

Yes, however there is never a guarantee that the foster animal will like your pet, so depending on the animal you foster, you would need to have arrangements in place to keep the animals separate within the home if needed. We also ask that your pet is up to date with their vaccinations, flea and worm treatment and are neutered, again this depends on the type of pet you have and what animal you are fostering.

I have a small flat without a garden; can I still be a fosterer?

This depends on the animal you are fostering, for example; if you are fostering a cat then that is no issue at all as they are not allowed outside while in foster care; however you would have to consider if you feel comfortable sharing a smaller space with an animal. If you would like to foster a dog, we will have to discuss this further during your home visit.

Can I keep the animal if I like it?

This is a possibility; however we would like you to give the animal a reasonable amount of time in your home before you consider this. Fostering is not a trial period and should not be treated as such. You must let us know before we put the animal up for adoption, as once the animal is reserved by someone else, you cannot then decide you want to keep it.

Can I use fostering as a trial run to see if I could manage a cat or dog?

No. Fostering is not a trial period for any reason. As the recruitment process is thorough and can take time to complete, we ask that our fosterers apply with the consideration that you will foster for us long term and not as a one off. We understand that a change in circumstance may change this and you may not always be available to foster, however our aim is to provide the best quality care for our animals.

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more information**

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