



## **What is a Foster Home?**

A foster home is a temporary living situation for pets while they are awaiting placement in a permanent home. Foster families provide shelter, food, care and love. The number of animals we can save depends entirely on the number of people who open their homes and hearts to foster them.

## **Why Foster?**

Rockwall Pets does not have a physical shelter, so pets that we save must be cared for in foster homes. Our young kittens and puppies need to stay in foster until they are old enough to be spayed and neutered, at which time they are ready for adoption. Older pets who are ill or injured may need to stay in foster care until they are well enough for adoption.







In some cases, a foster home is needed to help an animal transition from the stress of having been abandoned at a shelter. Our dogs and cats will need to stay in a foster home until they are adopted.

Being a pet foster family has rewards beyond the essential value of helping a pet in need find a new home. For some, it is a chance to have an animal companion without a lifetime commitment, or to try new companions for an existing pet. For others, it is the special challenge of helping an animal recover from an illness or injury, the trauma of losing a beloved owner or home, or to overcome a behavioral issue. Occasionally, it's the joy of giving extra TLC to kittens and puppies too young to be adopted.

## **How Long Can I Expect to Foster a Pet?**

At Rockwall Pets we have a very successful adoption program but we sometimes cannot determine how long a pet may be in foster. Some pets need more time because of age, illness, injury, or behavior issues.

## **What are the Responsibilities of a Foster Family?**

-  Provide a safe, clean, caring environment
-  Provide food, water, litter, toys/enrichment and shelter
-  Provide exercise and socialization as appropriate
-  Monitor any medical and/or behavioral problems
-  Transport to/from any necessary vet appointments
-  Transport to/from off-site adoption events