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# Foster Care Application & Agreement



## **Who Can Foster?**

Fostering is a volunteer role suited to lots of different people - including singles, couples and families and people who work full-time or part-time. You must be over the age of 18 years and able to meet the needs of the cat or kitten in your care. You also need to be in a position to provide your own transport so as to collect and return your cat or kitten to Cat Haven, including returning for veterinary treatment or checkups as required, and to pick up pet supplies.

## **Why do Cats Need to be Fostered?**

There are many reasons why a cat or kitten may need to be fostered for a short period of time. They may be unwell and need time to recover. They may be very shy or timid and need help to feel more confident. They may have been mistreated and need time to learn that some humans can be trusted. Young kittens may just need time to be with their mum so they can finish being fed by her and grow big enough to strike out on their own in life. The Foster Team will tell you all about the care and attention the cats and kittens you foster need.

It is important that you know that Cat Haven doesn't routinely test every cat and kitten for conditions such as FIV unless there are symptoms or some reason to think they may be unwell. This means that your foster cat or kitten may have a condition that becomes apparent during their time with you.

In this document we will refer to 'cats' for ease of reading but please remember that the information applies to cats and kittens being fostered.

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## **What Support Will You Receive from Cat Haven?**

When you are fostering, Cat Haven provides basic supplies that you need in the way of food, bowls and litter trays but not litter. Cat Haven also supplies any medication or supplements the cat may need. While we endeavor to support all of our foster carers to the best of our ability, any assistance carers can provide with respect to nutritional or toiletry supplies for foster animals is always greatly appreciated. Cat Haven uses Hill's Science Diet biscuits which are available for purchase at Cat Haven or any good pet store (such as Pet Barn) or in some cases, a vet prescribed diet.

We have a vet on site Monday to Saturday if you are ever concerned about your foster cats however a consultation MUST be booked prior to coming in. If an emergency situation should occur you can call Cat Haven on 9442 3633 or after hours on 0452 432 810.

## **Length of Foster Care**

We hope that you will be able to foster your cat until they are able to return to Cat Haven or until they are adopted. The length of foster care needed is varied and flexible, depending on the needs of the cat, and will be discussed prior to picking up your cat.

## **Adoptions from Foster Care**

For various reasons some cats are adopted directly from foster care. These cats are displayed on the adoption page of the Cat Haven website. We will ask you to send us a landscape photo which shows off your foster cat. Remember, these photos are advertising your cat for a forever home so they need to be appealing – that is, in focus, not too dark and preferably feature the whole cat. Photos with colourful blankets, toys or pillows in the background are more attractive to people. Your foster cat has a better chance of finding a new home if a good quality photo is displayed. Cat Haven will also ask you to write a profile on the cat's personality. Again, the more information you can provide, the better the chances of finding it a 'forever' home.

If someone is interested in meeting your foster cat, we will pass on their details to you so you can arrange a meeting with the potential adopter at your earliest convenience. It is very important that you touch base with the potential adopter as soon as reasonably possible and at least within 48 hours of receiving their details. You can arrange for the meeting to take place at your home or, if you prefer, at Cat Haven. If the meeting is successful, the new owner must first come into Cat Haven to complete the relevant adoption paperwork before collecting their new cat. Please do not allow anyone to take a cat prior to completing the adoption paperwork.

## **Foster Carers' Facebook Page**

Once you start fostering, please make sure you let us know your Facebook email address so we can send you the link to our Foster Carers' Facebook Page. The page is for all our foster carers to share stories, post cute photos and ask each other for advice. It is a very supportive page and has grown to be very popular amongst our foster carers.

**If you have any questions, please contact our Foster Care Team on 9442 3633 or email [fostercare@cathaven.com.au](mailto:fostercare@cathaven.com.au).**

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## Foster Carer Application

### Applicant Details

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shelter Mate ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Date rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ F/B \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you over the age of 18? YES / NO

Will the responsibility of caring for a foster cat or kitten be shared with another adult in the household? If yes, please include the name and contact details of this person:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Fostering Interests

Please indicate the types of cats and kittens you are able to foster. If you require more information regarding the needs of the following cats our Foster Team will be happy to provide clarification. Please also indicate the maximum number of cats you are comfortable fostering at any one time.

#### Cats

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need a break  | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mild flu  | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feline Calici Virus   | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ringworm  | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timid / shy   | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral issues   | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIV (confirmed)   | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical rehabilitation<br>(Medication/post-surgery/injury etc.) | Max. _____ |

#### Kittens (Minimum 2)

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kittens 1-5 months                                 | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kittens 5-12 months                                | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mild flu   | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feline Calici Virus                                | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ringworm   | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitating feral                               | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical rehabilitation                             | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother & newborn kittens                           | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother & kittens 3wks +                            | Max. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottle feeding 3-4wks<br>(Experienced carers only) | Max. _____ |

### Holidays

Do you currently have any dates where you are unable to foster, for example planned holidays?

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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### Availability

- What is the maximum time you can foster a cat? (NOTE: kittens: min. 2-3 weeks & cats: min.1-2 months): \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you work full time/part-time? \_\_\_\_\_
- Please indicate how much time you spend at home:  
Weekdays: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekends: \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you willing to allow potential adopters visit the foster cat at your home if a prior appointment is made with you? **YES / NO**

### Transport

- Do you have your own transport? **YES / NO**
- Are you willing to collect your foster cat and also transport it to and from Cat Haven for veterinary appointments or have kittens weighed etc? **YES / NO**
- If no, do you have someone who can drive you to and from Cat Haven? **YES / NO**

### Living Arrangements

- How many adults live at your address? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have children living at home? **YES / NO** If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_  
Their age range? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does anyone in your household have allergies to cats? **YES / NO**
- Are you and your family members' tetanus vaccinations up to date? **YES / NO**
- What type of accommodation do you live in?  House  Apartment  Acreage  Other
- Do you own or rent your property? \_\_\_\_\_
  - If renting, do you have permission from your landlord to have cats? **YES / NO**
- Do you give Cat Haven permission to conduct a house inspection at a mutually agreed upon time? **YES / NO** (We have a duty of care to our cats and kittens wherever they are situated, this includes foster homes)
- Are you willing to keep your foster cat fully contained in one room initially to settle in? **YES / NO**
- Do you agree to keep your foster cat indoors at all times? **YES / NO**
- Where in the home will your foster cat mainly be kept?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Is everyone in your household happy to share their home with a foster cat? **YES / NO**

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### Previous Experience

- Do you have any previous experience in fostering animals? **YES / NO**
  - If yes, please give details including: when, who for, how many, ages and for how long?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have prior experience in caring for very young / behavioral issues / medical / special needs animals? **YES / NO**
  - If yes, please provide details:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Other Pets

- Do you have cats of your own? **YES / NO** If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Are your cats: Sterilised? **YES / NO**
  - Up to date with vaccinations? **YES / NO**
  - Up to date with flea/worm treatments? **YES / NO**
- Do you have any dogs? **YES / NO** If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_
- Please indicate any other types of pets that you have:  
\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If you plan on introducing your foster cat to a resident cat, this must be done EXTREMELY slowly. Please make sure you ask us for a detailed handout on how best to go about this. DO NOT just put them together straight away and expect they will get along as this often does not work with cats.

### How did you hear about Cat Haven's Foster Care Program?

Website  Fostering brochure  Friends who foster  Facebook  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you! Cat Haven will be in contact once we have had the opportunity to review the information you have provided.

### Comments

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Foster Care Agreement

1. I am 18 years of age or older and have read, understood and agreed to the terms below.

#### Understanding Between the Parties

2. My services are provided strictly in a voluntary capacity as a volunteer, and without any express or implied promise of salary, compensation or other payment of any kind whatsoever.
3. As a volunteer my services are furnished without any benefits, including workers compensation accrual in any form, holiday or sick leave.
4. I understand that Cat Haven may terminate my services as a volunteer foster carer at any time at its discretion and I will immediately return any foster cat that is in my care at the time and/or any items or equipment that belong to Cat Haven.
5. I will notify Cat Haven within 7 days of any change to my personal details recorded in this application.
6. I agree to contact the Cat Haven should my foster cat be experiencing any difficulties including settling in.
7. I understand that Cat Haven cannot guarantee or be held responsible for the temperament, behaviour or health of any foster cat that comes into my care, and I am aware that foster cats may cause injury or damage to personal property, other pets and humans. I understand that Cat Haven cannot be held responsible for any such injuries and/or damage incurred due to my activities as a foster carer.

#### Return of Cat

8. I acknowledge that any foster cat in my care remains the exclusive property of Cat Haven and I will return the foster cat to Cat Haven immediately upon request.
9. If during the fostering period I feel a cat in my care is unsuitable for any reason, I will contact Cat Haven to arrange the return of the cat to Cat Haven.

#### Conditions of Care

10. I agree to accept a foster cat into my care until they are adopted or returned to Cat Haven.
11. I will keep my foster cat securely housed at all times while in my care and will not allow it to go outside unless in a fully enclosed cat run.
12. I agree to maintain my foster cat's environment in a clean and hygienic state.
13. I agree not to take any other foster pets (short or long term) into my home during the time I am actively fostering for Cat Haven without the prior approval of Cat Haven.
14. I understand that Cat Haven may before or during fostering inspect the property on which a cat is housed to ensure the health, safety and security of any foster cat in my care and that as a result of this inspection I may be requested by Cat Haven to return the foster cat. I agree to return the foster cat if I am requested to do so.
15. I agree to continue with any medical treatment of a cat in my care as instructed by Cat Haven
16. I agree to take the foster cat to all scheduled veterinary appointments at the Cat Haven Veterinary Clinic.
17. I agree to contact Cat Haven to make a vet appointment should my foster cat be sick/injured.
18. I agree to only feed my foster cat food that has been supplied or recommended by Cat Haven and I will contact Cat Haven should I have any concerns regarding my foster cat's eating habits.

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### **Costs**

19. I understand that Cat Haven will provide the basics for my foster cat in the way of food, bowls, litter trays and medications but not litter. Should I incur any additional financial expenses while fostering a cat for Cat Haven, I am personally responsible for such expenses unless otherwise agreed.

### **Regular Contact**

20. I agree to make regular fortnightly contact with Cat Haven to provide an update on the well-being of any foster cat in my care.
21. I agree to contact Cat Haven IMMEDIATELY if the foster cat in my care is sick, injured or lost.
22. I agree that in the unlikely event that my foster cat escapes and goes missing, it is my responsibility to do everything reasonably possible to find the cat.

### **Adoption Enquiries**

23. I understand that I may be required to provide good quality photographs and a profile for my foster cat to Cat Haven for inclusion on its website, facebook page, other social and print media and promotional material.
24. I understand that should Cat Haven receive an adoption enquiry about a foster cat in my care, I will be contacted by Cat Haven.
25. I agree to make contact with any potential adopter as soon as reasonably possible, and at least within 48 hours of receiving their details, to organise a mutually suitable time and date for the potential adopter to meet my foster cat.
26. I agree to actively participate in the meeting by:
- (a) Providing the potential adopter with relevant information about the foster cat's temperament and health.
  - (b) Instructing the potential adopter about the adoption process should they wish to proceed with adoption.
  - (c) Not allowing any adopter to take a foster cat without having attended Cat Haven to complete the adoption paperwork and associated payment.
27. I understand that should I wish to adopt a foster cat in my care, I am subject to the same terms and conditions as a member of the public adopter and it will be at the discretion of Cat Haven to decide whether it is appropriate to proceed with the adoption. I accept that until the adoption has been officially finalised, the foster cat remains the property of Cat Haven.

### **28. Release and Discharge**

On behalf of myself, and my heirs' personal representatives and assigns, I hereby release and discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Cat Haven and its directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, causes of action and demands of any nature, whether known or unknown, costs, expenses and damages, arising out of or in connection with my volunteer activities.

### **Declaration**

29. By signing below, I hereby accept a position as a volunteer foster carer for Cat Haven upon the above terms, conditions and understandings.
30. I hereby acknowledge the above terms and conditions and agree to abide by them during the entire time I am fostering cats and/or kittens for Cat Haven.
31. I also acknowledge that this Agreement, combined with the previously signed Foster Carer Application form, forms the basis of my relationship with Cat Haven in a volunteer capacity.

Signed (applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_