



PetRetreat fostering Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to sign anything?

You will be asked to sign a fostering agreement when you take in your first foster pet. You will also receive a booklet on RSPCA policy and practices which outlines your and our obligations.

How long will I have the animal in my care?

Unfortunately, this is impossible to estimate. It could be anything from a few weeks up to six, or even nine months. We can discuss individual placements at the point of foster.

Is the foster placement confidential?

Yes. The animals are always fostered away from the area where the abuse has occurred. PetRetreat staff are the only people that hold all the information relating to the placement. We update the owner on how their animals are but do not give any other information. We also like to send a picture of the animals onto the owners.

Can I meet the foster animal before taking it into foster?

Yes. Providing you are not too far away from the animal centre where the animal is having its assessment. We would encourage this if we are placing a dog in a foster home that already has a dog(s).

Do I have to pay for food, cat litter and equipment?

No. All food and equipment is provided or paid for by PetRetreat. We can either arrange to deliver food directly to you or, if you prefer, you can buy the food yourself and we will reimburse you via the expenses form.

What happens when I go on holiday?

We can usually arrange to bring the animals into an animal centre, or go to another fosterer, when you go on holiday.

Can I let a cat out?

No. Unfortunately the risk of a cat absconding in an unfamiliar area if it is let out is too high. We therefore ask our fosterers not to let our cats out of the house.

What happens about booster vaccinations?

Your foster pet will come to you with up-to-date vaccinations and worm/flea treatments. We will supply you with worm and flea treatments when they become due. Vaccination boosters, if they are required, should be done by the local RSPCA vet. Ring the office and we will arrange the appointment.

What do I do if the foster animal becomes ill while in my care?

In an emergency, take the animal to the nearest vet for treatment. If it is not an emergency, the animal should be seen by an RSPCA vet. Please contact the PetRetreat office who will arrange an appointment and transport as necessary.

What if the animal gets lost?

Please report a lost animal to the PetRetreat office as soon as possible. All of our animals are micro-chipped to PetRetreat and dogs are supplied with a tag with numbers to ring. For out of hours only please call 07825 158779 leaving a message and someone will contact you.