Horry County Animal Care Center Foster Application

1923 Industrial Park Road, Conway, SC 29526

Main: (843) 915-5172 **Email**: SHELTER@HORRYCOUNTY.ORG

Hours of Operations

MTWThF

10:30 am—4:30 pm

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thank you for taking the time and consideration to foster an animal at the Horry County Animal Care Center. Animals considered foster eligible are animals that: need behavior enrichment/training, neo-natals (bottle babies) without a mother, the HCACC has an excess of adoption/rescue candidates, and other necessary conditions that would improve the animals' time while under the care and treatment of the Animal Care Center.

Participating in the foster program is ***completely voluntary*** and an opportunity to work with animals under the care and responsibility of the ACC under the following guidelines:

- the Foster will be receiving a manageable number of animals to care for at home.
- Understand that they will need to supply clean housing, food, water, provide social and physical activities/interactions, etc. for the animal(s) that they are fostering.
- Has permission from their landlord/HOA to have the animal(s) on their property, if applicable. (***This permission will need to be submitted with the foster application***.)
- Has reliable transportation to transport the animal to and from the Animal Care Center for scheduled appointments/treatments.
- Understands that this animal will need to be spayed/neutered and will follow the set guidelines for post op care.

The Foster will receive a starter kit to assist with transitioning the animal into their home and other necessary supplies will be provided by HCACC for the duration of this foster. Additional supplies can be received as they become available.

Canines: loaner crate/kennel, one week supply of dog food, collar/leash

Felines: loaner carrier and a one week supply cat food and cat litter.

Neo-Natal (unweaned): 1-2 bottles, formula and other necessary items for the care of the animal(s)

If there are any **medical concerns** during business hours, Foster should contact Animal Care Center immediately and request to speak with a shelter technician or the medical supervisor at (843) 915-5171. If this is an after-hours emergency, Foster will need to call (843) 915-5173.

If there are any **behavioral concerns** or housing issues, contact the Animal Care Center immediately. If this is after hours, foster will contact ((843) 915-5173.

Animals must be brought back to ensure proper vaccinations, heartworm preventative and flea treatment are provided within the designated time.

The animal(s) will remain under the care & control of Horry County and will return to the shelter when:

- The facility has spacing to house the animal on the adoption floor
- The animal has received appropriate behavior enrichment/training and is eligible for the adoption floor.
  When returning the animal for the adoption floor, the foster can submit documentation/notes of time spent working with the animal or activities performed that assist the animal with placement in its new home.
- The animal has met the weight requirement for spay/neuter.
  This will apply mostly to kittens/puppies that are less than the 2 lbs requirement for spay/neuter.
- A rescue organization has made arrangements for the animal(s) to transfer into another facility/foster home.
- In the event that a possible owner is located, all reunifications/identifications will be conducted at the Animal Care Center. ***No persons should be going to a foster residence for any reason.***
- If the animal bites/scratches the foster or a member of their household, the animal will be returned to the Animal Care Center to undergo a DHEC quarantine and the foster will fill out a bite case report.
- All equipment and unused supplies will be returned at the completion of the foster.
- Failure to return the animal to the Animal Care Center at the designated time will result in the revocation of foster privileges thru the Animal Care Center and an Animal Control Officer will be sent to the resident to pick up the animal(s).

By participating in the Animal Care Center Foster Program, you understand that this animal is the property of the Animal Care Center and that you will abide by the guidelines and instructions set forth within this document.

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Foster to Adopt: this person(s) is fostering an animal with the intent of adopting said animal. The foster should be prepared to pay ½ adoption fee for full priced animals and the standard adoption fee on reduced animals on the day the animal is released.

FEES:	Canine Adoption	$80	Foster Fee	$40
	Canine Adoption	$40	Foster Fee	$40
	Canine Adoption	$25	Foster Fee	$25
	Feline Adoption	$50	Foster Fee	$25
	Feline Adoption	$25	Foster Fee	$25

F2A Program would be for no more than 1 week (7 days) and HCACC will contact the foster on the 5th/6th day to determine if the adopter will keep the animal. If the adopter chooses to keep the animal, the front desk will schedule an appointment for the foster to come in on the 7th/8th day to complete remaining paperwork and process the adoption. If the adopter decides that the animal is not for them, they will return the animal within the 7 day period and may select another animal or have their "foster fee" returned to them. ***All foster fee returns will be in the form of a check from the Horry County Finance Department.*** Foster to adopt is for one (1) pet. Under special circumstances, the Foster Coordinator or their designee can authorize a multi foster not to exceed two pets within the same household. If the foster fails to return the animal after the specified amount of time, the foster can be charged with possession of stolen property and an animal control officer will be sent to the residence to take possession of the animal and all documents associated with the animal.

Foster for Adoption: this person(s) is fostering an animal that is currently on the adoption floor but may need some additional work and would benefit better by being removed from the shelter environment and into a home environment. Foster Coordinator or their designee will check in with the foster once a week to ensure that the animal is adapting to the new environment and to make sure the foster is not feeling overwhelmed by the task at hand. These animals can be fostered for a minimum of 1 week to a maximum of 4 weeks. If during that time, there has been no change or improvement with the animal, it will come back to the shelter for a re-evaluation.

*****Foster FOR Adoption is NOT the same as "Foster TO Adopt"*****

Foster for Transport: this person(s) is fostering an animal that has been posted for rescue and is currently waiting on an agency/ transport to be arranged or this person is holding an animal that has an extended transport pick up time. For example, the agency confirmed to take the animal on Day 3 but they will not be able to pick up the animal until day 10. (This option should only be used when the shelter is at capacity or over capacity for animals).

Foster for Medical: foster application needs to be submitted; this person(s) is fostering an animal that is needs medical attention (neo-natals that need to be feed every 3-4 hours). These animals can be fostered until they are old enough to come back into the shelter and can be spayed/neutered prior to going on the adoption floor. These fosters will be provided with a basic kit for the animal that they are providing medical for.

If you have an after-hours emergency, call (843) 915-5173.

Applications can be dropped off via:

1) **EMAIL: SHELTER@HORRYCOUNTY.ORG**

2) **FAX: (843) 915-6170**

3) **by appointment Monday-Friday between 10:30 am—4:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, please call (843) 915-5172 or email us.**

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FOSTER APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

(THINGS TO ENSURE A SPEEDY APPLICATION APPROVAL)

Foster to Adopt (F2A) Checklist:

_____Foster Application

_____Adoption Policy Form

_____Background Authorization Release

_____Landlord/HOA Permission (if applicable)

Foster for Adoption/Transport/Medical Checklist:

_____Foster Application

_____Background Authorization Form

_____Landlord/HOA Permission (if applicable)

- ***Please allow 3 to 5 business days for processing***. You will receive a confirmation via email on whether or not your application has been approved for the Foster Program.
- Approved Foster Applications are valid for 12 months from the date of submission and contact information will need to be updated once a year to remain in good standing with the Animal Care Center Foster Program.
- Once approved, the Foster will be contacted with a pick-up date/time for the animal being fostered.
- ***(Foster to Adopt F2A Only):*** Foster should be prepared to submit the necessary fees at the time of pick up and prepared to pay ½ adoption fee for full priced animals and the current adoption fee on reduced animals on the day the animal is released. Payment can be completed via cash, Money Order, Cashier's Check, VISA, MasterCard, or Discover. ***See page 2 for Fees***.
- ***Blank sections, missing signatures and incomplete forms will delay the application process. The process begins when all required documents have been submitted in their entirety.***

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**********FOSTER INFORMATION**********

Have you been here before? NO YES

NAME:_____ If your name changed since your last visit, please list previous name:_____.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:_____ APT:_____ CITY:_____ STATE:_____ ZIP CODE:_____.

MAILING ADDRESS:_____ APT:_____ CITY:_____ STATE:_____ ZIP CODE:_____.

(if different from address above)

PHONE #:_____ EMAIL ADDRESS:_____

DRIVER'S LICENSE #_____ STATE ISSED_____ DATE OF BIRTH:_____ EXP DATE_____.

**********EMPLOYMENT & HOUSEHOLD **********

Employment Status Full-time Part-Time Student Unemployed

Occupation:_____ # of Household Members: Under 8_____ Aged 8 –17 ____ 18 and over _____.

Any allergies to pets? No Yes (If yes, what breed:_____)

Primary Caretaker for Foster? Self Spouse Teenager Pre-Teen Other Adult

All understand the responsibility associated with fostering an animal? Yes No Need More Information

Is anyone in the household pregnant? No Yes Household Daily Activity: Quiet Active Very Active

Home Ownership: Own Live w/ family Rent

Years at Address: Less than 1 1-3 years 4-10 years Over 10 years

If you rent, include landlord name/number:_____

Are any pets currently living in your household? No Yes

If "Yes", how many and what type?:_____

**********FOSTERING OPTIONS**********

What are you interested in fostering? (please select all that apply)

FOSTER TO ADOPTION Canines Felines Special Needs All of the Above (no more than 2 animals per household)

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FOSTER FOR TRANSPORT

Rescue Candidates	Canines	Felines	Both	(no more than 2 animals per household)
Maternity Candidates	Canines	Felines	Both	(no more than 1 mom and litter per household)
Medical Candidates	Canines	Felines	Both	(no more than 1 medical emergency per household)

Foster for Transport will be under the guidance and direction of the Rescue Coordinator and Medical Team.

Foster To/For Adoption will be under the guidance and direction of the Foster Coordinator and their designees.

**********FOSTERING QUESTIONNAIRE **********

Have you ever visited our facility? Yes No

Do you have reliable transportation? Yes No

Are you familiar with animal control laws? Yes No

For what problems do you feel unprepared?_____

Do you have any comments/concerns prior to fostering?:_____

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Horry County Animal Care Center Adoption Policy
(FOSTER TO ADOPT ONLY)

The goal of the Horry County Animal Care Center is to find loving, permanent homes for the animals sheltered here.

We believe pet adoption should be a lifetime commitment—a match made with great care.

We know that temporary housing in a shelter is not ideal for pets, but we also know it's much harder on a pet to leave the shelter only to be returned because the adoption decision didn't take into consideration all the important factors.

Please understand that we cannot guarantee the health of our animals or that the animal has had training or is housebroken.

Our adoption fee includes spay/neuter, the first set of vaccinations, heartworm or feline leukemia testing, rabies vaccine and a microchip.

PLEASE NOTE: **Many apartment complexes, home rentals, mobile home parks, condo associations and insurance companies place restrictions on the number, size and breed of pets that can live with you. Please take this into consideration before choosing a pet.**

IMPORTANT THINGS TO READ & UNDERSTAND:

⇒ The Horry County Animal Care Center reserves the right to refuse any adoption in which it determines is not in the best interest of the pet. **All adopters must be 18 years or older**.

⇒ As the adopter, **you accept the pet "as is" and assume all risks of ownership**, including all financial obligations.

⇒ We strongly urge you to **take your pet to a veterinarian for an exam within 14 days.** While we strive to adopt out healthy animals, some diseases may not be apparent at the time of adoption. Establishing a relationship with your veterinarian is the best way to ensure proper care for your pet's health and well being for many years to come.

⇒ Should you no longer be able to care for the adopted pet, you can return the pet to our facility.

⇒ **The Horry County Animal Care Center will not refund an adoption fee**.

⇒ In accordance with South Carolina Code of Law, **all pets adopted from the Horry County Animal Care Center will be spayed or neutered**. Failure to do so can result in a $200.00 fine and forfeiture of the pet until sterilization is complete.

⇒ ***In accordance with Horry County Code of Ordinances, all pets must be currently vaccinated with a rabies.***

⇒ We hope that you have many happy years with your new pet.

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NAME:_____ **PHONE # :(**_____**)**_____

ADDRESS:_____**Apt:**_____

CITY:_____**STATE:**_____**ZIP:**_____

MAILING ADDRESS (If different from above):_____

CITY:_____**STATE:**_____**ZIP:**_____

EMAIL:_____**(If no email is given, pet insurance can not be issued)**

DRIVER'S LICENSE #:_____**State:**_____ **Date of Birth:**_____

ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON (This will be recorded on the microchip as the emergency contact.)

Name:_____**Phone # (**_____**)**_____