



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can I foster even if I work a full-time job?**

Yes! In fact, most of our foster families work full time jobs! While some of our animals may need more round-the-clock care or mid-day medications, most of them will be just fine while you're away for the day. If you have any time restrictions, we encourage you to tell the foster team. We are happy to find the match who's best for your home.

### **How much time do I need to spend with my foster animal?**

The amount of time an animal needs each day will vary depending on their energy level, and medical or behavioral needs. You should be prepared to spend at least one hour a day socializing, playing, feeding and caring for your foster pet.

### **What supplies will Seattle Humane provide?**

Seattle Humane is typically able to provide you with all the supplies necessary for fostering an animal. However, keep in mind that many of our supplies are donation based and of limited quantity. Therefore, if you are able purchase your own supplies, our program will be able to reallocate supplies to other foster families that may not be able to purchase their own.

### **Can I foster if I have my own resident animals?**

Yes! However, we encourage you to keep your resident animals separate from your foster animals.

### **Can my fosters interact with my resident animals?**

Seattle Humane's official recommendation is that you keep your foster animals and resident animals separate from one another. This is the safest option for preventing the spread of disease and for reducing the chances of any personality conflicts. However, we do understand that it is often difficult to keep animals totally separate from one another. As a foster parent, you can decide what is best for your home. Should you choose to integrate your foster animal into your own home, please talk to a foster staff member to discuss appropriate introduction techniques.

### **How long will my foster animal stay in my care?**

An animal's length of stay in foster is totally dependent on their reason for being in foster. Typically the foster team should be able to give you an estimate for how long your animal will need to stay in foster. If you have any time restrictions or preferences, please tell the Foster Team and we will pick an animal that best aligns with your schedule.