

Foster Parent Spotlight

January 2022 — Elisabeth

Elisabeth has been fostering with Seattle Humane since September 2019, and so far, with the help of her family, has fostered 45 animals. From kittens, puppies and dogs to critters, including rabbits, guinea pigs and mice, Elisabeth is always excited and ready to support a new foster.

Elisabeth was surrounded by a wide range of animals growing up. She rode horses, and her family always had birds, bunnies, chickens, dogs, and a pond full of fish. Additionally, she had friends with farm animals close by. This exposure ingrained an early appreciation for animals, and experiences like raising puppies from birth provided her with valuable and transferable skills for fostering pets.

Originally, her husband proposed fostering as a way to see if their family was ready for a full-time pet. But once they saw the positive impact that fostering can have on an animal's life, their perspective changed and they were hooked. "A little love can bring out the best in all of us," Elisabeth said. Over time, her two children have adapted to animals coming and going and have learned how to say goodbye once fosters are ready to find loving homes. Elisabeth and her family enjoy caring for animals of all types and backgrounds and, at least for the time being, no longer have plans to adopt pets of their own.

When asked about a favorite foster, it's tough for Elisabeth to choose, especially because each member of her family has connected with different animals through the years. However, Elisabeth has a soft spot for huskies. One in particular is a husky named Simba, who escaped while they were on a walk. After a stressful evening, she found him wandering around a nearby school the next day – their mascot was called "Howl." This immediately became Simba's nickname.

Kai, a husky that Elisabeth refers to as a "returning customer," was another favorite she and her family took care of through several holidays last year. She also felt a strong connection with Stella, a husky that even accompanied Elisabeth and her family on a camping trip.

Outside of fostering, Elisabeth has a background in biotechnology and works at a school district. She loves to cook and, during normal, non-pandemic times, sings with a local choir. With multiple friends that author romance novels, she spends a lot of time reading and reviewing their work as well.

Thank you to Elisabeth and her family for all that they do supporting our furry friends at Seattle Humane!



Stella



Kai



Simba

