

# **About Us**

Foster Pet Outreach began in 1990 when three coworkers banded together to help a stray cat. Recognizing the need to better the lives of abandoned and abused animals in their community, they volunteered as a small group at the Peoria Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

Although the name was changed to Foster Pet Outreach in 1995, the commitment to placing animals in permanent homes remains the same. Over one hundred and fifty animals are placed into loving homes each year by our organization. 2007 marked our 20th+ year dedicated to helping animals in need. Founded with a vision of an organization that would



make a difference in the lives of unwanted animals in the Peoria area, today our membership is over 100 strong. How is sponsoring different from fostering?
Sponsoring is a financial commitment to a foster pet until they are adopted. Fostering is allowing a pet to live in your home until they are adopted.

Here's your opportunity to help a homeless pet in the Foster Pet Outreach foster care program without sharing your sofa.

- 1. Choose the pet you would like to sponsor or let us choose one for you.
- 2. Tell us how much you would like to donate each month toward your foster pet.

Ideas for donation amounts:
\$10 a month buys a heartworm pill.
\$15 a month buys dog or cat food.
\$50 a month buys heartworm pills, food and toys.

Prefer to give a one time gift?
\$20 for microchip.
\$36 covers a feline leukemia test.
\$100 purchases a spay or neuter for a foster animal.

3. Send your sponsorship checks to:
Foster Pet Outreach
Sponsor a Pet Program
P.O. Box 5084, Peoria, IL 61601

Please include the name of the foster animal you wish to sponsor and a contact name, phone number and/or email address.

### www.fosterpetoutreach.com

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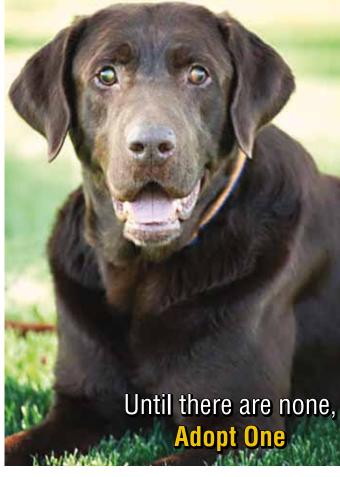


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Foster Pet Outreach is a local non-profit organization whose main focus is to help provide for the well being of animals in our community.







### **Mission Statement**

Foster Pet Outreach is a Not for Profit shelter alternative that rescues and rehabilitates dogs and cats in need by use of foster homes. We provide education and guidance to promote responsible pet guardianship.

"Our members feel that they have the responsibility to address the general needs of this community's animals and to champion the rights of those whom we share our world. Foster Pet Outreach wishes that everyone recognize the dignity and the worth of all animals."



Owning An Animal Is A Commitment For The Life Of That Animal. All Pets Have The Same Basic Needs As Humans: Food, Shelter, Warmth, As Well As Protecton, Attention and Love.

#### **Become A Foster Home**

We ask for information about your home and your pets and require personal references. We do require that foster homes live within 60 miles of Peoria, Illinois. When the paperwork from you is received, members of the Foster Care Committee will schedule a home visit to meet the regulations of the Illinois Department of Agriculture for licensing shelters and foster homes. The Foster Care Committee will then match a foster pet that will fit into your home environment.

#### **Spay and Neuter**

In the Peoria area alone, over 3,000 animals are killed each year simply because nobody wants them. This is not a remote problem in some faraway city - it's happening right here! Foster Pet Outreach spays or neuters every dog and cat in our care when our veterinarian feels that the animal has reached an appropriate age. We do not wish any of our foster animals to contribute to the already staggering pet overpopulation problem in this country.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.fosterpetoutreach.com

## **Adoption Counseling**

We try to spend as much time as possible finding the right animal for the right family. We discuss responsible pet ownership with the potential adopter, and answer as many questions as we can about bringing a new pet into their home.

### Adoption Follow-up

The foster parent or other qualified Foster Pet Outreach member contacts the adopters to see if they have any questions or concerns about the adoption process, pet behavioral problems, or general pet care. We try to make every adoption a pleasant experience.



#### **Adoption**

Foster Pet Outreach does not have a physical shelter as all of the animals are fostered in private homes. To visit one of our foster animals, please

complete an adoption application on our website and the foster home will contact you. We also have Petco events monthly to allow prospective adopters to see the foster animals.

All pets in our care are examined by a veterinarian, vaccinated, tested (Heartworm for dogs or Feline Leukemia for cats) and treated for worms, fleas, ticks and ear mites, spayed or neutered, and micro chipped.



The adoption process begins with an Adoption Application for a specific foster pet. The application will be forwarded to the foster parent who will contact you. The next step is a visit to your home if both parties want the process to continue. Foster Pet Outreach then requires a 24 hour waiting period before placing a pet in a new home, giving you time to think about this as a family and make preparations for your new pet.

