



Saving Pets One at a Time  
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## Foster Home

Foster Homes are the foundation of SPOT. Foster homes house the animals placed in SPOT's care until a permanent and loving home can be found. Foster Homes need to provide a quiet, secure area (laundry room, bathroom, extra bedroom, stall, etc.) until the animal feels comfortable with new surroundings. The purpose of a foster home is to prepare the animal for his/her new home. This includes spending time daily interacting and socializing with the foster animal, making sure it gets quality time, as well as exercise, basic training, and manners.

**Necessary supplies:** High quality food, water and food bowls, litter and litter box, soft bedding

**Schedule:** This volunteer position requires daily interaction

### General Duties:

- Providing a loving and safe environment for animals placed in SPOT's care
  - Provide an area for the foster animal to live while in your care. It is necessary that you keep the foster animal separate from your own pets for 2 weeks, until contagious diseases can be ruled out.
  - Provide food and other necessities required for each individual animal until animal is placed in a permanent home
    - as funding permits, SPOT will help supply these items
  - Keep foster animal clean and in good health
  - Schedule and transfer animal to vet visits (example: spay/neuter appointment)
- Deliver (or schedule delivery) of foster animals to outreach booths
  - Be sure animal is clean, brushed and in good condition
- Screen potential homes based on criteria provided by SPOT's Board of Directors
- Fill out required paper work neatly and readable
- Send information about foster animal to Foster Home Coordinator, Data Coordinator and Web Page Coordinator (example: personality traits, age, description, etc.)
- Must make sure that animal is spayed/neutered, tested appropriately and vaccinated prior to being placed with a family

### General Knowledge & Skills:

- ♣ General knowledge of SPOT's bylaws, policies and procedures
- ♣ Ability to handle cats and dogs of all ages, sizes and temperaments
- ♣ General Knowledge of pet care and the benefits of spay/neuter
- ♣ The ability to "let go" when the animal finds a permanent home
- ♣ Customer Service & Communication Skills
- ♣ Please note: All volunteers must be 16 years of age or be accompanied by an adult.

### SPOT's Mission Statement

To provide the community of Skagit County and the surrounding area an alternative method of caring for and adopting out companion animals