



Humane Society of Davie County Dog Foster Information

Fostering dogs and/or puppies: We need your help! <3

- Fostering pets for HSDC plays a critical role in saving and providing for current and future pets in the community.
- **Benefits of fostering an HSDC pet:**
 - Foster parent(s) provides a loving, warm, and safe environment for each pet.
 - It is great for cats to get exposed to adults, children of all ages, and other pets in foster homes which promotes positive and healthy socialization and development for a pet.
 - Each foster pet is able to have constant, around the clock supervision in a foster home. This experience differs from many shelters and rescues where pets are kept in kennels during the evenings and large portions of the day.
 - Foster parents are able to bond with and provide love to these foster fur babies. These pets can be given affection that they may have never experienced before in their lives.
 - Foster parents play an integral role in deciding which potential adopter gets to adopt the foster pet.
 - Foster pets will experience less fear and anxiety in home-like environments.
 - **Added benefit:** Foster parents have “first dibs” on whether they choose to adopt a foster pet(s).

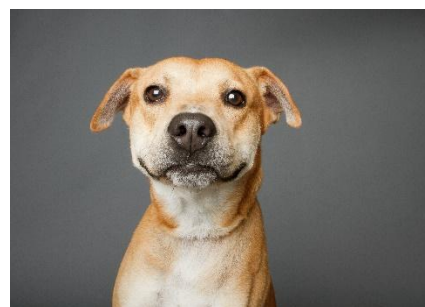
I am interested in becoming a dog and/or puppy foster! How do I become a foster parent(s)?

- Becoming a foster parent is super easy! If you are interested in becoming a foster for dogs, puppies, cats, or even kittens, you need to visit our website and submit a FOSTER Application (different from an Adoption Application).
 - HSDC Website: <https://www.hsdavie.org/>
- Step by step instructions on submitting a Foster Application:
 - Visit the HSDC website (see link above).
 - Look for the “Foster” tab at the top of the page, Click “Foster” tab.
 - Scroll down and click on Dog/Puppy Foster Application Picture.
 - Complete the Foster Application.
 - Please contact your veterinarian and notify them that an HSDC representative will be reaching out to them to complete a basic veterinary reference as part of the foster application process.
 - Once the application is submitted, it will be reviewed by an HSDC staff member. You will be notified by email, text, and/or phone call when your application has been approved. Once the application is approved, an HSDC representative will reach out to you via email, text, or phone call the next time a fur baby becomes available who needs a foster home.

As a foster parent(s), you are provided with the following items:

If you run low on or out of something, notify an HSDC representative. We will get you more supplies ASAP.

- Kennel or crate
- Towels and blankets
- Training pads or “pee pee pads”
- Dog bowls/Food
- Treats/Toys
- Leash/Collar/Harness
- All medical care is covered by HSDC until the foster pet is adopted.





-Once you are an approved foster and you pick-up your first foster pet, an HSDC staff member will let you know when the next vetting will need to be done and where it needs to be done.

-If the dog/puppy is not due for anything at the time of pick up, a staff member will notify you when the dog/puppy needs to get any vetting and where they need to have it done.

HSDC Approved Veterinary Hospitals – HSDC Staff Members Schedule Any Appointments Needed

The Country Veterinary Hospital

1181 Country Ln, Mocksville, NC 27028
336-936-9101

Hillsdale Animal Hospital

134 Medical Dr, Advance, NC 27006
336-281-3344

How do meet and greet sessions work?

- All applicants who are interested in adopting an HSDC pet must apply for the pet via HSDC's website (see previous link).
- All individual applications are screened thoroughly, including follow-up questions/clarification, veterinary records checks, personal references, meet and greet sessions, and home visits.
- Once an applicant is approved, you will be contacted by an HSDC staff member who will connect you with the potential adopter to schedule a meet and greet session.
- Most meet and greet sessions take place at the foster family's home or can take place at our office.
- Feel free to observe the potential adopter with the foster pet – look for how the foster pet responds to the potential adopter and how the potential adopter handles and interacts with the pet.
- Feel free to ask many questions of the potential adopter to ensure they are the best fit for the foster pet.
- At the conclusion of the meet and greet session, the foster pet **DOES NOT** go home with the potential adopter. We ask you to touch base with an HSDC representative and provide honest and detailed feedback on the potential adopter.
- A final decision on who will be the "right" adopter for the foster pet will be made based on the following: the individual's application, veterinarian reference, personal reference, home visit, and your feedback on the meet and greet session.
- Once the "right" applicant for the foster pet is notified and pays the adoption fee, you will be notified, and you are then free to coordinate a final transfer/pick-up of the foster pet to his/her forever home.

Adoption Fee and Breakdown

Puppies - \$250/Dogs - \$200

- Spay/Neuter at one of HSDC's partner vets (Some exceptions may apply)
- Microchip (Provided at one of HSDC's partner vet or to adopter)
- Age-Appropriate Vaccinations
 - (Includes at least one Distemper and one Rabies)
 - If pet has already had at least one Distemper vaccination while in HSDC's care, the adopter is responsible for any future Distemper vaccinations after the adoption is completed
- Care as recommended by our veterinarian and shelter policies and procedures



General Tips when Fostering Puppies and/or Dogs

- Slowly introduce your foster pet to other members of the family.
- When introducing the foster pet and your own pets, avoid food, pre-existing toys, and try to pick a neutral space for the initial interaction.
- Puppy proof your home and introduce your foster pet to the home environment/space – may need to use kennels/carrier and or baby gates to ensure your foster pet does not get into trouble at night or when not directly supervised.
- It is highly recommended that you use a kennel/carrier to house the puppy/dog in at night when you are asleep or when you leave the house for brief periods of time to assist in potty training and keeping your puppy/dog safe.
- Always pick up the new foster pet's poop until he/she is cleared of intestinal parasites by a veterinarian
- Teach children, especially young children, healthy and safe ways to interact with the foster pet (e.g., ask the dog owner if he/she can approach and pet the dog first, let the dog sniff you, offer hand to pet dog, do not approach an unknown dog from behind, etc.)
- Feel free to use treats and love/attention to teach the foster pet basic commands and for rewarding positive behaviors.
- Use the loudness and tone of voice to reinforce or decondition positive or negative behaviors.
- Puppies' natural tendency is to chew due to teething (i.e., losing their baby teeth so their adult teeth come in) – encourage positive chewing behaviors on puppy appropriate toys and bones.
- Be patient! It takes foster pets and new pets weeks to months to adjust to a new family, new furry friends, and a new environment. Give them time to adjust, get into a routine, and feel comfortable/safe.
- Developing a consistent, daily routine is key! Specific feeding times, potty breaks, walks, etc.

Please contact Becca Cranford at the Humane Society of Davie County for more information or questions.

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