

VOLUNTEER FOSTER CARE PROVIDER Application
Metro Animal Care and Control

Please complete the application and return to the Foster Coordinator at sarah.hagood@nashville.gov or mail to 5125 Harding Place, Nashville TN 37211.

Date: _____

First Name _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Do you Own or Rent your residence*? _____

*If you rent please include a letter from your landlord that states they allow animals

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Driver's License: State _____ Number _____

Number and ages of persons in your household: _____

Which do you prefer to care for: (please check all that apply)

Adult Cats: _____ Kittens: _____ Nursing Cat Moms with Kittens: _____

Adult Dogs: _____ Puppies: _____ Nursing Dog Moms with Puppies: _____

Are you a MACC Volunteer? _____

Current pets (number, age, and type): Cats _____ Dogs _____ Other _____

Are they current on rabies vaccination(s)? Yes ___ No ___ Expiration: _____

List all other vaccinations your pets currently have:

Please circle any diseases your household pets may have *or* had in the past: (Parvo, Distemper, Feline Leukemia, FIV, Other): _____ When: _____

Do you have an enclosed outdoor area? Yes ___ No ___ How high is the barrier? _____

Where and how will your foster animals be housed? _____

How long will you be able to foster an animal or litter? _____

Supplies

The number of foster animals that MACC is able to support is limited by the financial and in-kind resources available to the program. Foster caregivers are encouraged to provide supplies to use for their own foster animals in order to maximize the number of MACC animals fostered and adopted each year. Some supplies may be available to give or loan to foster caregivers who require them in order to foster.

The following is a list of supplies recommended for the care and maintenance of foster animals. Obviously, puppies and kittens require more and different supplies than grown dogs and cats.

PLEASE MARK THE ITEMS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

- Animal food
- Bowls for food and water (ceramic or stainless steel are easiest to sanitize)
- Crate(s) (a large crate with a divider is useful for different sized dogs and kittens.)
- Blankets and towels
- Newspaper or cedar shavings (for puppy and kitten bedding)
- Grooming supplies- brushes, combs and flea combs
- Toys that can be cleaned and sanitized (rubber, nylon, or hard rubber chew toys that can be filled with treats for dogs and puppies)
- Baby gate(s)
- Collars with ID
- Leashes
- Medicine droppers or bottles for unweaned kittens or puppies
- Bleach or other cleanser and disinfectant
- Paper towels and rags (for clean-up)
- Stain and odor remover

Puppy-specific:

- Outdoor exercise pen

Cat-specific:

- Scratching post
- Litter boxes (small, low sided litter boxes for kittens, covered litter boxes work well for adult cats)
- Litter (use unscented, non-clumping clay litter for kittens)
- Kitty Forts

The information given on this Application is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

**FOSTER CARE PROVIDER Application: Terms and Conditions
Metro Animal Care and Control**

On this date, I agree to the following terms and conditions for voluntarily fostering an animal from Metro Animal Care and Control. By signing below, I acknowledge that I am 18 years or older, and agree to be bound by and to comply with the following terms and conditions.

Please write your initials on the line to the left of each paragraph after you have read it.

_____ I agree that my services as an animal Foster Care Provider are provided on a strictly volunteer basis. I shall receive no pay, benefits, or compensation of any kind from the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (including Metro Animal Care and Control) for my foster care of animals.

_____ I agree to provide foster care in strict compliance with the policies and procedures of Metro Animal Care and Control. These requirements *include but are not limited to:*

- Providing adequate food, water, shelter, safe containment and humane treatment for the animal(s) at all times.
- Monitoring the animal(s) and providing proper care & socialization to increase their possibility for adoption.
- Calling or e-mailing the Foster Coordinator at least once a week to advise on progress.
- Notifying the MACC Staff within 24 hours of any major change in the fostered animal's health, or the animal being lost.
- Representing myself professionally, in the context of MACC Foster Care.
- Returning MACC foster animals for sterilization, veterinary care, or otherwise on the specified date(s).

_____ MACC reserves the exclusive right to determine the proper course of action to take upon notification by the Foster Care Provider of any inability to comply with these terms and conditions.

_____ I understand and agree that the fostered animal(s) are the exclusive property of MACC. This Foster Care Application transfers no ownership rights.

_____ I understand all un-sterilized foster animals must be scheduled for sterilization at MACC and appointments for sterilization will be set up through the Foster Coordinator.

_____ I understand if any foster animal under my care dies, the body must be returned to MACC, or verification of death signed by a licensed veterinarian must be provided.

_____ I will respect MACC's decision to determine whether a Foster Care Provider can adopt a particular foster animal.

_____ I fully understand and agree that the ultimate disposition of any animal(s) under foster care is at the sole discretion of MACC.

_____ I will vaccinate my own animals against the following diseases before fostering:

- **Canines:** immunized against Canine Distemper, Canine Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, Hepatitis (4-in-1 booster); Bordetella (kennel cough); and Rabies, and are free of parasites.
- **Felines:** immunized against Feline Panleukopenia, Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus (3-in-1 booster), Feline Leukemia and Rabies, and are free of parasites.

_____ I understand **no reimbursement** by MACC will be given to me regarding any expenditure which I incur for the care and treatment of the foster animal(s).

_____ I understand if a fostered animal under my care or my own animal falls ill or dies from a contagious disease, I will not be considered for fostering other animals of the same species for a period of time specified by MACC. Foster Care Provider will be responsible for appropriately sanitizing all infected areas. If a Foster Care Provider's home is exposed to either Parvovirus or Feline Panleukopenia (feline leukemia), (s)he will not be allowed to foster the species of animal affected by the disease for six months.

_____ I understand that public relations are an important part of volunteering in the foster care program. I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors to allow MACC to use any photographs taken of me for use of public relations efforts. MACC will use reasonable efforts to notify me but such notification is not a condition of its release for public relations purposes.

_____ I understand that I may refuse to be photographed, and that such refusal shall not change my status as an MACC Foster Care Provider.

_____ I have received, read, and understand:

- (1) this Application and terms and conditions;
- (2) the Foster Care Guidelines provided during MACC's Foster orientation; and,
- (3) MACC's Policy on "Fostering Animals."

_____ I understand that any breach of these terms and conditions may result in immediate termination of my volunteer Foster Care Provider status and work, and MACC shall take immediate possession of the fostered animal(s).

_____ I recognize that there exists a risk of injury or disease, including physical harm to myself or others, caused by a foster animal.

_____ I understand that animals can be unpredictable and Metro Animal Care and Control cannot anticipate or ensure against unexpected conduct of fostered animals. I acknowledge that Metro Animal Care and Control has not made through its agents, volunteers, or employees, any warranties regarding the future condition, temperament, or conduct of the animals. I hereby accept the animals as they are, assume all risks and responsibilities associated with caring for the animals, including bites.

_____ On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and executors, I fully and completely release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (including MACC) its directors, officers, agents, volunteers, and employees from any and all claims, causes of action, demands, and liability, of any nature or cause, whether known or unknown, arising from, related to, or in connection with the fostering, care, transportation, maintenance, retention, temperament, conduct, or condition of any animal provided by MACC.