

RSPCA NSW Foster Care FAQ's



THEIR FUTURE

We will be there for the animals who need us most.



YOUR FUTURE

We will help empower you to make a difference to animals.



OUR FUTURE

We will nurture a strong and passionate RSPCA NSW team.

Why is foster caring so important?

In 2019/20, RSPCA NSW foster carers welcomed over 5,118 animals into their homes and families. That's 5,118 animals who were given the opportunity to:

- Receive medical treatment, such as vaccinations and desexing, before they were rehomed
- Recover from surgery or illness in a stress-free space
- Care for their young litters
- Receive rehabilitation, rest or time out from the shelter environment
- Experience a family environment while they wait to get adopted

Our foster carers are crucial to the ongoing wellbeing and rehabilitation of our animals. Their generosity, patience and unbounding love gives so many wonderful animals a second chance at happiness.

What are the requirements to becoming an RSPCA NSW foster carer?

Thanks for being interested! Foster caring is such a fun and rewarding way to donate your time. To become an RSPCA NSW foster carer, we ask that you:

- Are aged 18 or older, with all residents of your household agreeing to foster caring
- Can provide a safe and secure environment for fostered animals
- Have reliable transport, especially in the case of an emergency
- Can provide daily care for the animals in your care
- Attend or complete foster care training sessions
- Follow all RSPCA NSW policies and procedures

Can I foster if I have my own pets, live in an apartment, have children or work full-time?

Absolutely! These circumstances should not prevent you from becoming an RSPCA NSW foster carer. However, please note that we always do our best to match animals with the best possible foster carer, so not all animals can be fostered in all homes.

If you do have pets already at home, you will need to ensure they:

- Are up to date with vaccinations, as well as flea and worming treatments
- Are preferably desexed
- Can be kept separate from where your animals will predominantly reside, to ensure they have a safe space in your home to call 'theirs'

If you wish to foster dogs, you may need to bring your existing pets into the shelter or meet the potential foster dog, to ensure they will get on well.

How long will I foster an animal for?

We cannot provide specific dates for how long you will foster an animal because each case is unique. We'll do our best to give you an estimate based on the information at hand and what the animal requires from their foster home.

Do you provide supplies?

We do provide supplies! Any bedding, food, toys, and medications are provided by RSPCA NSW. Just add love.