

LOVE ANIMALS BUT CAN'T ADOPT RIGHT NOW?

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are lots of reasons why you might not be able to have a pet at home right now. Maybe you work long hours, travel often, or have other responsibilities that make pet ownership tricky.

But that doesn't mean you can't enjoy spending time with animals or help them in meaningful ways.

If you're looking for ways to connect with animals, here are three great options:

1 **BECOME A FOSTER CARER**

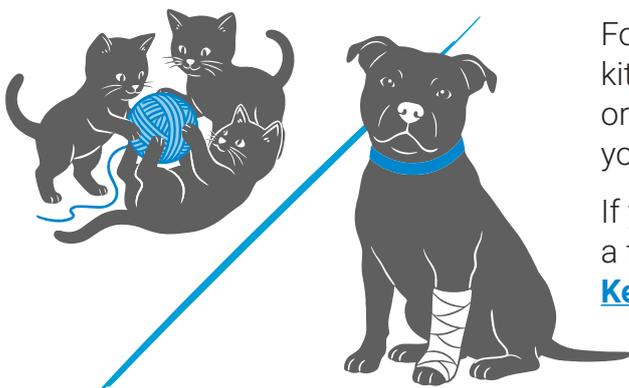
Fostering is a wonderful way to care for animals temporarily while they wait to find a home.

You'll provide a safe, loving space for an animal to rest, recover, and thrive.



RSPCA NSW supports foster carers by covering essentials like:

- Food and bedding
- Veterinary care
- Ongoing support and guidance



Fostering is flexible and rewarding. Whether it's a playful kitten, a gentle senior dog, a pet recovering from surgery or needing a break from the busy shelter environment, you'll be making a real difference in their life.

If you are renting, ensure you apply for permission to keep a foster animal at your property:

[Keeping a pet in a rental property | NSW Government](#)

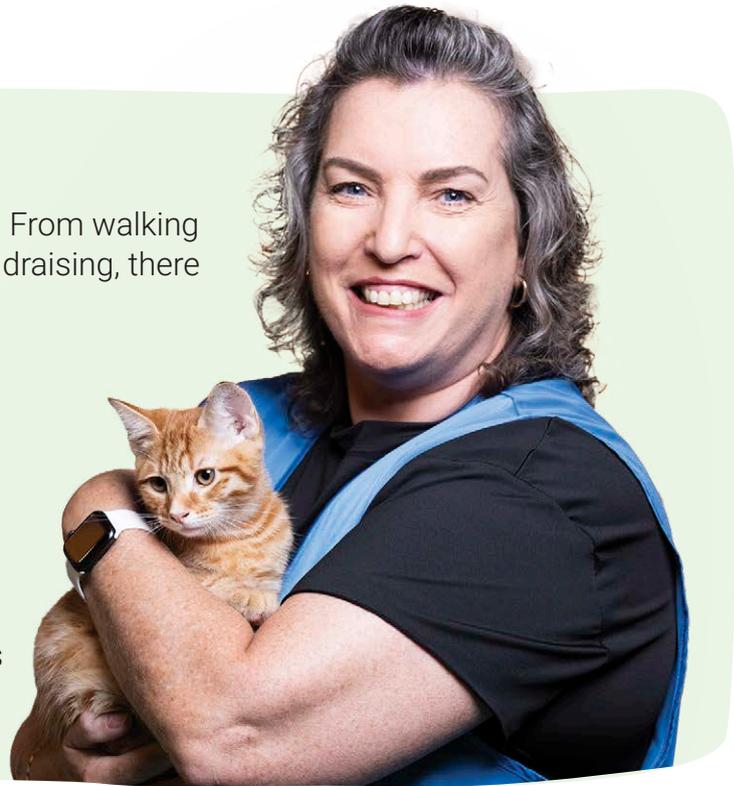
2 VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the heart of many animal charities. From walking dogs and cuddling cats to helping at events or fundraising, there are many ways to get involved.

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Spend time with animals
- Meet like-minded people
- Learn new skills
- Support a cause you care about

You don't need experience - just a love for animals and a willingness to help.



3 BECOME A WILDLIFE CARER

If you're passionate about native wildlife, consider becoming a registered wildlife carer. Injured, orphaned, or displaced native animals like possums, birds, and kangaroos often need temporary care before they can be released back into the wild.

Wildlife carers receive training and support through local wildlife rescue organisations. It's a unique and rewarding way to connect with nature and protect Australia's precious wildlife.

There are many ways to help or spend time with animals even if you aren't able to adopt right now. If you have a few hours a week or a spare room at home, you can help animals in need.



NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Visit our website to learn more about **fostering** and **volunteering**. For **wildlife**, search for your local Wildlife Rescue organisation online.