

Foster Carer Application Form - Cats/Kittens



Applicant's Personal Details

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Email: _____ Driver's Licence Number: _____

Are you presently employed? Yes No

If yes, please complete each of the following:

Name of Company/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Your Position: _____

Your Work Schedule: Full time Part time Casual

Employer's First Name and Surname: _____

Employer's Phone Number: _____

Referees' Details: Please provide the following details for two referees.

Referee #1

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Relationship: _____ Contact Number: _____

Referee #2

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Relationship: _____ Contact Number: _____

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Living Arrangements

Address where cat/kitten will be living: _____

What type of dwelling will the foster cat/kitten be living in? (Please tick/complete)

Apartment
 House
 Acreage
 Other _____

Where in the home will the cat/kitten mainly be kept? _____

It is extremely important cats/kittens have a safe enclosed area for sleeping and during playtimes when they are not being supervised. Ideally, this is a spare room or an area in your home that is not accessible by small children or other animals. All outdoor areas are unsuitable, including sheds etc.

In some cases, the responsibility of caring for cats/kittens is shared with another person within one household. If so, please include the name and contact details of this person:

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Email: _____ Driver's Licence Number: _____

Do you have your own transport? Yes No

*It is sometimes necessary for cat/kittens who have fallen ill to be taken to our vets **ASAP** (this includes out of normal business hours). Although it is not absolutely necessary to have your own transport to foster our cats/kittens, it is important for us to know your transport circumstances if such an occasion arises.*

Please read and then tick Yes or No for each of the following:	Yes	No
Do you live in a shared house? (i.e. persons other than your own family)?		
If yes, are all the other residents happy for you to foster cats/kittens? <i>You may consider it a private decision to foster kittens in your own room but from experience we know it is essential for everyone in the household to give you permission to foster kittens.</i>		
Is your home 'cat and kitten-proof' (or capable of being 'cat and kitten-proof')? e.g. secure flyscreens on windows and doors <i>We can provide you with lots of useful tips on how to ensure your home is a safe, secure place to foster kittens.</i>		
Do you give us permission to conduct a house inspection? <i>We have a duty of care to our cats and kittens wherever they are situated, this includes foster homes.</i>		

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Please read and then tick Yes or No for each of the following:	Yes	No
Are there any other animals living at your home?		
If yes, please indicate: a) how many animals you have: _____ b) what kind: _____		
If there are other cats in the household, are they up-to-date with their vaccinations? <i>If you wish to foster our cats/kittens it will be a requirement for you to present to us veterinary receipts relating to the vaccination of other cats in the household. Up-to-date vaccination protects both our cats/kittens and your own cats).</i>		
Have you, other persons or other animals in your household ever had ringworm?		
If yes, please indicate: a) when this occurred (if known): _____ b) how are you certain the infection is no longer present: _____ <i>In the context of a private household, ringworm infection is a minor inconvenience. But in a shelter environment (such as our cattery) where cats are kept at a higher density, infection of a single cat can rapidly lead to an outbreak, which can be extremely costly, difficult to manage and have a significant impact on re-homing capacity. It is vital, therefore, that our foster kittens/cats do not enter homes where ringworm has been present unless it is certain that there is no longer any risk of transmission.</i>		

Fostering Details

Are you interested in fostering? (Tick one or more boxes as appropriate)

Kitten/s
 Mum and kittens
 Adult Cat
 Senior Cat

Please indicate which, if any, of the below you may be willing to provide for your foster cat/kitten? While our group endeavours to support all our volunteer carers to the best of our ability, any assistance carers can provide with respect to nutritional care for foster animals is always greatly appreciated:

food
 bedding
 litter trays and litter
 toys

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Most litters range from between 3-7 kittens. How many kittens would you be prepared to foster at any one time?

One
 Two
 Three
 Four
 Five
 Six
 Seven

Please read and then tick Yes or No for each of the following:	Yes	No
Have you ever fostered kittens before?		
If yes, please indicate: a) who for?: _____ b) approximately how many times?: _____ c) are they all desexed? _____		
If you haven't previously fostered kittens before, have you ever had first-hand experience at raising a kitten?		
If yes, please indicate: what age was the kitten/s: _____		

The age of kittens we receive generally ranges from 3-8 weeks. The younger they are, the more frequently they need to be fed and for very young kittens this may include around the clock bottle feeding. Below is a general guide to the different age stages of feeding requirements.

Based on your previous experience and your ability and willingness to meet their requirements, please 'tick' the age range of kittens you'd be able care for: (Tick one or more boxes as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	3-4 week old kittens normally require bottle feeding every 4 hours around the clock
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-5 week old kittens are normally able to eat on their own and require feeding 4-5 times a day
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-6 week old kittens are able to eat on their own and require feeding 3-4 times a day
<input type="checkbox"/>	6-8 week old kittens are able to eat on their own and require feeding 2-3 times a day

Please read and then tick Yes or No for each of the following:	Yes	No
Are you able to provide midday feeds? <i>Very young kittens need carers who are not working fulltime or who can come home to provide midday feeds.</i>		

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Please read and then tick Yes or No for each of the following:	Yes	No
Are there any children living in the home? <i>In most cases, it is of enormous benefit for kittens to have exposure to children, although sometimes we do take in kittens/cats that are so timid that a home without children would be preferred.</i>		
If yes, please indicate: a) how many?: _____ b) how old they are?: _____		

How much time each day can you dedicate to socialising the kittens (playing, nursing etc)?:

At times we need carers who can foster a mother cat and her babies. In these circumstances it is preferable that the mother and her kittens are provided with their own room (as opposed to simply a secured area that might be suitable for kittens alone). This is because mother cats are normally very protective and anxious about the safety of their babies.

Please read and then tick Yes or No for each of the following:	Yes	No
Would you be willing to foster a mother cat and her kittens?		
Do you have a single secure room that you could provide for them?		
Would you be willing to allow a refuge group representative to visit your home at a mutually agreed upon time?		

Would you consider fostering special needs cats? (Tick one or more boxes as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Recuperating from illness or injury
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requiring socialisation or behavioural help (e.g. shy or fearful)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pregnant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unweaned kittens

Do you have any comments you wish to make?

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Declaration

By submitting this questionnaire, you agree that ALL the information you have provided is correct. You understand that providing untruthful answers or failure to comply with the requirements of this application can result in the refusal of this adoption.

By submitting this application, you agree to allow our representative to contact the referees/references you have provided. You understand that in some instances a property check will be required.

We reserve the right to refuse any applicant.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Applicant's Name (Please Print): _____

Date: _____

Refuge Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. You will be contacted once we have had the opportunity to review the information you have provided.