



## Foster Care Job Description

**Position Name** Foster Caregiver in the Foster Care Program

**Summary** To provide temporary in-home shelter and care to potentially adoptable animal(s) including those that are underage, injured or in need of socialization. The Bangor Humane Society will provide all necessary supplies for the pets in foster care.

### Responsibilities

- 🐾 To feed, socialize, clean, groom, train, exercise and medicate (if necessary) animal(s) sheltered at the home of the foster caregiver.
- 🐾 To ensure the safety of all foster animal(s) under the foster parents care.
- 🐾 To separate foster pet(s) from household pet(s) as required.
- 🐾 To ensure that household pet(s) are current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered.
- 🐾 To observe and report any problems to a Bangor Humane Society representative.
- 🐾 To return the animal(s) to the Bangor Humane Society at the appropriate time.
- 🐾 To comply with Bangor Humane Society philosophies and policies.

### Qualifications

- 🐾 General knowledge of animal care, training and handling\*
- 🐾 Completion and approval of a foster care application
- 🐾 Appropriate housing for the foster animal(s)\*\*
- 🐾 A big heart

### Training

- 🐾 Completion of appropriate forms
- 🐾 An interview/orientation session with the foster care coordinator
- 🐾 Support and information from a Bangor Humane Society representative.

### Commitment

Varies based on the needs of the foster pets

### Benefits

Personal Satisfaction... and Lots of Purrs, Licks and Tail Wags!

*\*Previous/Current pet ownership qualifies as general knowledge in most cases*

*\*\*Appropriate housing for cats is defined as a room able to be closed off to other animals and children. For dogs, a space for the appropriate sized crate (provided by BHS) inside the home. Fenced yard preferred by not required. Adequate room to exercise and walk.*



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## Foster Care Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Bangor Humane Society foster parent. Any individual who is interested in providing foster care must complete this application. The information provided will help to ensure the best animal placement in your home.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip Code

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you (*please circle one*): Own Rent \_\_\_\_\_  
Landlord's name & phone number

Have you fostered animals for the Bangor Humane Society in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our foster care program? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and ages of the people that live in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is any member of your household allergic to animals? YES NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per day would the animal(s) be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel regularly? YES NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the animals that live in the home:

NAME	BREED	AGE	ALTERED (Y/N)	UP-TO-DATE ON VACCINATIONS (Y/N)

Who is your veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact them for a reference? YES NO

Do any of the animals in your household need medical care or have medical conditions (due for vaccines, in need of flea control, on medications, on a special diet, diagnosed with FIP FIV or FeLV, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a pet at this time, please describe any prior experience with pet ownership. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What type of animal(s) would you be willing to provide care for? *(please circle all that apply)*

Cat(s)	Kitten(s)	Nursing mom cat w/ kitten(s)	Bottle Kitten(s)
Dog(s)	Puppy(s)	Nursing mom dog w/ puppy(s)	Rabbit(s)

Our program encompasses nursing mothers with kittens and puppies, orphans, pregnant cats and dogs, those that need recuperation, socialization, or time away from the shelter. We try to accommodate your fostering preference, but please understand we need to place animals that are in the greatest need. Do you have a strong preference for the type of foster situation you take on? If so, why?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there restrictions as to the type, size, or number of pets you can foster? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Most foster assignments range from 2-12 weeks, depending on the age or situation of the animal. With this in mind, is there time of the year when you would be unable to foster? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please describe the area in which you plan to keep the foster animal(s). Remember, in most circumstances, they need to be kept separate from your own animal(s). \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your household? *(please circle all that apply)*

Quiet Busy Noisy Chaotic Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments you would like the foster care coordinator to know: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zoonotic diseases are those that can be passed from other species to humans. Examples are ringworm and rabies. We impress upon all foster during orientation that safe handling techniques and hygiene are important elements of sharing our homes with pets. Washing hands after handling and monitoring the health and behavior of the animal(s) in your care is critical. Please understand that many animals arriving into the shelter have had no previous veterinary care and may expose your companion animal(s) and/or you to disease. While the occurrence of disease transmission is rare, please understand that the Bangor Humane Society cannot assume financial, medical, or veterinary responsibility for any transmissions that may occur to yourself, your family or companion animals. Anyone who is pregnant or may become pregnant, has a compromised immune system, or young children, should consult their physician before welcoming a foster animal into their home.

The information in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that I have read and understand the possible risks of zoonotic disease and of fostering animals in my home. I have expressed any concerns or questions with the foster care coordinator of the Bangor Humane Society.

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Signature

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Date

Please return to:

Bangor Humane Society

Attn: Foster Care Program

693 Mt Hope Ave

Bangor, ME 04401

If you have any questions, please call us at (207) 942-8902. Applicants will be contacted upon approval. BHS reserves the right to deny any application for any reason.