

# Memphis Animal Services Foster Pet FAQ

## How can I help my foster animal find a forever home?

When fostering an animal for Memphis Animal Services, you can be the animal's number one advocate! By acting as an adoption ambassador, you won't just be a foster care provider. You will be a photographer, videographer, biographer, a marketing specialist, and an adoption counselor!

- Take at least one clear photo of the foster animal and email it to [mas@memphistn.gov](mailto:mas@memphistn.gov) to be added to the shelter's website and/or social media accounts.
- Take at least one clear, short video of the foster animal and email it to [mas@memphistn.gov](mailto:mas@memphistn.gov) to be added to the shelter's website and/or social media accounts. If the file is too large, you can also send it via Google Drive or Dropbox.
- Write a short bio for your foster pet. Include likes/dislikes, personality quirks, and all the things you love about them! Please email it to [mas@memphistn.gov](mailto:mas@memphistn.gov) to be added to the shelter's website and/or social media accounts. Also include your contact information if you are comfortable handling adoption inquiries for your foster pet. No one knows them better than you do! Who better to find them the perfect home? Tip: Going to be a regular foster parent? Create an email account solely for your foster needs! Example: [danisfosterpets@gmail.com](mailto:danisfosterpets@gmail.com)
- Promote the foster animal on your personal social media websites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor. Include details on how to adopt! Be sure to use a hashtag with their MAS ID number (#MASA1125) to link all of their posts together!

Please be aware that adoptions for animals in our foster program are not on a first come, first served basis as they are for animals physically in our facility. As the foster parent, you may speak with and/or meet with different potential adopters before deciding which would be the best fit for the animal(s) in your care. However, foster care providers who choose to do this should check their email inbox, and spam folder daily for inquiries from potential adopters about the animal(s) in their care, and respond to all inquiries respectfully within 48 hours. If potential adopters wish to do dog-to-dog introductions with your foster pet, please arrange a time to meet at Memphis Animal Services during our open hours to do an introduction with a staff member present. If potential adopters want to meet your foster pet in person, suggest a neutral meeting site such as a pet supply store or the shelter. We do not encourage doing meet and greets at your home with strangers. If you do not feel an adopter is a good fit for your foster pet, please respectfully direct them to Memphis Animal Services to see shelter pets available. If you have any reason to question the safety of a pet adopted to a potential adopter, please contact the dog foster coordinator at [Bradley.Barton@memphistn.gov](mailto:Bradley.Barton@memphistn.gov) or cat foster coordinator at [kathryn.curtis@memphistn.gov](mailto:kathryn.curtis@memphistn.gov).

## I've selected an adopter for my foster pet, now what?

1. The adopter must go through the adoption process in person at Memphis Animal Services.
2. Once you have confirmed that someone will be adopting your foster pet, contact the foster coordinator at [Bradley.Barton@memphistn.gov](mailto:Bradley.Barton@memphistn.gov) right away to let us know! We will set up a time/date for you and the adopter to come in and finalize the adoption!
3. After the foster animal has been spayed/neutered and microchipped, it may be transferred to the adopter. The pet should **not** be transferred to an adopter until this vetting is complete and adoption contract is complete.
4. Once adoption paperwork is completed and fees are paid, the adopter will be given a copy of the pet's full medical history and microchip information.