



## Volunteer Job Description

**Title:** Foster Parent

**Major Objective:** Provide temporary, in-home care for friendly kittens, puppies, cats, and dogs in need until they can be placed for adoption.

### Responsibilities:

- Provide a safe, loving and stable environment for a foster animal(s).
- Use Heart of the Valley's medical staff for basic medical care and treatment of the foster animal(s).
- Commit to the entire foster period for the animal(s) and return the animal(s) promptly at the end of the foster period.
- Positively represent the Heart of the Valley's beliefs and philosophies
- Be prepared for the possible illness or death of the foster animal(s).
- Be prepared for the possible destructive behavior of the foster animal(s).

### Qualifications:

- Enjoy working with animals.
- Positive and friendly attitude.
- Must be 18 years of age or have family participation.
- If renting, provide proof of permission from your landlord that you can have pets in your home.
- Live and house foster animal(s) within Gallatin County.

### Training:

- Attend a volunteer orientation.
- Home Check.
- Attend Foster Parent training.

**Time and Place:** Time of foster will be coordinated on a case-by-case basis.

### Commitment:

- The length of foster care for each animal varies depending on the animal's needs.

**Supervisor:** Direct supervision by the Operations Director. Indirect supervision by Volunteer and Education Manager.

### Benefits:

- Personal satisfaction and education.
- Improvement in animal handling and behavior.
- Licks and purrs 😊