Foster Program Application

Information & Agreement

Thank you for your interest in fostering with the Gananoque & District Humane Society. Opening your home to a foster cat or kitten is a meaningful and rewarding way to make a difference.

Fostering provides animals with a safe, calm environment where they can relax, build confidence, and develop important social skills. It also helps reduce stress within the shelter by freeing up space and allowing us to support more animals in need. Many fostering opportunities are available, and we will work with you to find a placement that matches your comfort level and experience.

All foster animals remain under the care of the Gananoque & District Humane Society. The shelter is responsible for all required veterinary care during the foster period.

Our Foster Process:

- Application is received and reviewed by the Foster Program Director
- Approved applicants will be contacted to schedule a meet-and-greet at the shelter
- Suitable foster matches are discussed based on your home environment and experience
- A pickup time is arranged and a foster agreement is signed
- Ongoing communication is encouraged—we love updates and photos from our foster homes

Please note, the Gananoque & District Humane Society reserves the right to decline any application. Due to the volume of applications, we are unable to provide specific reasons for refusals.

If your application is approved, we will contact you. All information provided will be kept confidential.

1) Name:
2) Full mailing address:
3) Phone no:
4) Email:
5) EMERGENCY CONTACT OUTSIDE HOUSEHOLD (Name, Relationship, and Phone Number):
6) How did you hear about GDHS?
7) Have you fostered or adopted from GDHS before? **Yes** **No**
8) Why are you interested in our foster program?

9) Tell us about your prior fostering experience or applicable training?

10) Are you 18 years of age? **Yes** **No**

11) If you answered "No" above, please provide your date of birth:

12) If you don't drive, how would you arrange transportation to get your foster cat to/from veterinary appointments and pickup supplies from GDHS?

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HOME

13) Number of people in your household (please include how many adults, and children's ages, if applicable):

Adults _____ **Children ages** _____

14) Is anyone in the home allergic to cats **Yes** **No**

15) How active is your home?

☐ Very

☐ Moderate

☐ Not Very

☐ Changes day-by-day

16) Type of residence:

☐ Residential suburban home

☐ Rural country home

☐ Apartment

☐ Townhouse

☐ Condo

17) Is the property a rental or owned? **Rent** **Owned**

18) If renting, have you confirmed pets are allowed? **Yes** **No**

CURRENT & PAST PETS

19) If you currently have pets:

Pet #1 (species, age, sex): _____ **Pet #2** (species, age, sex): _____

Pet #3 (species, age, sex): _____ **Pet #4** (species, age, sex): _____

20) If yes, are their vaccines up-to-date? **Yes** **No**

21) If yes, are they spayed / neutered? **Yes** **No**

22) If you answered **"No"** to vaccinations or spay/neuter, please explain.

FOSTERING INFORMATION

23) **Which foster duration(s) are you available for?** (Check all that apply)

☐ Short-term / Temporary (usually 4–16 weeks)

☐ Long-term (undefined timeline)

☐ Emergency foster (last-minute placement—often immediate or within 24–36 hours)

24) **For kittens, which temperaments are you comfortable fostering?** (Check all that apply)

☐ Friendly ☐ Shy ☐ Spicy

25) For long-term fostering, which type(s) are you interested in? (Check all that apply)

☐ Adult cats with **simple** health issues

☐ Adult cats with **complex** health issues

☐ Adult cats (nervous or shy, may need socialization)

☐ Adult cats (scared, feral, or minimal human contact)

☐ Senior cats, healthy

☐ Senior cats, with health issues

☐ Palliative care

26) **Neonate Experience:** Please describe any experience or training you've had.

REFERENCES

#1 Veterinarian

- If the applicant provides a **veterinary reference**, only **one (1) personal reference** is required.
- If **no** veterinary reference is provided, two (2) personal references must be listed.
- **Personal references cannot be relatives or members of your household.**
- If you do not have a veterinarian, please provide the clinic you plan to use and authorize GDHS to contact them.

Name of Veterinary Clinic/Hospital:			
City:		Tel:	

#2 Personal

- Cannot be relatives or members of your household.
- If **no** veterinary reference is provided, two (2) personal references must be listed.

Name:			
Relationship:		Tel:	

#3 Personal

- Cannot be relatives or members of your household.
- If **no** veterinary reference is provided, two (2) personal references must be listed.

Name:			
Relationship:		Tel:	

Acknowledge

- All references must be contacted and documented before an approval decision is made.
- I have informed my references that GDHS may contact them, and I understand that unresponsive references may delay the processing of my application. **Initial** _____

Disclaimer and Signature

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the application and that my answers and information I provided are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to approval to foster, I understand that the animal will remain the property of the Gananoque & District Humane Society and I will be responsible for its care and wellbeing while in my home.

Signature:		Date:	

Please email your application to: **foster@ganhumanesociety.ca**

GDHS is a volunteer run, no kill cat shelter that takes in abandoned or surrendered cats.
We do not receive guaranteed funding and rely on the generosity of our community.