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## About the Martinsville-Henry County SPCA

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for animals and people in our community. We operate an adoption center and dog park located at 132 Joseph Martin Highway. Shelley Frith Drane Adoption Center Open to Public: Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm. We are closed on Sunday and Monday. Call 638-PAWS to schedule your visit during closed hours



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## Foster Care Program



**Save a Life.**

**Become a Foster**

**Parent Today!!!**

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## What Types of Animals Need Foster Care?

Imagine a house full of adorable kittens or puppies! The majority of animals in our Foster Care program are babies too young to be placed for adoption. These kittens and puppies simple need a safe nurturing environment where they can play and grow.

Injured or ill homeless animals often qualify for Foster Care and under the direction of our veterinary staff are placed with foster volunteers who ensure that medical treatments are administered.

The MHC-SPCA also relies on our foster parents to help rehabilitate under socialized dogs and cats. Experienced foster parents may be selected for training in animal behavior to work with animals exhibiting behavior issues.



## What if I Already Have Pets At Home?

Young or ill foster animals will need to be housed in a quiet place of their own and therefore should not interact with resident pets.

Many foster parents are already pet owners who are able to successfully integrate foster animals into their home after ensuring their own animals are vaccinated and spayed or neutered.

Our staff will work closely with you to determine the types and number of foster animals you feel comfortable caring for.



## What is the Length of Foster Care?

Depending on their individual needs and your schedule, you may have a foster animal in your home for a few days or more than a month. In order to accommodate vacations and other travel plans, long term care animals may reside in several foster homes until their treatment is complete. Our staff will work with you to coordinate a schedule around your needs.

## Are There Any Expenses For Foster Parents?

The Martinsville-Henry County SPCA will provide all medical care for foster animals, including treatment for injuries or illness, medications, spaying or neutering and vaccines. You will also be provided with the information you need to seek emergency veterinary care for your foster animals.

As a nonprofit agency, the SPCA asks foster parents to supply standard animal care needs including animal food, cat litter and litter boxes, and bedding materials, but these supplies may be provided by the SPCA if necessary. Any expenses a foster volunteer incurs toward the care of shelter animals may be declared as a tax-deductible donation.

## How Do I Become A Foster Care Volunteer?

Anyone can foster. We just ask that you allow us to work with you to find the best fit for your home environment.

We will work closely with you to arrange a meeting between you and your new foster pet and counsel you on foster issues, questions and concerns.