



Foster Care FAQ

Everything you need to know
about fostering with BCCC.



What is a foster parent?

A foster parent provides a temporary, loving home for a cat or kitten while they prepare for adoption.

Fostering is a meaningful, hands-on way to help homeless cats feel safe, grow stronger, and transition successfully into their forever homes.

Why do cats need foster care?

Foster homes are critical when:

- Shelter space is limited
- A cat is frightened and needs a calm environment
- Kittens require bottle-feeding or close monitoring
- A cat is recovering from illness or injury

Even a few days, weeks, or months in a foster home can change and save a life.

Is fostering right for me?

Fostering is flexible, rewarding, and deeply impactful. It may be a great fit if:

- You want to help but cannot commit long-term
- You prefer a flexible alternative to scheduled volunteering

Foster parents prepare cats for adoption by providing safety, socialization, and stability, then help them transition to their forever families.

How much time is required?

Time commitment depends on the cat's needs. Bottle-fed kittens require frequent feeding, while shy or recovering cats may need extra patience and attention. We will discuss your availability and match you with a foster placement that fits your schedule.

Do I need special skills?

Basic knowledge of cat behavior is helpful, and BCCC provides guidance and support as needed. Many foster cats simply need a quiet space, consistency, and patience. Your time with them also helps us understand their personality before adoption.

What are the foster requirements?

To become a foster parent, you will need:

- A separate room for your foster cat
- A home visit (required by BCCC)
- Current vaccinations for resident pets
- Transportation to veterinary appointments
- Availability for meet-and-greets with approved adopters



What does the BCCC provide?

BCCC supplies food, litter, equipment, medical care, and medications for your foster cat.

Veterinary appointments are coordinated through our Foster Care Coordinator and partner clinics, and certified behavior support is available if needed.

How will this affect my pets?

Some resident pets enjoy temporary companions and may even help socialize foster cats. Others may need more time to adjust.

For safety, foster cats are typically kept separate from household pets, either temporarily or throughout the foster period. We will discuss what works best for your home.

Do I find the adoptive home?

No. BCCC manages the adoption process.

What happens when it's time to say goodbye?

Saying goodbye can feel emotional — but also deeply rewarding.

You've helped prepare a cat for a loving future, and by opening your home, you've made space to help another in need. Many foster families receive updates and photos after adoption, and some choose to stay involved in the transition process.

Watching a foster cat move into their forever home is a powerful reminder of the difference you made.

Is fostering hard on the cat?

Not at all.

Foster care provides a safe bridge between rescue and adoption, giving cats stability, time to build trust, and a chance to adjust to home life before joining their permanent family. Many cats benefit from this transition period.



Ready to get started?

Complete our online foster application to begin the conversation. We provide training and ongoing support every step of the way. Foster families make an enormous difference — and every placement helps save lives.

[Foster Application](#)

Not ready to foster?

You can still make an impact by:

- Volunteering at events
- Transporting cats to veterinary appointments
- Promoting adoptable cats on social media
- Supporting medical and supply fundraising efforts

Every role helps us care for more cats in need.



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