

Foster Information Cont.

REQUIREMENTS:

Foster parents must be at least **19 years old** and have time to commit to an additional dog or cat in their household. Transportation to and from the shelter, offsite adoption events or vet clinics may be required. Fosters are expected to provide food, water, shelter, basic obedience and a safe environment. It is easy to fall in love and get attached to an animal you are caring for. Emotional aspects should be considered before committing to fostering. All animals in the foster program belong to Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter and procedures regarding adoption and every day care must be followed.

BRINGING A FOSTER ANIMAL HOME:

TMAS will provide supplies as availability allows, but resources are very limited at the shelter. Anything we provide must be returned after foster time is up. Some costs may be required by foster. Visits to veterinary clinic on Metro's behalf must be approved by the shelter. If the expenses are too great for the shelter to reasonably provide, the foster may be asked to return the animal or the foster may voluntarily cover the expenses. All adoptions or transfer of pet into another home will be processed through TMAS. Advice and assistance is available throughout the process.

BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT:

Please come to the shelter to fill out an application. Because we are a small organization, animals must be placed quickly. We encourage our foster families to only foster pets that will be a good fit for their lifestyle.



For more information about the
Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter

Visit: Metroanimalshelter.org

Call: (205) 752-9101

Lost & Found: (205) 349-8538

Email: mas@hiiway.net



TMAS Hours & Location

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday and Sunday: CLOSED

3140 35th St.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401



Volunteer

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www.metroanimalshelter.org

Volunteer Information

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

TMAS volunteers must be at least 12 years old. For safety reasons, any minor under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult volunteer and stay with the adult volunteer at all times while at the shelter.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION:

Volunteers must complete a basic orientation session held on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm. You will need to call and reserve a seat for the orientation session. Bring your application and \$15 for a volunteer t-shirt.

DRESS:

It is required that you wear long pants, your TMAS volunteer shirt and closed-toe shoes with good traction. Wear comfortable clothing that you don't mind getting dirty.

WHEN YOU MAY VOLUNTEER:

Volunteer days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call TMAS to schedule your volunteer time.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES:

These services are needed to be performed daily to maintain efficient shelter operations

- Mopping floors
- Distributing toys and treats
- Cleaning bathrooms
- Maintaining grounds
- Cleaning dog beds
- refurbishing dog beds
- Bathing dogs
- Brushing dogs
- Socializing with dogs and cats
- Filling water bowls
- Working adoption events
- Greeting guests
- Taking pictures

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4 DIFFERENT TYPES OF FOSTERING

1. RESCUE PENDING

These are animals that have been accepted by a rescue organization and need a place to stay until their transport date.

- Short term (average time is 2-6 weeks)
- May be required to take animal to vet
- Could be any age or breed

2. TOO YOUNG TO BE ADOPTED

This could be any puppy or kitten under the age of 8 weeks that are too young or small to be put up for adoption.

- Short term (average time is 2-6 weeks or until animal is old enough to place for adoption)
- A visit to shelter may be required for vaccination or check up



3. SPECIAL NEEDS

Many animals come in scared or with minor illness. We need fosters to treat them or social them to make them ready for adoption. Animals may be scared, sick, underweight or just stressed.

- Variable commitment times depending on need of animal
- Follow up visits to shelter may be required
- Can be cats or dogs of varying of ages

4. Foster Until Adopted

Space is always limited in a shelter environment. Animals that meet this criteria will remain in a foster home until adopted.

- Usually long-term and an unspecified amount of time
- Must make regular visits to shelter to meet potential adopters
- Animals of all types that may have been with us for awhile