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LA Animal Services Needs Your Help!

Become an Animal Foster Volunteer – Become a Life Saver!

LA Animal Shelters are filled to the brim with orphaned kittens and puppies too young to survive without bottle-feeding and with adult cats and dogs who need extra time for us to find them a home. We need your help to save them!

How You Can Help

Become a Bottle Baby Foster Parent! Bottle Baby Fosters take home kittens and puppies less than 8 weeks of age and provide them care and love, until they are old enough to be adopted. Some foster babies require bottle-feeding, while others have their mother or are already weaned and require socialization and care until they are ready to adopt. Foster babies require your help to survive!

Those who want to become Volunteer Foster Parents must fill out a program application (<http://bit.ly/LAASFoster>) and attend a training session.

LA Animal Services provides Volunteer Foster Parents with support from our Animal Care Technicians (ACTs) and any necessary medical care from the Department's veterinary personnel.

Adult Animals Also Benefit From Fostering

LA Animal Services has great adult dogs and cats who would benefit from the care and socialization in a temporary foster home while they await adoption.

Fostering is a rewarding and enriching experience, as well as a great volunteer project for families or individuals who love animals but cannot commit to having a full-time animal companion.

All adult foster animals are spayed or neutered before placement, and our staff work with you to find the foster animal that will be the best fit for your lifestyle.

What If I Become Too Attached To My Foster Animals?

Becoming attached to the foster animals in your care is a normal part of volunteering. Sometimes the foster family does adopt, but more often they introduce their charges to friends and help us find homes so they can provide foster care for other animals.

You can introduce your foster to a wide circle of friends and family who may decide to adopt or become Volunteer Foster Parents themselves.

For more information about fostering bottle-babies and adult animals, please visit www.laanimalservices.com or call 888-452-7381.

Please consider fostering – you will be a hero to the animals and they will love you for it!