Foster placement is at the sole discretion of the Humane Society of Utah.

The foster family must complete the Foster Application and sign the applicable Foster Care Agreement(s).

You must be willing to provide the animal(s) with proper care including food, water, appropriate shelter, grooming, and veterinary care and medication if necessary. As needed, foster homes must be willing to seek medical treatment for their foster animals with HSU per the instructions provided by HSU staff. Foster volunteers who seek medical treatment for foster animals without pre-approval from HSU supervisory staff will be responsible for all expenses.

If extensive or significant medical treatment is required, the HSU may request the return of the animal(s).

Fostering an animal may improve an animal’s chance to be adopted, but it does not guarantee that an animal will be adopted.

Because we cannot hold animals in need of foster, you will be asked to make your decision to foster quickly.

If you are called, and you are not able to foster, know that you may say “No” and still be considered active in the program for future foster care opportunities.

Generally, only one litter may be fostered at any given time.

Animals of different species may be fostered at the same time in a single foster home when feasible and within reason.

Unaltered (fertile) animals of the same species and unvaccinated cats and dogs may disqualify a foster placement.

As we have a limited supply of animal crates, the foster family may be asked to provide a crate for the foster animal(s).

Your foster animals are owned by HSU. Fosters are welcome and encouraged to alert the shelter of prospective adopters, but under no circumstances are foster volunteers to place their foster animals in other homes or make any promises to possible adopters. Any potential adopters identified through foster homes must go through the regular HSU adoption process.

We sincerely appreciate your time and commitment to helping animals in need, thank you!