



## **FOSTER PROGRAM**

This program is linked with the Saving Lives Program since we cannot have any animal surrendered to us or adopted from the shelter unless we have a viable foster. Foster applications and home checks are required to be considered before becoming a foster. If a home has multiple people and/or children in the house, all must be present for initial home check approval. All members of the household must be on board and willing to help with the foster.

Fenced yards are a requirement as well as foster must be physically able to handle any dog/cat they will be fostering. Although we can provide transport if necessary to vet appointments etc, the foster must have access to a vehicle in case of emergencies or we are unable to transport.

If fosters are renting, we must have something in writing that the landlord/property manager allows for animals and if there are any breed restrictions.

If Fosters have existing animals in their house, meet and greet must be done.

Potential foster must be here full time (snowbirds may not be the best choice unless they intend to adopt – then they should adopt, not foster!) in the event they have their foster for a longer period. They must also be aware that they could have their foster for a LONG time if we are unable to find a permanent home. Fosters must agree to train (or work with trainer either in home or at a training facility), exercise and socialize their foster (as required upon our evaluation). While in foster, SAINT will provide food, bed, toys etc. If the animal must see a Vet we pay for the visit/procedure. In addition, if the animal needs surgery etc or if they are getting their foster post spay/neuter, they must be willing and able to do the home care requirements.