



Sandy came to the shelter in March 2011 after being hit by a car. He had a fractured pelvis and a broken jaw. He had surgery to fix his broken jaw and had pins in place to help it heal properly. Sandy had to be walked with a sling while his pelvis healed and needed daily pin cleanings.



Sandy went to a foster home where they were able to care for his daily needs and helped with his long recovery. Thanks to a dedicated and loving foster family, Sandy is living a full and happy life.



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## Why Do Shelter Animals Need Foster Care?

Although animals living in the shelter are provided excellent care, it is beneficial for the animals to live in a home environment where they can receive individual care in a less stressful environment.

They are happier in a home with people who have time and love to give. Also, animals living in foster homes are creating space in the shelter so we can take in more animals needing help.



### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### • How to I become a foster parent?

- ◇ An application will need to be filled out to become a foster parent. Applications can be printed off our website or picked up at the shelter.
- ◇ Applicants must be 18 or older.

#### • Do I have to buy supplies for my foster animal?

- ◇ All supplies required for your foster animal are provided by The WHS, including food, cat litter, toys, kennels, vet care, and anything else required for you to care for the specific animal.

#### • How long does the animal stay in foster?

- ◇ Each animal can require a different length of time in foster. Minor injuries are undetermined as they need time to heal. While kittens and puppies need a home until they are over two months old.

#### • Can I foster if I own animals?

- ◇ We require all owned animals to be fully vaccinated and spayed or neutered in order to foster an animal. Animals often come to the shelter with an unknown history and we would not want to put owned animals at risk.

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to learn more!**

### Which Animals Might Need Fostering?

- Mother and nursing young.
  - ◇ A mother and kittens will need a foster home until the kittens are ten weeks old.
  - ◇ A mother and puppies will need a foster home until the puppies are eight weeks old.
- Orphaned young that aren't quite ready to be adopted out.
- Animals with minor injuries that need a quiet place to recover. These animals may need medication given to them daily and could require weekly rechecks with our Clinic.
- Animals needing more socialization.
- Animals that need a break.
  - ◇ Some animals are at the shelter far too long and can start to deteriorate. Sending them to a foster home for a month will give them a much needed break.
- Bottle Babies
  - ◇ Puppies that are too young and unable to eat on their own will require special foster care. They require around the clock care to be bottle fed every few hours and to be stimulated to go to the bathroom.