



S.O.L.A.S Requirements for Foster Families

- All families must have a home phone or cell phone.
- Foster homes must be in the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metro area.
- Resident animals must be fully vaccinated against all feline/canine diseases, such as distemper (look for cats), parvo, and kennel cough for dogs. Proof of vaccination and the name and phone number of the veterinarian will be required.
- All resident animals in the house must be current on their licensing.
- No contact of resident animals with foster animals for at least the first 10 to 14 days. This is in case the foster animals are incubating transmittable diseases, for example, upper respiratory infection for cats.
- Families must have a room to confine the foster animals in. This is so they can become adjusted to your home in a manner that is not stressful to them and for the two-week isolation period mentioned above. It also provides a “safe” haven for the animals to retreat to as needed.
- Home visit by a qualified S.O.L.A.S. (Support Our Local Animal Shelter) volunteer to inspect and evaluate the area the animals receiving foster care will be living in, prior to the animal going into the potential home. The family must be approved by the same person who does the home visit. Examples of the areas reviewed are:
 - 1. Do they have a securely fenced yard (required for dogs)?**
 - 2. Do they have any children and how old?**
 - 3 What type of animals are they comfortable fostering?**
- 4. What are and how many personal pets are in the home?**
- 5. Are there cords that could be chewed on or wrapped around necks?**
- 6. Open heating vents or ducts that the animals could climb or fall into?**
 - once approved, an annual recheck visit must be completed (state requirement)
 - limit of four personal pet and two adult fosters per family with related kittens or puppies of adult fosters. Any animal of a six months of age is considered to be an adult.
- SOLAS volunteer goes over the waivers that must be signed by the potential foster family to see if they are any questions or concerns.
- The Foster family must then abide all the rules and policies that by SOLAS regarding the monitoring of the animal or animals care such as when the animals must come in to be vaccinated with Steve a check up, etc.the



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- SOLAS will agree to furnish often food supplies and medicines for the foster family unless the family cares to donate anything that will fall in love with the care of the animal or animals. All foster families are asked to call or check in on a biweekly basis with a foster coordinator.
- It is very important to let the foster animals socialize with your pets under your supervision, especially puppies and kittens. You need to expose puppies and kittens to different household noises such as dishes, vacuums, running, etc. Not all foster animals are housebroken. Some have never lived in a home before. REMEMBER to give them lots of *love and understanding*; it may take some time for them to adjust to your home.



S.O.L.A.S FOSTER PROSPECT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUIREMENTS

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I do hereby release SOLAS and any employee, board member, or business associated with SOLAS from any damages or liability incurred by the animal or animals entrusted into my care and staying as a "foster animal" in my home, to any person or animals who are in my home for any reason.

I will allow designated SOLAS volunteers to do home visits as determined by SOLAS to periodically check on the health and condition of any animal in my care.

By providing a foster home for the animal or animals in my care I do understand that they're staying in my home. It's only temporary and I will return all animals and trusted to me to a designated SOLAS volunteer when the animal or animals are available for adoption should I care to permanently keep any animals who are temporarily staying in my home, I will go through the proper adoption procedures that designated by SOLAS policy on adopting companion animals.

I agree to the requirements for foster families and have a copy of those policies.

SOLAS will provide food, veterinary care and necessary items relating to the foster animals interested into my care

Signature of Foster Parent

Date

Witness office of SOLAS