

REQUIREMENTS FOR S.O.L.A.S. 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, Feluk for cats, parvo, and kennel cough for dogs). Proof of vaccination & name and phone number of veterinarian will be required.
- All resident animals in the house must be current on their licensing.
- Resident animals must be spayed or neutered.
- 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. (Example: Upper Respiratory infection in 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 too 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. Family must be approved by the same person who does the Home Visit. Examples of area’s reviewed:
 - 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 wrap around necks?
 - 6. Open heating vent or ducts that they could climb/fall into?
- Once approved, an annual recheck visit must be completed. (State Requirement)
- Limit of 4 personal pets and 2 adult fosters per family with related kittens or puppies of adult fosters. Any animal over 6 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 there are any questions or concerns.
- The Foster family must then abide by all the rules and policies set by SOLAS regarding the monitoring of the animal(s) care such as when the animals must come in to be vaccinated, receive a check up, etc..
- SOLAS will agree to furnish all food, supplies and medicines for the Foster Family unless the family cares to donate anything that will fall in line with the care of the animal(s).
- 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/kittens to different household noises (dishes clanging, vacuums running, etc.) Not all Foster animals are housebroken. Some have never lived in a home before. REMEMBER, give them lots of love and understanding. It may take sometime for them to adjust to your home.