



## Foster Care Program

Volunteers with the BC SPCA Foster Care Program are integral to the care of thousands of injured and abandoned animals entering branches every year.

This program benefits animals who have a great chance of adoption, but may be too young, sick (and require medical monitoring and medications), injured, or require some specialized work with behaviour issues in a home environment.

Foster animals are cared for and rehabilitated in a nurturing foster home, until they are healthy and ready for adoption.

Each foster animal has individual needs and requirements and will be matched to you.

### Time Commitment:

- fosters need to commit anywhere between 2 days to several weeks.
- fosters need to be able to spend time with, and monitor the animal every day.
- fosters need to be able to accommodate time to transport the animal, as needed, for appointments.

### Our Philosophy

Through shared leadership our volunteers are an extension of our organization, promoting a collaborative model of humane communities. Our volunteers are ambassadors, helping us build positive momentum for social change. Through volunteerism we create mutually respectful relationships and together we make a difference.

### Skills/Experience:

- Dependable and committed
- Excellent communication skills
- Previous experience caring for injured/sick animals is helpful



### Requirements for the Position

- 19 years of age or older
- Volunteer application
- Phone or in-person interview
- Sign the BC SPCA foster agreement

### Responsibilities:

- Provide a safe environment for the animal
- Reliably transport the animal, as needed, for treatments, weigh-ins, appointments, and potential emergencies
- Communicate with the branch staff as needed to discuss the animal's progress.
- Report any concerns immediately to the branch.
- Administer prescribed medications or treatments as needed.
- Ensure any other animals in the home are up to date on vaccinations.
- In many cases, have a separate room to house the animal(s) away from resident pets.
- Ensure any other animals in the home can interact safely with the foster animal (if permitted).

### Volunteer Resources

[www.spca.bc.ca/volunteer](http://www.spca.bc.ca/volunteer)  
[www.myvolunteepage.com](http://www.myvolunteepage.com)