



FOSTER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in fostering an animal with Animal Rescue League of Berks County.

Volunteer ID _____

Please type or print your responses clearly.

Personal details:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Emergency phone: _____

Why would you like to foster an animal with the ARL?

Animal(s) you are able to foster:

Please check all that apply, and give details where necessary

Dogs

Cats

Neonate puppies ●

Rabbits

Puppies

Kittens

Neonate kittens ●

Lizards ○

Nursing canines

Nursing felines

Injured animals

Birds ○

- Neonate animals are young dogs or cats generally aged under 4 weeks that have not started eating on their own and require around the clock feeding.

Please list other individuals currently residing in your home, including their ages and what, if any, experiences they have with animals:

Family members:	Age	Experience with animals

Do you currently have pets residing in your home? Yes No

If yes, please list below:

Name	Species	Sex	Age	Medical or behavioral particulars we need to know

Have you ever fostered an animal in the past? Yes No

If yes, please state with which organization and describe your experience:

Please describe any animal medical or behavioral training you may have, or any other animal specific knowledge that you may have:

Please return this application to:

Animal Rescue League of Berks County, 58 Kennel Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508

Fax to: 610-372-6374

Or email: foster@berkarl.org

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Interviewed by:

Date:

Pets vaccinated? Yes No

Foster experience? Yes No

Notes:

FOSTER VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

As a Foster Volunteer for Animal Rescue League of Berks County (ARL) you will be required to abide by the terms of this Foster Volunteer Agreement. The Agreement below details what ARL will expect of you and what you can expect from ARL.

Not every foster volunteer application will be accepted by ARL. If accepted as an ARL Foster Volunteer and in consideration of becoming such a Foster Volunteer, my signature below indicates that I understand and agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions:

1. I understand that the animal(s) are the property of the Animal Rescue League of Berks County (ARL) and that the ARL reserves the right to reclaim the animal(s) at any time.
2. While I have a foster animal, I am a representative of the ARL and I agree to be an ambassador to this organization and will not use social media, emails or word of mouth to cause the ARL any harm.
3. Fosterer willingly volunteers to care for the above referenced animals. I understand that my own resident animal(s) could be exposed to and become infected with a contagious disease or parasite and I will not mix my resident animal(s) with the foster animal(s.) I agree to release from liability and hold harmless ARL if such a situation arises, regardless of circumstance or quarantine procedures employed.
4. I agree to provide and be responsible for the above listed animal(s) with regards to:
 - a. Indoor living along with proper containment when the animal cannot be supervised.
 - b. Daily exercise and loving care.
 - c. Administering prescribed medication and/or transporting foster animal(s) to and from any ARL scheduled medical appointments.
 - d. Providing the Foster Coordinator with digital photographs and an animal description within one week of the foster entering your care.
 - e. Other special needs as defined at time of foster placement.
5. If I feel that the foster animal(s) in my care is in need of medical attention I will notify the Foster Coordinator/ARL via email at foster@berksarl.org so that arrangements can be made with a staff member or veterinarian.
6. In case of a true medical emergency during non-business hours please first call the Foster Coordinator, Kelsie Burkhart, at 484-447-2838. If she is unavailable, please call the Placement Manager, Alexandra Young at 610-698-3081.
7. All veterinary care must be approved and scheduled by a representative of the ARL.
8. I am fully aware and understand that ARL makes no guarantees whatsoever as to the health, temperament, mental or physical disposition, or training of the animal(s). I am aware that by fostering an animal(s) I will assume all liability for loss, injury or damage caused by the animal(s) to any person, animal(s) or property.
9. I understand that the foster animal(s) will stay with me for an undetermined amount of time and that the duration of the stay depends on the animal(s) individual circumstances. I agree that the ARL has the right to visitation and/or reclaim the foster animal(s) at any time. I understand that I may return the animal(s) to ARL at any time if circumstances develop where I am unable to give the requisite care described in the Agreement.
10. I understand that the animal(s) has already been spayed or neutered, and if is not, under no circumstances will I allow the animal(s) to breed. I will return the animal(s) to ARL to be spayed or neutered upon demand.
11. I agree to leave my foster animal(s) at the shelter after they have been spayed/neutered or socialized so they can be adopted or sent to adoption events. If you would like to be a part of your foster animal's adoption, you must agree to attend a minimum of one ARL event and/or appearance each month.

Failure to attend an agreed upon event will result in the animal(s) being returned to the shelter for placement.

12. I agree to use an "Adopt Me" vest on my foster dog(s) when we're in public, and to return the vest at the time of my foster's adoption.
13. I understand that, unless otherwise stated, the animal(s) are available for adoption while in my care, and I will bring my foster pet to meet with potential adoptive parents at the ARL with at least 24 hours' notice. I will refer all interested adoption parties to the Foster Coordinator. While my input will be considered, the final placement of the animal(s) will be determined by the ARL.
14. The ARL recognizes that sometimes the bond between a foster parent and pet is strong and that the best home for the animal(s) may be with its foster family. Should you decide to adopt your foster pet(s), please notify the Foster Coordinator immediately before a meet and greet is scheduled with a potential adopter. If a meet and greet has been scheduled the ARL will honor that commitment with the potential adopter.
15. I understand that any and all violations of these terms of agreements will result in immediate termination of my foster position and any other involvement with the Animal Rescue League of Berks County.

Confidentiality

Foster volunteers are responsible for maintaining confidentiality of all proprietary or privileged information to which they are exposed while serving as fosters, whether this information involves a single staff member, volunteer, client, other person or overall ARL business. Failure to maintain confidentiality may result in termination or other corrective action.

Confidential information includes but is not limited to: animal and client information from our computer system, whether gained through the course of volunteer service or from other internal sources, shelter or photographs, all records, files, forms, applications, mail lists, passwords, security codes, correspondence, messages or any other entities belonging to ARL and/or bearing ARL's logo and/or name, are the sole property of ARL and may not be disseminated, used, published or sold without the consent of the Executive Director or designated employee.

Social Media

Foster volunteers who engage in Social Media should be mindful that their comments, even if done off premises and while off-duty, could have an adverse effect on ARL's legitimate business interests, animal rescue mission and animal privacy interests. In addition, some readers may view you as a de facto spokesperson for the ARL. ARL depends on strong community support and good will. Our reputation is a valuable and important corporate asset for all of the animals in our care now and in the future. Please consider whether you are potentially damaging our reputation before you post on any site, especially if/when you identify yourselves as a volunteer of ARL. If you are uncertain consult the Foster Department before posting on-line. Failure to maintain a professional position on social media outlets may result in termination or other corrective action.

Signature of Foster Volunteer

Print name

Date