

# **Corsicana Animal Services**

## **Animal Fostering Orientation Packet**

**Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster parent for the Corsicana Animal Shelter.**

**The purpose of fostering: To allow a shelter animal to live in a home environment while awaiting permanent placement, permitting the Foster Family to evaluate the animal and work with it. A home environment is less stressful on the animal than being at a shelter or similar facility. The additional exposure the animal receives from being treated as one of the family (walks, outings, shelter events, etc.) often speeds up the adoption process.**

**A foster candidate is a special animal that needs a lot of TLC. Below are the types of animals that need temporary homes for foster.**

- **Puppies or kittens that are too young to be adopted (bottle feeding required.)**
- **Animals that require more socialization than what is available at the shelter.**
- **Injured animals and /or those recovering from surgery.**
- **Neglected or abused animals that need tender love and care.**
- **Animals with special needs.**
- **Abandoned mothers with litters of puppies or kittens.**
- **Older animals**
- **Animals who have not yet been adopted after 30 days of viewing on the adoption side.**

**Corsicana Animal Services will determine the criteria for fostering, deciding which animals will be fostered, and appoint foster caregivers from a pre-approved list. Approved Foster Families may always refuse any specific request for any reason. Please remember that priority will be given to animals that have been available for adoption at the shelter the longest and those with special needs either physical, medical, or behavioral. Animals such as healthy weaned puppies and kittens or those highly adoptable such a purebreds or small dogs, may not always be considered for fostering. Animals do benefit from the public exposure provided by the shelter adoption room, and often such animal(s) are placed quickly through the shelter.**

**Corsicana Animal Services will inform you of any medical treatments to be given, the expected length of the foster care period, the objectives of the care (restoring to health, rearing to adoptive age, socializing, etc.), and any other expectations we have. You will be expected to keep the animal(s) secure, return it to the Corsicana**

**Animal Services when requested to do so, and not promise the animal(s) to anyone, or imply the authority to approve a potential adoption.**

**Corsicana Animal Services may euthanize some animals not responding to treatment or if there are signs of aggression problems that cannot be corrected. It is possible that an animal(s) you have cared for may have to be euthanized if this occurs. It is important that you feel able to cope with that possibility.**

**Corsicana Animal Services will retain ownership of all animals in foster care, and will make all decisions regarding the adoption, treatment, or euthanasia of the animal(s) fostered. All adoptions will be handled by Corsicana Animal Services Staff, and no medical treatment unless approved by management will be the financial responsibility of Corsicana Animal Services.**

**Before you foster- Ask yourself these questions:**

**Are you able to separate the foster animals from your own?**

Foster animals should be isolated from your own companion animals for a quarantine of about a week. A separate room or enclosure area with no carpet will work best.

**Are you aware that there is a great deal of clean up and even possibly damage to your home when you take an animal foster home?**

Foster animals have ruined drapes, carpeting, clothing, and other valuable items. Preparing your home and the area the animals will stay in can prevent most accidents, but not all of them.

**Are you able to monitor the health of the foster animals?**

You will need to pay attention to signs of illness or worsening of symptoms and call Corsicana Animal Services if you are concerned.

**Are you emotionally prepared to return the animal(s) to Corsicana Animal Services after the foster period ends?**

It can be very difficult to let go once you have become emotionally attached to the animals you foster. Be prepared for tears and heartache when the day comes that you must bring your foster back to Corsicana Animal Services. Understand that you will be providing a wonderful service by giving love and attention to these animals everyday and know that they are much more likely to find loving, permanent, homes because of your care. We would love to keep and adopt every pet we foster, but remember just as the shelter must let go of its animals so that another has a chance at a new home, you to must allow your current foster to move on to a permanent family so that other animals just as deserving can have a chance at knowing what a great foster family you are! We are not their owners, simply care givers for these animals along their journey.

**Can you place your trust in the Corsicana Animal Services staff to decide what is best for the animal?**

Sometimes adoption is not an option even after the animal has been fostered. Knowing the animal you have fostered may need to be euthanized can be very hard to deal with. We do not take euthanasia lightly and will only euthanize if the animal's behavior is a danger to humans or other animals or if it is so ill or injured that the best thing to do for the animal is to euthanize.

**Do you feel comfortable explaining to friends and family that these animals are not yours to adopt out and that they must go through the regular adoption process through Corsicana Animal Services?**

If you are interested in helping to find homes for your foster animals, refer your family and friends to Corsicana Animal Services to complete an adoption application.

**To be a successful foster parent, you will need a compassionate nature, the cooperation of your family or roommates, flexibility, and some knowledge of animal behavior. You also must understand that there is a possibility that the foster animal may or may not be adopted when returned. The length of time a foster animal may stay in your home varies with the animal's situation.**

**Qualifications:**

- **All foster families must be approved by Corsicana Animal Services**
- **Foster families must review this orientation packet, complete a foster family application, and if approved sign a fostering agreement for each animal fostered.**
- **Corsicana Animal Services may conduct a home visit prior to or anytime during the foster period.**
- **All animal(s) chosen for foster must be approved by Management.**
- **Foster families must reside in Navarro County.**
- **Foster families must abide by all city, county, and state animal laws and regulations that apply to their residence.**
- **Foster families can foster no more than the number of animals that Corsicana Animal Services thinks that you are able to handle at any given time.**
- **All private companion animals must be up to date on all shot records before a family can foster.**
- **Foster parents must be 18 years of age or old.**

## Corsicana Animal Services Fostering Application:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DL#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternative #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fostering Family Members:**

Name	Age	Name	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Your Family Pets:**

Name	Type	Breed	Age	Sex	Altered	Vaccinated
_____	Dog / Cat	_____	_____	M/F	Y/N	Y/N
_____	Dog / Cat	_____	_____	M/F	Y/N	Y/N
_____	Dog / Cat	_____	_____	M/F	Y/N	Y/N
_____	Dog / Cat	_____	_____	M/F	Y/N	Y/N
_____	Dog / Cat	_____	_____	M/F	Y/N	Y/N
_____	Dog / Cat	_____	_____	M/F	Y/N	Y/N

**Veterinarian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Corsicana Animal Services will need to verify that all your animals are current on their vaccinations prior to approval.**

**What types of animals are you interested in Fostering?**

<b>Healthy Adult Dogs:</b>	<b>under 20 lbs.</b>	<b>under 60 lbs.</b>	<b>over 60 lbs</b>
<b>Sick Adult Dogs:</b>	<b>under 20 lbs.</b>	<b>under 60 lbs.</b>	<b>over 60 lbs</b>
<b>Injured Adult Dogs:</b>	<b>under 20 lbs.</b>	<b>under 60 lbs.</b>	<b>over 60 lbs</b>
<b>Nursing mom/pups:</b>	<b>under 20 lbs.</b>	<b>under 60 lbs.</b>	<b>over 60 lbs</b>
<b>Elderly Dogs:</b>	<b>under 20 lbs.</b>	<b>under 60 lbs.</b>	<b>over 60 lbs</b>
<b>Special Needs Dogs:</b>	<b>under 20 lbs.</b>	<b>under 60 lbs.</b>	<b>over 60 lbs</b>
<b>Puppies:</b>	<b>under 20 lbs.</b>	<b>under 60 lbs.</b>	<b>over 60 lbs</b>
<b>Bottle baby puppies:</b>	<b>under 20 lbs.</b>	<b>under 60 lbs.</b>	<b>over 60 lbs</b>
<b>Healthy Adult Cats:</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>multiple</b>	
<b>Sick/Injured Adult Cats:</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>multiple</b>	

<b>Healthy Kittens:</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>multiple</b>
<b>Sick/Injured Kittens:</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>multiple</b>
<b>Elderly Cats:</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>multiple</b>
<b>Nursing mom/kittens:</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>multiple</b>
<b>Special Needs Cats:</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>multiple</b>
<b>Bottle baby kittens:</b>	<b>single</b>	<b>multiple</b>

**Why do you want to participate in the Corsicana Animal Services Foster Home Program? :** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you live in Navarro County? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you live inside the Corsicana City Limits? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you own or rent? :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**If renting please list the name and number of your landlord:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe where you will be keeping the foster animal(s), including how you would separate them from your own animals. :** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a fenced in yard?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a dog house or other structure for protection from inclement weather? Please describe.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Will the dog be allowed inside the house? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you travel frequently? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you willing to make arrangements for the foster animal while you travel? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you willing to transport the foster animal to and from adoption viewing locations and check ups if necessary with the shelter or a designated veterinarian? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you willing to foster the animal until adoption? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be able to let go when it is time to place an animal in a permanent home? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you agree to return the foster animal(s) at anytime, should Corsicana Animal Service request so? :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you agree to inform Corsicana Animal Services of any changes in your household including a change in the number of animals present or a change of address if moving? : \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you agree to provide Corsicana Animal Services adequate time, as mutually agreed upon, to find the foster animal(s) an alternative foster home if necessary due to change in household? : \_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you willing to provide the animal(s) with companionship time daily, to include play, walking, obedience training etc.? : \_\_\_\_\_**

**Comments: \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand the Corsicana Animal Services Foster Program Orientation packet and wish to become a Foster Parent.**

**Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Approved: Y/N Animal Services Management: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Corsicana Animal Services  
Foster Program Contract:**

**617 S 12<sup>th</sup> St  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
903-654-4928**

**ID #: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Litter: Y/N Reason: Medical/Age/Other\_\_\_\_\_**

**By fostering the pet(s) listed above, I agree to the following terms and conditions:**

**No foster animal shall be used for breeding purposes, as an attack dog, or as a guard dog. I/We agree to keep said pet(s), if intact, from breeding with any other animals. If this is not possible the said animal is to be returned immediately to Corsicana Animal Services.**

**I/We hereby agree to care for this pet humanely including provide adequate food, water, shelter, love and attention. Said pet shall be maintained in an adequately enclosed area or on a leash at all times. Pets shall not be allowed to roam at will nor shall they be chained or tethered. Cats/Kittens will live indoors only.**

**If I/We must be away from the pet(s) for more than a 24 hour period, I/We will ensure that a qualified adult (over the age of 18) assumes responsibility for humane care during the time that I/We are away and will be bound by this contract. Prior approval is needed from Corsicana Animal Services and the name, address, and phone number of this individual will be provided.**

**If said pet(s) become lost or stolen, I/WE agree to notify Corsicana Animal Services immediately.**

**I/We agree not to sell, trade, or dispose of this pet(s). If at any time we are unable or unwilling to care for this pet, I/We agree to contact and return said pet to Corsicana Animal Services.**

**If said foster animal(s) become ill, Animal Services Management must approve veterinary care prior to taking said animal, or said foster family may be required to pay all veterinary fees.**

**\*\*\*\*\*For humane reasons, I/We understand that euthanasia may be required\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*Due to illness, injury, or aggression.\*\*\*\*\***

**I/We agree that said animal will not be sold for an illegal purpose and will NEVER be used for fighting or commercial exploitation. If this clause is broken, I/We understand that the pet(s) will be immediately confiscated by Corsicana Animal Services and all applicable laws enforcement agencies will be notified and applicable citations will be issued to the responsible parties.**

**I/We will maintain in accordance with all current state, county, and municipal animal laws and ordinances while said animal is in our care.**

**I/We agree to not alter the appearance of said animal in anyway. This includes: declawing, cropping of ears, docking of tails, spaying/neutering, microchipping, or tattooing without permission of Corsicana Animal Services.**

**It is understood that Corsicana Animal Services retains ownership of said animal and may examine and make inquiries about said pet(s) at any time. If not satisfied with the condition of the pet(s) or the condition in which kept, said pet(s) can or may be removed immediately and placed into a different home or returned to the shelter.**

**If I/We move or change phone numbers I/We agree to provide updated information to Corsicana animal services immediately.**

**I/We understand that Corsicana Animal Services makes no guarantees or warranties regarding the health or temperament of the pet(s). If personal pets in the foster home become ill or veterinarian service is required, Corsicana Animal Services will not be held liable for any cost incurred.**

**I/We understand that food and supplies for the foster program are limited. Corsicana Animal Services will make them available for foster animals if they have them in stock. Otherwise, the foster family will be responsible for the food, bowls, litter boxes, etc.**

**I/We understand that said pet(s) may require medical or behavioral treatment. I/We will administer any medications necessary and will continue to socialize and train said animal to better its chances of adoption.**

**I/We agree to be courteous, helpful and honest to potential adopters, and to fully cooperate in accommodating those who wish to see said pet(s). I/We will provide Corsicana Animal Services with a fair assessment of the animal's interaction with potential adopters and my/our impression of the likely success of such a placement.**

**I/We agree to bring said animal to potential adoption meetings when requests are made by Corsicana Animal Services. Reasonable consideration will be given to foster families for scheduling of these events.**

**I/We promise and agree to be solely responsible for this pet(s) and to indemnify and hold harmless Corsicana Animal Services and the City of Corsicana from any and all claims of liability for the conduct of this pet(s). This Release of Liability and Indemnification shall apply to all known, unknown, and unanticipated damages resulting from my/our fostering or control of such pet(s).**

**I/We hereby acknowledge that I/We have read and understand the above terms and conditions and will keep the pet(s) described herein as a family member. I/We understand that this is a binding contract enforceable by civil law.**

**I/We agree to pay Corsicana Animal Services any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees in enforcing the terms and provisions of this agreement.**

If I/We choose to adopt said animal, the adoption approval, fee, and sterilization contract will apply as usual.

Foster Parent: Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____	Animal Services Approval: Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____	Returned: Staff _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
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