



Welcome to the NAWS Feline Foster Home Program

Foster Home Guidelines

Thank you for helping us save homeless pets from euthanasia by providing a safe and loving home until they are able to be placed into our adoption program. You are saving lives and there is nothing more important or rewarding than that, and the animals thank you!

NAWS Contacts

Primary Contact – Stacy Gaskins, 312-203-3049 or Stacy@NAWSUS.org
Emergency Backup – Delonda Belanger, 847-624-1205
Emergency Backup – Jeannine Huck, 815-469-7619 or 708-261-9674
Emergency Backup – Darlene Kokotan – 708-471-0015
Emergency Backup – Tim Jusack, 815-922-7860
NAWS Animal Clinic – 9981 W. 190th St., Suite A, Mokena – 708/478-5102
Animal Emergency of Mokena – 19110 S. 88th Ave., Mokena – 708/326-4800

Policies

- All foster parents must be at least 21 years of age and must have significant experience with cats.
- In keeping with the Department of Agriculture rules, an in-home visit by a NAWS coordinator should be conducted, and should be expected periodically.
- Foster homes must fully disclose the number of animals in their household at any given time, and must be spayed/neutered.
- Foster pets are the “property” of NAWS and only NAWS may adopt them out, and NAWS has the exclusive right to make decisions on behalf of the pet, and can remove the pet at any time.
- Fosters must follow the Humane Care for Animals Act and any violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Processes

- Foster pets are generally rescued from high-kill shelters, animal control facilities, abuse and neglect cases, strays found in the environment, and owner relinquishments.
- Foster parents will be contacted if there is a cat or litter of kittens that need to come into the program. We will do our best to provide you with all of the information we can regarding medical and other care that will be needed to allow you to make an informed decision. If the foster parent wishes to foster that cat or litter, NAWS will coordinate next steps with you.
- If a foster family finds a pet on their own that they would like to foster, they should contact the program director to see if that pet can become a part of the NAWS rescue program.
- Once in foster care, when pets need follow up veterinary care the NAWS staff will coordinate appointment dates/times with you.
- If the pet becomes ill or injured, the foster parent should contact the NAWS Animal Clinic if it is during business hours, and let the staff know that you have an urgent situation and need to make arrangements to have the pet brought in. If after hours, please contact Wendy Paul, Stacy Gaskins or Jeannine Huck for guidance. If you cannot find Wendy, Stacy or Jeannine for some reason and you feel the pet is in danger, please do not hesitate to contact the Mokena Emergency Clinic and let them know you’re coming in. NAWS has an account established there. Note – PLEASE try your best to get approval from us prior to using the ER.

- Foster homes are responsible for providing food, water, shelter, and proper/kind care. NAWS will provide all veterinary care. We will provide food and other supplies if necessary as well.
- Some foster families have asked if they are allowed to adopt their foster pet and yes, we do allow that provided it is truly a good long-term match. The only down side for us is that we sometimes lose a foster family then, but some continue to foster even after adopting. We just want what is best for the pet, so we're very open to the idea!



RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY – Pet Foster Activities

All persons participating in any event or activity organized or sponsored, in whole or in part, by the National Animal Welfare Society of the U.S. (NAWS), including but not limited to fostering pets, volunteering at the clinic or sanctuary, volunteering at events and any other such activities, are required to read, agree to, and sign this waiver before participating in any such event or activity.

I hereby release and forever discharge NAWS, and its employees, volunteers, directors, officers, administrators, agents, and assigns (herein collectively referred to as NAWS), from all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever and particularly on account of any injuries (e.g., including, but not limited to, dog bites), both to person and property, including without limitation to any animals owned, fostered, or supervised by any attendee and/or economic and non-economic losses which I may suffer, which may result from, or develop in the future as a result of my participation in any event or activity sponsored by NAWS. I further agree that if, despite this Release and Waiver of Liability, I or anyone on my behalf makes a claim against NAWS, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless NAWS from any damages, losses and expenses including, but not limited to, legal fees, courts costs, and litigation expenses.

I agree that any injury, damage, or loss, of any kind whatsoever, to any person, animal, or property at any NAWS event, caused by my pet is solely my responsibility and I will indemnify, save and hold harmless NAWS from any damages, losses and expenses including, but not limited to, legal fees, courts costs, and litigation expenses.

Neither this waiver nor the circumstances leading to its execution shall be deemed an acknowledgement by NAWS that, as of the date hereof, any such claim exists or will exist or that the activities and events of NAWS are hazardous or present any unusual risks.

This release is binding on my heirs, executors, assigns and administrators. The undersigned is aware of the risks of attending, traveling to and participating in said events or activities and hereby assumes all risks. The risks include those foreseen and unforeseen, known and unknown.

I hereby declare that I have read and understood and voluntarily accept the terms and conditions of this Release and Waiver.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____



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Feline Foster Home Application

Date: _____

Thank you for inquiring with us about potentially become a NAWS foster home! We are excited to have you join our family of volunteer and staff members that have a strong passion for animal welfare. Please complete this form and return it to Stacy Gaskins at Stacy@NAWSUS.org or via fax to 312/819-5891.

Please note – foster parents must be a mature, responsible adult at least 21 years of age, and you must have significant experience with dog or cat ownership and care.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PRIMARY PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

Who are the other members of the household, and ages of children if applicable?

FOSTER HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS

Please give us a brief history of your experience with animal care:

Are you currently fostering pets for any other group? If yes, which one(s)?

What pets currently live in your home? (Species, breed, sex, spayed/neutered, age)

Will your current pets get along with other pets? If so, are there only certain types of pets they will get along with – such as male or female only, large or small, cats or dogs only, etc.?

Do you live in a house, condo, apartment, or townhouse? Does your home have a fenced-in yard?

How many foster pets are you willing to take in, and what type(s)? (Adult Cats, Mom and Kittens, Just Kittens, etc.)

Who is your veterinarian?

Thank you SO very much! We are very thankful to have such devoted animal loving people that are willing to open up their hearts and homes to help the homeless pets in our community.

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You can e-mail this to Stacy@NAWSUS.org or fax to 312.819.5891,
or mail to: Stacy Gaskins, c/o NAWS Humane Society, 9981 W. 190th St., Suite A, Mokena, IL 60448